

# Caring & Living As Neighbours

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# **ABOUT US**

# What is CLAN?

Caring & Living As Neighbours (CLAN) is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation (NGO), approved by AusAID for Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme (OAGDS) status and endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

**CLAN's Vision** is that all children living with chronic health conditions in resource-poor countries of the world will enjoy a quality of life equivalent to that of their neighbours' children in higher-income countries.

**CLAN's Mission** is to maximise quality of life for children and their families who are living with chronic health conditions in resource-poor settings of the world.

# An innovative network bringing communities together to drive change

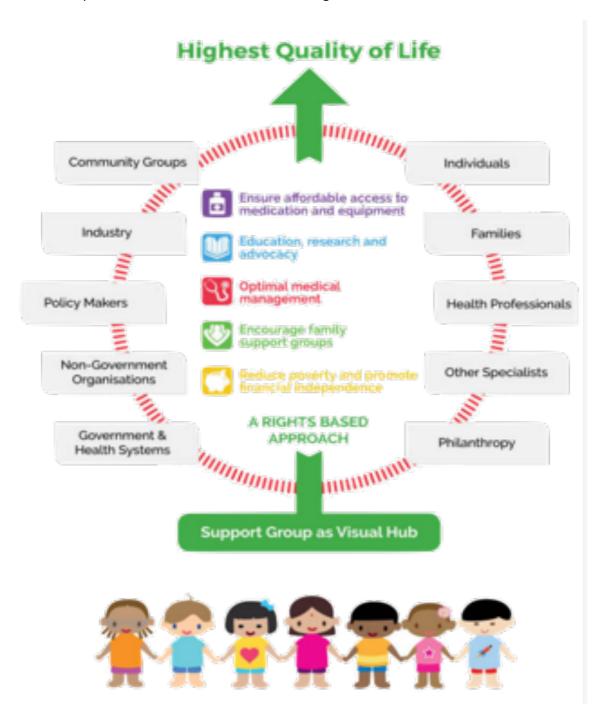
Since 2004, CLAN has pioneered a person-centred, rights-based community development approach that places children, their families, and carers at the heart of the solution, bringing local and global communities together to support each other.

CLAN's model is built around five pillars of action:

- 1) Affordable access to essential medicines and equipment.
- 2) Education (of patients, families, health care workers, government bodies, policy makers and the international community), Research, and Advocacy.
- 3) Optimise medical management (with a focus on preventive and holistic care).
- 4) Encourage family support groups.
- 5) Promote financial independence and reduce the financial burdens on families that lead to poverty.

# CLAN'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

CLAN is proving that by working together, it is possible to effect change on a global scale for children living with chronic health conditions. It is vital that we all strive for this, because children and families themselves are virtually powerless to effect change without the support of neighbours, friends, health care professionals and concerned global citizens.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it's been another year of online meetings for the CLAN team and our partners!

Huge thanks yet again to our many team members, partners and friends for the privilege of working together to drive change for children living with chronic health conditions around the world.

In 2021 CLAN was asked to support action for the community of children living with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) in Zimbabwe. The more we learned about the situation for children and their families in Zimbabwe from the incredible team at Child and Youth Care Zimbabwe, the more determined we became to scale change not just for children living with CAH in Zimbabwe, but for every child living with CAH in vulnerable circumstances.

This passion was no more obvious than when we were asked to assist efforts for the CAH Community of Ukraine in 2022, and it was inspirational to work with so many like-minded individuals and organisations to secure emergency access not just to CAH medicines for Ukraine, but other medicines needed to manage Paediatric Endocrine conditions as well.

Successful efforts in Zimbabwe and Ukraine have proven, yet again, that it's possible to effect change when we all work together. CLAN is committed now to step change... How can we replicate action at a global level and redress inequities associated with CAH once and for all?

The @MATES4Kids movement is a bold initiative with bold goals. We are committed to reducing the preventable mortality associated with CAH by 30% by 2030, and in doing so, contribute to the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3.4, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.

We won't be able to do it alone however. The coming years will see a huge focus on collaborative action, and we are excited about the chance to work with others around the world to drive sustainable change for the international CAH Community.

We hope you enjoy reading our stories from 2021-22, and thank all those joining us on the journey to 2030!

Sincerely,

Kate Armstrong

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

# Founder and President - Kate Armstrong

Kate is the President of CLAN, co-founding the organisation in 2004. Kate is a Public Health Physician and committed to equity for children and young people who are living with chronic health conditions in vulnerable circumstances. Her public health thesis focused on nephrotic syndrome in Vietnam. Kate is married to the co-founder of CLAN, Dave Hansen and lives in Sydney, Australia.



