

Care Leavers Australia Network

Research Policy

CLAN is approached regularly by numerous people who want to do some form of academic research about *Forgotten Australians*. Whilst we are fully supportive of ongoing research into this area we are also mindful of the privacy of our members and the traumas that many face as they deal with those events which impacted upon their earlier lives.

CLAN members have already participated in a number of research projects with both external and internal researchers/agencies and these have always been on a voluntary basis by CLAN members.

CLAN cannot provide anyone with information in regards to members nor will CLAN allow any person access to their member's private information. What CLAN is prepared to do is to place an advertisement in their newsletter, *The Clanicle*, and allow CLAN members to contact you direct. The proposal could also be placed on our website. CLAN however will not endorse the veracity of anything that is said. This will be a private undertaking and will be done without any official support or sponsorship from CLAN.

However having said that CLAN fully reserves the right to reject any research proposal that it believes is not in the best interests of CLAN as an organization and "Forgotten Australians" in general. CLAN will also expect to see the ethics clearance given by the relevant funding/research organization and we will need a clear statement of how the research will be of benefit to Care Leavers.

If CLAN advertises the thesis topic in two publications of *The Clanicle* the donation will be \$200 which will go towards supporting CLAN's work with Forgotten Australians. This will also give access to the CLAN library. Gifts over \$2.00 are tax deductible.