

Care Leavers Australasia Network

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Other Names:

- Care Leavers Australia Network
- CLAN

URL: <http://www.clan.org.au/>

Details

Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN), founded in 2000 in Sydney, is a support and advocacy group for people brought up in care away from their family as state wards or children raised in Children's Homes, orphanages or other institutions, or in foster care. CLAN is also for anyone who has a close family member who was placed in 'care'. The founding members of CLAN are Leonie Sheedy and Joanna Penglase, both 'care leavers' who had for years been involved in awareness-raising about the issues facing people who experienced out of home 'care' as children.

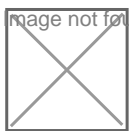
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The advertisement that started it all

Description: This is a framed copy of a newspaper ad placed by CLAN's co-founder Joanna Penglase seeking participants for her research into children's homes.

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CLAN postcard "Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse"

Description: This is an image of a postcard printed by CLAN as part of its campaign for a Royal Commission into child sexual abuse. This postcard was addressed to the Premier of Victoria.

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Related Entries

Related Events

- [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Commonwealth Government \(2012 - 2017\)](#)
- [Redress WA, State of Western Australia \(2008 - 2011\)](#)
The Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) was a strong advocate for Redress WA applicants when that scheme was operating in WA.
- [Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care, Parliament of Australia \(2003 - 2005\)](#)
CLAN spent years lobbying the Australian government for an inquiry into children in institutional care.

Related Organisations

- [Australian Orphanage Museum \(c. 2000 - current\)](#)
Care Leavers Australia Network established the National Orphanage Museum collection.
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