## Vice President - Cath Cole

Cath Cole is the Vice President of CLAN. She has enjoyed a long career in government and has developed skills in several areas including policy development, project management, development and delivery of education and training, and preparation of foundational documents such as strategic and business plans. Cath was the Secretary from the time CLAN was incorporated as an independent Association through the Department of Fair Trading for four years and since 2011 has been active in the role of Vice President supporting and promoting the work of CLAN.



# Treasurer - Joseph Hansen

Joe was appointed Treasurer in 2018, having volunteered for CLAN over many years, most notably travelling with our team to Vietnam, Fiji, and the Phillipines to meet with some of the communities we work with. Joe has completed a Bachelor of Commerce and Chartered Accountants qualification, working at a Big Four accounting firm.



### Secretary - Marilyn Hansen

Marilyn has been acting as the Secretary for CLAN for many years, involved in the vital aspects of maintaining CLAN's administration and compliance with oversight bodies. Marilyn views her work as supporting governance to allow other members to plan and implement CLAN's mission and strategic framework. Marilyn has previously worked in Early Childhood teaching, continuing her teaching career predominantly in High School settings. She was then appointed as Associate Education Director for the private school system in New South Wales. Marilyn's extensive career in this sphere has shaped her extraordinary abilities in supporting CLAN.



# **Public Officer - Stephanie Carde**

Stephanie Carde was appointed CLAN's Public Officer in 2019 after volunteering initially as an intern in a Marketing and Communications capacity since 2017. Stephanie joins us from the state of Connecticut in the USA. She is currently working as a Marketing Coordinator in the not-for-profit sector. Stephanie received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychological Sciences with a double minor in Neuroscience and Criminal Justice and completed her double Master's in Counter Terrorism and Criminology in November 2020.



# **ORDINARY MEMBERS**

# **Dr Maria Craig**

Maria Craig's major research interest lies in childhood diabetes, including studies focused on the prediction and prevention of Type 1 Diabetes. Maria is increasingly concerned about the association between viruses and Type 1 Diabetes, a shared area of interest which is identifiable in her collaboration with the Virology Research Group. She is the principal investigator for the CoRD trial, a world first Phase 1 study, utilising autologous cord blood for the prevention of Type 1 Diabetes in children with islet autoimmunity. Maria is the Medical Director for the Australasian Diabetes Data Network and the current President of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society (APPES), where is acts in a vital role to support programmes for CLAN.



### **Angie Middlehurst**

Angie Middlehurst is passionate advocate for global insulin and diabetes supplies access, management of diabetes at school, diabetes camps and supporting the transition from paediatric to adult care for children and young people with Type 1 Diabetes. Angie's background lies in General and Paediatric Nursing, where she has been involved in efforts to support the community impacted by childhood Diabetes for 26 years. Angie played a vital role as Deputy Manager and Education Director for the Life of a Child (LFC), a program based at Diabetes NSW in Sydney, Australia from 2011-2018.

Though now semi-retired, Angie continues to engage her essential knowledge and exposure to the issues of diabetes through volunteer work. Her generous and giving nature also continues to extend to others through her volunteer with for a range of global diabetes organisations: International Society for Paediatric & Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD), Life For a Child (LFAC), International Diabetes Federation (IDF), Insulin for Life Global (IFL), Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Australia (JDRF), PenPals United USA (PPU) and DiAthelete. This year, Angie was the nominated mentor for the APPES-CLAN Grant Programmes undertaken. Notably, Angie has recently been awarded the IPSAD Lestradet award for Education and Advocacy, which was announced at the IPSAD virtual meeting in October 2021



The ISPAD Lestradet Prize for Education and Advocacy is given to honour any ISPAD Member who has made an outstanding contribution within education and advocacy. Angle is only the third allied health professional to receive this award since its inception in 2006.





# HONORARY MEMBER YEN THANH MAC

Yen-Thanh is an accomplished medical doctor, who is now undertaking her Master of Health Economics and Management, and has played an integral role in CLAN's efforts in Vietnam, having supported CLAN for over 12 years. Recently, Yen-Thanh's most notable efforts have pertained to the Nephrotic Syndrome Community in Vietnam, but she has engaged and assisted with many communities living with NCDs. Yen-Thanh is an incredible caring individual, motivated to help others, especially patients living with any kind of condition. Yen-Thanh has worked across a range of departments including nephrology and endocrinology, taking care of children with many chronic health conditions.

