

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to become a member of CLAN – Membership fees (due June 30 yearly) are:

Care Leavers (pensioners/Unwaged)	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care Leavers (employed)	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends of CLAN	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Researchers	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government Departments		
And/or Past Providers	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funded Groups	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library Fee	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overseas member	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

*(Due to additional bank fees all memberships must be paid in Australian dollars)*

**Donations are greatly appreciated. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**

**Please indicate your type of membership and whether you wish to join the library by ticking in the boxes above**

I, (name ) \_\_\_\_\_  
agree to the terms and conditions of Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) Inc. as below, and undertake to:

1. Be courteous to other CLAN members, staff and committee members and respect other people's feelings and opinions
2. Listen while others are speaking, and not interrupt or disrupt discussion
3. Respect other people's privacy at all times. This includes gaining their approval before taking their photograph, and not passing on to any other person any information about another person's participation in any event
4. Treat personal stories as confidential
5. Not be aggressive or violent towards other people in speech or behaviour
6. Not defame, slander or engage in derogatory conduct towards CLAN, its members, staff or committee members, on Facebook, Twitter or any other social network websites.
7. Respect that the Members Only section on the CLAN website is only available for viewing to people who grew up as state wards, Home children or foster children. The photographs in the restricted members' section have been given to CLAN on the basis of trust and the clear understanding that they are for the private viewing of CLAN Care Leaver members ONLY. They are not to be used for any other purpose, or for any wider circulation, without prior written approval from the CLAN committee. Members' login details are only for their own use and are not to be given to anybody else to use.

*The committee may refuse to admit into membership of CLAN any persons who do not satisfy the Committee that they are not likely to promote the aims and objectives of CLAN or do not abide by the Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement.*

**I agree to CLAN's Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like a birthday card? \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s of the institutions you were raised in and which years:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Were you a state ward? \_\_\_\_\_

In which state were you raised? \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my cash, cheque or money order for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Australian Dollars

**Please mail to CLAN (Care Leavers Australia Network)  
PO Box 164, Georges Hall, NSW, 2198**

### INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

**Account Number:** 156 850

**BSB:** 032 020

**Account Name:** CLAN No. 2

*Please email [admin@clan.org.au](mailto:admin@clan.org.au) when you have processed your payment so we can confirm your details.*

## CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK

**A network for people who grew up in Australia's orphanages, Children's Homes & in foster care**



**WERE YOU A  
STATE WARD, HOME CHILD OR  
FOSTER CHILD?**

**DID YOU GROW UP IN AN  
ORPHANAGE, A CHILDREN'S HOME  
OR AN INSTITUTION?**

**DID YOUR PARENTS GROW UP IN A  
HOME?**

**If you answered 'yes' to any of these  
questions, we can offer support.**



## CLAN

**Postal Address: PO Box 164 Georges Hall NSW. 2198**

**Telephone: (02) 9709 4520 Mobile: 0425 204 747**

**Office: 463 Chapel Rd Bankstown NSW. 2200**

**Website: [www.clan.org.au](http://www.clan.org.au)**

**Email: [support@clan.org.au](mailto:support@clan.org.au)**

**You can contact CLAN for free on:**

**1800 008 774**

## WHAT CLAN IS ABOUT: JUSTICE, PEACE & HEALING

Half a million children in Australia's recent past were brought up in 'care', as state wards, foster children or Home children raised in institutions.

Many of us are now middle-aged or older but still carry the burden of unresolved issues from this past – the loss of our parents, sisters, brothers and extended family, the consequent loss of identity, the shame and stigma, feeling like an outsider in our own society. We left the 'care' system with little preparation for adulthood or for parenthood, many of us with the scars of physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) is an independent national support and advocacy body for all Australians from this background, and for their families. Our members include people raised in every state of Australia and in overseas orphanages, child migrants, the stolen generation, and foster children.

### CLAN'S MISSION

- To listen hear and believe
- To advocate on every level for justice, peace and healing for care survivors
- To identify specific and individual strategies which will deliver positive life-changing outcomes to heal the past and give Care Leavers a chance of happiness and closure
- To document our history and our personal stories through a National Orphanage Museum.

Being raised without your own family has lifelong effects which require lifelong support services.

The CLAN office is open Monday to Friday during office hours. CLAN receives a lot of inquiries so please be patient – we will return your phone and email messages as soon as possible.

**Your privacy and confidentiality will be respected at all times.**

## WHAT WE OFFER

- Free telephone and face to face (if in NSW) counselling
- Socials in all states
- Reunion support
- Bi-monthly newsletter
- Help to obtain your ward or Home file
- Help to write your personal story
- Free advertising in the CLAN newsletter to locate lost family members or Home friends
- Advocacy and lobbying on issues relating to Care Leavers services in all states so that we do not remain Forgotten Australians.

## THE CLAN LIBRARY

As a member of the CLAN library you can borrow from our collection of over 1000 books, videos, DVDs, audio tapes and CDs. They deal with issues like abandonment, growing up without your own family, the effects of institutionalisation, parenting, relationships and self-esteem and self-help. We also have personal stories, histories of orphanages, research documents and Child Welfare legislation from each state.

CLAN will post out library items to the members but the return postage must be paid by the member.

## THE CLAN MUSEUM

We are collecting items for Australia's first National Orphanage Museum. If you have any objects, photographs, badges, annual reports, books, clothing, religious statues, plaques, signs or other memorabilia and would like to donate them to the National Orphanage Museum please contact CLAN. All donations and donors will be acknowledged with people's names in the museum and on CLAN's website. However you can choose to be anonymous.

## MEMBERSHIP OF CLAN

People who grew up in orphanages, Children's Homes, foster care or other institutions can apply for membership for CLAN.

Any person who supports the aims and objectives of CLAN and the partners, children, grandchildren and other family members of Care Leavers may apply for membership as a Friend.

Organisations or agencies that are past providers of institutional care (churches, charities, state government) and funded groups may join CLAN but they may not stand for election to the management committee or sit on any sub-committee. CLAN is funded by memberships and one-off grants and donations.

*"I feel like we are all one family in CLAN, that I belong and that we are all brothers and sisters"*

*"Since I have made a connection with CLAN I feel I am not alone in my fight for justice and acknowledgement of the wrongs done in the past."*

**For the only national overview of our history read  
*Orphans of the Living Growing up in 'care' in 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
Australia (Fremantle Press 2007)*  
by Joanna Penglase, co-founder of CLAN.**

## THE SENATE INQUIRY & REPORT

CLAN helped to establish the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutionalised Care which reported in August 2004. You can obtain a free copy of the report,

***Forgotten Australians:***

***A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out of home care as children***

By calling (02) 6277 3515 or emailing [community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au) or you can download the Report from:

[www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac/ctte/inst\\_care/report/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac/ctte/inst_care/report/index.htm)



**You don't have to deal with this on your own.  
Contact CLAN today and become part of  
YOUR national network**

**At CLAN we listen, we understand, we act.**

**We are here for you.**

**The government commends CLAN for effectively reshaping the country's history by drawing the nation's attention to these tragic events.**

**-Federal government response to *Forgotten Australians* report, 2005**