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## **CLAN – CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK WINS COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT**

**CLAN** has been awarded a \$4,500 federal Community Heritage Grant to fund a Significance Assessment.

The grant was announced at the National Library of Australia in Canberra on 30 October, 2018.

This year, grants worth \$367,470 were distributed to 60 community groups and organisations from around Australia to assist in the identification and preservation of community owned but nationally significant heritage collections. In addition, Janis Ishak from CLAN attended a three-day intensive preservation and collection management workshop held at the National Library, the National Archives of Australia, the National Museum of Australia and the National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra.

Leonie Sheedy – CEO CLAN, said the grant was important in supporting the effort to preserve the Orphanage Museum at the grassroots level. “While the grant provides the funds, the workshop offers the expertise to help us protect our collection and make it accessible while it remains in the local context,” she said. A qualified assessor will now be able to carry out the assessment of our collection and we will be able to submit our final project report by April 2019.

Director-General of the National Library of Australia, Dr Marie-Louise Ayres, said the National Library was particularly delighted this year to again receive applications from all over the country.

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