Yen-Thanh's work with CLAN allowed her to provide more education and encourage the families to be empowered to manage their conditions. Yen-Thanh has worked in the US, working part-time as an educational and research officer for CLAN, and doing other vital tasks, such as managing Facebook and Twitter streams. Yen-Thanh's core work is connecting people living with NCDs, forming communities, developing materials, and promoting educational efforts. Involvement in CLAN has brought added perspective on the role of education, to encourage self-management and reduce reliance on the clinician, to empower communities.



# CLAN CHILD HEALTH AFRICA

# Update by Dr Andrew Twineamatsiko

Dr Andrew Twineamatsiko
Community Development Officer,
CLAN Child Health Africa



I am privileged to share the successes and achievements of CLAN Child Health Africa over the last year. It has been a year of re-defining, learning and re-learning approaches on how to better improve care for all children in Africa.

The launch of CLAN Child Health Africa followed a series of engagements on how to effectively scale and utilise CLAN's Strategic Framework and Pillars across the communities in the African region. We have since become an incorporated entity, established an official bank account and are fully operational, supporting communities in the region.

Learning from the achievements of establishing a Nodding Syndrome Community and with the launch of Epilepsy Community in Uganda, the COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult for the communities to meet regular and hence need to adapt to digital platforms, CLAN supported purchasing of mobile phones that have since created a virtual community of families and improved communications amongst themselves and with the doctors.

Our support has also seen us expand to CAH community in Zimbabwe launching a CAH club and improving access to medicines through a donation from CLAN. We are currently engaging the Type-1 Diabetes community in Burundi and are yet to reach out to more countries including Tanzania, Nigeria and Cameroon.

We are deeply committed to continue supporting all communities in the region to ensure that all Children access proper care and all their rights using the Rights-based community approach.

It wouldn't be easy to achieve all these in a year without support of Dr Esther Kobel, my team mate from Uganda and Mr Tindyebwa Deuson who both supported the registration process and incorporation as per laws. A special thanks to the mother CLAN with leadership from Kate and Cath that continuously advise and guide our daily operations, together we shall achieve stronger.

To all partners and stakeholders who continue to support our efforts and reach in the region, we appreciate you all and look forward to another amazing journey.

# **EPILEPSY COMMUNITY**

CLAN's efforts in Uganda began in 2018, with the efforts expanding to the launch of a Nodding Syndrome Support Group on 12 May, 2018, at the Hope for Humans Centre, Odek Subcounty, Omoro District, Uganda. Nodding Syndrome is a chronic debilitating disease that weakens muscles and makes the head loll on the shoulders. It is also characterised by seizures.

Following the establishment of the Nodding Syndrome Community in Uganda, CLAN began to work with the broader community of people living with Epilepsy.

In September, 2021, CLAN's Youth Advisors held a Zoom Trivia Fundraiser in order to get the funds necessary for continued work in Uganda. CLAN's friends were a vital part of the success of the fundraiser, with lots of laughs and joy, knowing that all funds would be redirected to the Epilepsy Community. We managed to raise just over \$1,000 AUD.



Consultation with Community leaders identified the need for poorer families to have access to mobile phones and data plans so they could connect with one another and also health professionals in order to help their children enjoy the highest quality of life possible.





Image: (from left to right) Dr Esther Kobel of CLAN Child Health Africa, Sharon, Eric and Sarah (caretakers of children living with Epilepsy), and Mr Deuson Tindyebwa of CLAN Child Health Africa.

On the 2nd of June, Dr Andrew Twineamatsiko, along with Mr Tindyebwa Deuson and Dr Esther Kobel, managed to present and supply mobile phones to 3 parents of children living with Epilepsy. These will spearhead and lead tele-discussions as well as support in further bringing the community together. The next steps are evaluation of the impact, and the team is looking forward to expanding and having more members. The most valuable and tangible outcomes are ongoing WhatsApp queries, the creation of intercountry connections by the community, and the development of the community itself in a virtual capacity.

# CYC PARTNERSHIP



# Overview of CYC's work with CLAN

CYC identifies CAH patients and implements support interventions to improve the quality of life of the affected families. This is done through raising awareness about the conditions, health education and advocacy for people who are affected by the CAH. CYC's objectives are to: raise awareness about CAH, reduce stigma and discrimination experienced by people affected by CAH, and; to develop pathways across the rare disease ecosystem.

With funding from CLAN, CYC is able to assist the CAH community. Zimbabwe's public health medical services are over-burdened, so patients who are affected by CAH face several challenges which include limited access to health services, lack of information about their conditions, stigma, and reduced funding for the management of CAH. CAH requires multidisciplinary and prompt care as early diagnosis and intervention. CLAN's partnership with CYC aims to empower people living with CAH in Zimbabwe through improved health care services and quality of life.

Throughout 2022, CLAN was honoured to partner with CYC in Zimabwe, guided by the passionate and integral founder of CYC, Trudy Nyakambangwe.

### Rare Disease Day

On the 28th of February 2022, CYC celebrated Rare Disease Day in partnership with CLAN. CYC organized a virtual run with three categories in the lead up to this international day of celebration and advocacy. Many people registered and participated, sharing their statistics and achievements online both locally and internationally. CLAN's Youth Advisor Grace Strik worked closely with Roshni Rana of CYC to develop online content through social media and on CLAN's website to promote the virtual run, in order to reach a larger and international audience. This resulted in participants who were based in Australia who took part in the virtual run and donated to the cause.



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# **Coordination of Medication Donation**

Children living with CAH require daily medication, and families in Zimbabwe face inflated prices as barrier to access to medication due to inadequate regulation of dispensation and price. Due to wonderful long-term partnerships with doctors, CAH Community members and pharmaceutical leaders in Pakistan, CLAN was aware it would be possible to purchase a quantity of hydrocortisone and fludrocortisone tablets at an affordable price through a donation to the CAH Community in Zimbabwe. A detailed proposal was developed by Dr Andrew Twineamatsiko and partners at Sally Mugabe Children's Hospital in Harere, Zimbabwe, and considered by the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health. Dr Prisca Matyanga-Mureriwa advised a donation would be possible, and Mr Gerald Nyamutamba, Head Pharmacist at SMCH coordinated the importation of the medicine in accordance with local regulations. On the 27th of April, 2022, SMCH received a year's supply of fludrocortisone 0.1mg and hydrocortisone 10mg tablets for 20 children, donated by CLAN. The first beneficiary received medication on the 3rd of May, 2022.

### **CAH Awareness Month Promotion**

Education is extremely important to the long-term improvement of health and well-being for children living with chronic health conditions, particularly to battle stigma, isolation, and a lack of understanding in resource poor settings. CLAN's team worked with CYC to share a broad range of educational material that could be sahred with family, and leveraged through social media. The campaign, undertaken by CLANS's Youth Advisors Grace Strik and Sienna Gates, and Roshni Rana, Advocacy and Communications Manager at CYC, focused on community building and raising awareness of CAH in Zimbabwe. Informative social media tiles, as well as an information video were developed, sharing the experiences of Zimbabwean families living with CAH.

# **Inaugural CAH Awareness Month Meeting**

CLAN is excited to share that an Inaugural Club Meeting for the CAH Community in Zimbabwe occurred in June 2022. Support networks like these are central to improving the wellbeing of the community, and club members play a vital role in this. Connections and relationships help minimise harm caused by isolation and stigma. The relationships between families and parents within the community has been developing since their earliest connections thanks to the work of CYC. The success of the support group is evident as the families were happy to share, eager to present and speaking to each other openly. These bonds have facilitated enhanced communication and support.

The Club Meeting was a vital step in establishing sustainable family support networks, encouraging independence and empowering one another. The children were able to connect through their shared experience and activities on the day.

The meeting was a huge success. Just before the event, a four-day-old baby was identified as having CAH, and was able to be quickly linked in and included in the meeting.

On the day, CAH medication was disseminated to the families. The SMCH pharmacy team presented to families at the meeting, and explained the new medication, dispensing processes and procedures, and requirements for medication storage and the importance of following health professional instructions. An ongoing register of dispensation was further enacted. Throughout the day, families were encouraged to ask questions about CAH, to facilitate improved understanding, which supported the dissemination of educational materials.

A celebrational cake was shared, centering the group in hope, celebration and inspiration, that it is possible and within reach to effectively manage CAH. This day was a success by virtue of the global support receives.











Colouring competition at the Club Meeting

# **MATES4KIDS**

The experiences working collaboratively to secure affordable access to essential medicines for children living with CAH in Zimbabwe through partnership with colleagues in Pakistan highlighted for CLAN the urgent need to scale successful solutions so that all members of the international CAH Community might enjoy the highest quality of life possible.

DID YOU KNOW?
INCIDENT RATES OF CAH VARY
INTERNATIONALLY. NEWBORN SCREENING
PROGRAMS REFLECT THE MOST ACCURATE
INCIDENT ESTIMATES. CAH AFFECTS:

- 1 : 280 PEOPLE IN NATIVE ALASKAN
  COMMUNITIES
- 1: 14,000 PEOPLE IN THE PHILLIPINES
- 1: 20,000 PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA
  - UNKNOWN IN ZIMBABWE



In late 2021 CLAN reached out to likeminded organisations and individuals to form a new movement, @MATES4Kids. A meeting was convened with representatives from WHO working in the fields of childhood cancer, diabetes and NCDs to determine how action might be scaled ahead of 2030. WHO asked for a briefing paper to be prepared to share more details on the situation, and this was completed in February 2022.

@MATES4Kids is a coalition of like-minded organisations and individuals committed to collaborative action aimed at identifying, implementing and monitoring practical solutions to improve access to essential medicines for the global CAH Community. We acknowledge the work of the World Health Organisation and United Nations to improve access to medicines and quality healthcare for all and welcome the upcoming Second United Nations High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UNHLM UHC) in 2023 and Fourth UNHLM on NCDs planned for 2025 (Figure 2).



Figure 2 - Timeline of key events for CAH advocacy and action

### Why is action needed to improve access to essential medicines?

A baby born with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) in a high-income country of the world today can be expected to enjoy a quality and duration of life on par with that of children born without CAH. CAH is now one of the most common inherited non- communicable diseases (NCDs) of childhood in high-income countries. Affected babies are diagnosed early by universal newborn screening programs, then commenced on highly effective, evidence-based treatment regimens with low-cost medications, hydrocortisone and fludrocortisone tablets, which are taken several times a day. Both of these medications are on the World Health Organisation's Essential Medicines List for Children.

By contrast, the vast majority of children born with CAH in low-income countries today will die. CAH remains a very rare condition in these countries due to inequitable and preventable infant mortality, and is increasingly acknowledged as contributing to the NCD burden amongst the poorest billion (Bukhman et al. 2020). Even those children lucky enough to be diagnosed during infancy will most likely die at an early age – but only after their parents have bankrupted themselves in futile efforts to affordably access the medicines and healthcare essential to keeping their children alive

This gross inequity is unjust, and at odds with the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

THE PREVALENCE OF CAH IN A COUNTRY IS MOST LIKELY A REFLECTION OF MORTALITY, NOT INCIDENCE.

AT ONE PAEDIATRIC HOSPITAL IN VIETNAM IN 2005 IT WAS ESTIMATED 150 CHILDREN WERE ALIVE WITH CAH. IN 2018, AFTER A DECADE OF COLLABORATIVE ACTION FOR EQUITY, THE ESTIMATED PREVLANCE OF CAH AT THIS SAME HOSPITAL INCREASED TO 1235 CHILDREN.

THE PROFOUND SHIFT REFLECTED A BROAD RANGE OF SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIC EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR THE CAH COMMUNITY OF VIETNAM (ARMSTRONG ET AL. 2020). MORTALITY IMPROVED, INCIDENCE DID NOT INCREASE!

# What has been achieves so far?

Supporting families living with the everyday humanitarian crisis of securing access to essential medicines for children living with CAH is a major priority. Securing a three year supply of CAH medicines for the CAH Community of Zimbabwe is enabling local health professionals and CAH Community members to focus on actions beyond access to medicines... Efforts are underway to develop educational resources, train health professionals, run support group meetings and find innovative solutions to reduce financial pressures on families.

@MATES4Kids is also keen to respond to emerging humanitarian disasters. In March 2022 colleagues from Europe reached out to CLAN to request support helping health professionals in Ukraine access hydrocortisone and fludrocortisone tablets for children and adults living with CAH. CLAN immediately connected with the @MATES4Kids network and collaborative action was undertaken to secure the medicines needed

Moving forward, the @MATES4Kids movement is committed to ongoing action to improve access to CAH medicines for all, and have set a bold goal to reduce the preventable mortality associated with CAH by 30% by 2030 in support of efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

We welcome you to join the @MATES4Kids Movement!

# OSTEGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS DAY

Wishbone Day is an international awareness day for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) which is celebrated on the 6th of May every year. The OI teams at the Colonial War Memorial (CWM) Hospital and North-Labasa Hospital in Fiji planned a set of activities for Wishbone Day (WBD) in 2022 with the support of CLAN.

Data going back the last 15 to 20 years regarding patient details on OI has seen minimal reported number of OI cases. Indeed, in 2016, when CLAN first connected with health professionals in Fiji, there was only one child with OI known to be surviving. At that time, CLAN became aware of the urgent need for humanitarian supply of bisphosphonates for injection in Fiji; whilst use of this medicine was considered best practice in Australia and other high-income countries internationally at the time, it was not yet available in Fiji.

CLAN was pleased to donate supplies of bisphosphonates for injection to Fiji for several years and are thrilled to learn the local team have since been able to independently secure bisphosphonates through an overseas private pharmaceutical company. Congratulations to all involved in achieving this sustainable outcome!

At the time of this article, there are two children known to be living with OI in Fiji. Health professionals are committed to doing what they can to raise awareness of OI amongst health professionals and community members, to promote early diagnosis and optimal management of the condition in future. At this stage it is unclear if there are many undiagnosed individuals living with OI across Fiji.

The OI teams at CWM Hospital and North-Labasa Hospital dedicated Wishbone Day 2022 efforts to raising awareness of OI across the country. The team had wonderful activities planned for the day. White t-shirts were organised – with the distinct Wishy Logo – and worn by the staff. A pictograph was created which shared information explaining what OI is as well as the signs and symptoms to look out for. This was posted on various social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, where the wider community were also able to repost the pictograph. A fun breakfast was also planned within the teams.

Wishbone Day 2022 celebrations in Fiji were a great success. Wishbone Day is a social movement built on the premise that knowledge is power, "because awareness makes a difference" - the motto for WBD. It is a space for people with OI and their support groups to discuss all things OI related: understanding what OI is; sharing the associated challenges; and celebrating the many achievements of people living with OI. Awareness of OI in the wider community allows more space for discussion and opportunities for the wider community to contribute to the changes needed so that people living with OI can enjoy their basic human rights to life and health.

CLAN would like to acknowledge Dr. Ilisapeci Vereti, the Head of Department (Paediatrics), Dr. Mikaele Lutumailagi, Dr. Miriama Tukana, and other members of the OI teams at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital and North-Labasa Hospital for contributing, promoting, and participating in Wishbone Day 2022.





# Wishbone Day! - May 6th 2022

May 6th is Wishbone Day! An international awareness-raising day for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (00).

Ol is a lifetime disorder and can cause both physical and mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and social stigma. It is a rare condition, also referred to as brittle bone disease and affects 6-7 per 100,000 people worldwide.

The condition cannot be cured, but it can be managed with a combination of medication, surgery, physiotherapy and orthotics, This improves the quality of life for those affected by Ol.



Of is mainly caused by problems in the genes responsible for collagen/connective tissue

Common signs of OI are short stature, bone deformities, fractured bones (despite minor injuries), hearing loss, brittle teeth, or bluish sclera (the whites of the eyes have a blue tinge).









OI results in problems with Type 1 Collagen, which is needed for bones, ligaments, dentin (in teeth) and sclera (the "whites" of your eyes).





please contact your doctor if you would like to know more about osteogenesis imperfecta.

# UNITED NATIONS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

### **Emma Santini**

Emma Santini is from New York, USA and recently graduated in May of 2022 from Lehigh University with degrees in international relations and economics with a concentration in global public health. Seeking to pursue her passions in the field of international development, she began her journey with CLAN in the spring of 2020. For over two years she has been deeply involved in the organization's initiatives and projects through serving as their United Nations Youth Representative. This position has allowed her to fulfill a variety of responsibilities such as drafting briefings and reports, attending high-level conferences, coordinating forums, and presenting at events. She shares that acting as an advocate for CLAN's mission within such critical diplomatic and multicultural settings has been an incredibly meaningful aspect of her personal and professional development. One of the most rewarding moments in her time as UN Youth Representative was moderating a facilitated Q&A panel with two inspiring Indigenous women who work to redress NCD inequities. This event was part of the UN Women Commission on the Status of Women annual conference.



Although her role as UN Youth Representative recently came to a close, her strong relationship and involvement with CLAN remains. She has now transitioned to the position of Project Support Officer for @Mates4Kids, a coalition of organizations and individuals who share a like-minded goal of strengthening access to essential medicines for children around the world living with NCDs. Furthermore, she was recently honoured to receive a Boren Award from the US government which will fund her study of Bahasa Indonesia as part of the Indonesian Flagship Language Initiative (IFLI). This means that after 8 weeks of intensive language and cultural training during the summer of 2022, she will travel to Malang, East Java, Indonesia to study Bahasa Indonesia at the State University of Malang. In the spring of 2023, she will then begin an internship with the Indonesian Paediatric Society in Jakarta focused on implementing newborn screening practices and to further the goals of both CLAN and @Mates4Kids.



### **Annie Sanchez**

Annie Sanchez is one of CLAN's United Nations Youth Representatives. She is originally from Ecuador and moved to the United States when she was 12 years old. She attended Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Biology. Annie went on to work in a pharmaceutical lab until she returned to school for her doctorate in Cell and Molecular Biology. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Lehigh University studying developmental conditions called cohesinopathies. Her research focuses on understanding the molecular pathways that lead to organ malformations. Annie has been working with CLAN since May of 2021 and has enjoyed advocating for CLAN's mission of maximizing the quality of life of children living with chronic health conditions in low resource settings. She has worked closely with Indigenous NCDs on collaborations for various written statements and events. She is honoured to have moderated panel discussions for a United Nations High Level Political Forum side event and Commission in the Status of Women parallel event, as well as for the NCD Child Asia-Pacific Region Workshop on Obesity and Diabetes on behalf of CLAN. Since working with CLAN, Annie's interest in policy has grown and she is excited to merge her scientific training to help inform policies impacting the health of vulnerable communities.

Annie and Emma appreciate all the support from CLAN leadership and youth advisprs and are excited to welcome the incoming youth representatives, Nikki Paterczyk and Sofia Rousseau. They look forward to seeing Nikki and Sofia in their new roles and hear of their work and efforts to support CLAN's mission.







# CSW66

Annie Sanchez and Emma Santini United Nations Youth Representatives from Lehigh University helped prepare a written statement submitted to the 66th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on behalf of CLAN and Indigenous NCDs. The statement detailed the impact of climate change in Indigenous communities and highlighted CLAN's pillars for right's based approach to tackling the health impacts of climate change.

The partnership between CLAN, Lehigh University and IndigenousNCDs also led to a parallel event to the CSW66 entitled 'The Nexus Between Climate Change and NCDs: Indigenous Women-Led Solutions'. CLAN United Nations Youth Representatives, Annie Sanchez and Emma Santini, helped moderate and lead the discussions throughout the event. Our speakers, Patricia Gualinga, Kaitlyn Hunsberger, and Daisy Purdy, for passed on their deep knowledge and empowering lived experiences as Indigenous women leaders. CLAN's Youth Advisor's, Sienna Gates and Grace Strik, were honoured to be able to help facilitate the technological aspects of the event, and Grace was delighted to reflect on the extremely valuable and generous teachings of the speakers by conducting the Concluding Remarks at the event.

Patricia is a human rights and environmental activist from the Kichwa People of Sarayaku in the Ecuadorian Amazon. She spoke on the impact climate change has had on her community's livelihood and health. Patricia also highlighted the importance of women and girls' voices in activism and the crucial role the young women in her community have taken to fight climate injustice.

Daisy is the co-founder of Inclusive Community Consulting, an Indigenous-led equity and advocacy consultancy group focused on holistic health. She spoke about the extensive Indigenous history of success in overcoming climate change and wealth of knowledge regarding such topics. She emphasizes the importance of trusting them to lead climate action and integrate Indigenous practices, like storytelling, into policy. Additionally, she highlighted the root causes of Indigeneous health disparities, citing colonial harm that is undermined by contradictory practices by non-Indigeneous people who continue to bolster privatization, patriarchy, and exploitative industries. Daisy states that resources must be reallocated to promote Indigenous leadership and call on their position as traditional owners of the land.

Kaitlin is a behavioural health aide, student support coordinator at the Northwest Portland area Indian Health Board and a member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in Arizona, United States. Kaitlin talked about the necessary involvement of Indigenous youth in global climate change and NCD discourse. They are both the future of transmitting knowledge and the primary group that will suffer from the lack of effective and sustainable climate action and failure to redress generational trauma. This means prompting western institutions to prioritize Indigenous knowledge and methodology in curriculums. Through championing education to increase cultural competency regarding Indigenous practices, solutions can emerge as truly sustainable.

The event was an inspiring interactive discussion on Indigenous-women led solutions and perspectives on climate change. The intersection between policy, climate change and health were highlighted.











# THE NEXUS BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND NCDS: INDIGENOUS WOMEN-LED SOLUTIONS

MARCH 17, 2022 6:00PM E.D.T

Join CLAN for an interactive dialogue, as our speakers share their insights on the intersection between health, climate change and the disproportionate impact of NCDs and the climate crisis on Indigenous communities, drawing on centuries of distinctly valuable Indigenous knowledge.



PATRICIA GUALINGA



DAISY PURDY



**KATTLYN HUNSBERGER** 

For more information, visit: https://sites.google.com/lehigh.edu/parallel-event-12365/home



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# YOUTH ADVISORS

### **Grace Strik**

Youth Advisor - Governance Support Assistant Treasurer Secretary - Risk and Audit Subcommittee

Grace is a second-year student at the University of Technology Sydney studying a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Bachelor of Business (Accounting), and Diploma of Languages (Japanese). Grace is one of CLAN's Youth Advisors for Governance Support, and has recently moved into the positions of Assistant Treasurer and Secretary to the Risk and Audit Subcommittee, where she has developed and refined policies in accordance with ACFID requirements. Grace plays a key role in managing CLAN's Youth Advisors projects, and assists wherever she is needed.



# Sienna Gates

Youth Advisor - Community Outreach

Sienna is a student at the University of Wollongong studying a Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health, who has been working with CLAN since July 2021. Sienna is the Youth Advisor for Community Outreach, and works closely alongside the other Youth Advisors and the President and Vice President. Sienna enjoys meeting with inspiring people within the role and connecting over their similar drive for enacting positive change. As CLAN's Youth Advisor for Community Outreach, Sienna develops and manages CLAN's community connection initiatives, such as social media, website maintenance, promotion of projects and events, and CLAN's newsletter.

### Simon Males

Youth Advisor - Project Support

Simon is a first year student at Western Sydney University studying a Doctor of Medicine who, as a Youth Advisor to CLAN has assisted in multiple projects including the creation of COVID-19 infographics, website maintenance and update to reflect the expanding works of CLAN in the global NCD discourse, particularly in partnership with CLAN Africa's team.





# Veronika Males

Youth Advisor - Governance Support

Veronika is a Fourth-Year Law and International Studies student at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. She is passionate about helping children with chronic illnesses due to her lived experiences with several chronic health conditions since childhood. Veronika has been a Youth Advisor for CLAN since October 2021. Her legal experience in the Not-For-Profit sector has been very beneficial in her role on a number of Risk and Audit Subcommittee projects. She has also assisted in a number of CLAN's policies in accordance with ACFID requirements.

# **Community Outreach Initiatives**

CLAN has engaged in a number of community outreach initiatives in connection with global partners. CLAN's Youth Advisors have developed a Fundraiser for the Epilepsy Community in Uganda, which occurred in September 2021, which resulted in a doubled fundraising goal, and the purchase of two phones for community members in Uganda.

In partnership with Child and Youth Care Zimbabwe (CYC), CLAN has worked to support CYC initiatives such as Rare Disease Day in February 2022 through social media, but also to develop other outreach materials such as an educational cartoon video in honour of Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) Awareness Month in June 2022. On an ongoing basis, the Youth Advisors maintain CLAN's social media, website management, promotional materials, and event marketing, including design and website maintenance. Notably, CLANs Youth Advisors have continued to develop the COVID-19 infographics originally produced by them

# **Governance Support**

CLAN's Youth Advisors for Governance Support have reviewed and updated CLAN's policies and other governance instruments. They have composed the Partnership Policy, Foreign Exchange Policy, Overseas Payments and Transfers Policy, and Procurement Policy with Addendum of Authorisations and Delegations.

# **COVID-19 Infographics**

The Youth Advisor team has been working hard to ensure our COVID-19 infographics are updated and reliable. For example, see below the revised 'General Information' infographic.





Caring & Living As Neighbours

# **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

CLAN's guiding principles inform all of our activities and initiatives.

Care- love of neighbour drives a passion for justice and equitable quality of life for all.

**Community development**– grass-roots communities are the visual hub of CLAN's strategic framework for action, and a recognised driver of sustainability and empowerment.

**Family**- prioritising a person and family centred approach, CLAN celebrates the strength, passion and commitment families can bring to initiatives to drive long-term change.

**Health for all**- CLAN is committed to leave no child behind in global public health efforts and supports calls for Universal Health Coverage.

**Human rights-based approaches**– inform all of CLAN's activities, notably the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child and Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**International**- CLAN works in many different countries around the world, and privileges the voices and perspectives of those from lower income settings.

**Indigenous control**- in all of CLAN's work with and for Indigenous Communities, we are committed to Indigenous Community Control at all times.

**Investing in people**- CLAN's programs prioritise education and training as a means to improving knowledge and practices, and optimising health outcomes.

**Partnership**- building creative and trusting relationships with the people in the countries we work creating an inclusive, collaborative, flexible and responsive approach wherever possible.

**Professionalism**- ethical and transparent program management processes, including evaluations of activities and resources, ensure best practice and optimal outcomes are achieved.

**Respect**- in its relationships with partners and participants, and acknowledgement of unique histories and cultures of countries we work, respect is a basic element of all programs and initiatives.

**Sustainability**- CLAN's programs strive to achieve sustainable outcomes to promote economic and environmental sustainability of communities and groups we partner with; we promote self-reliance to minimise dependency and optimise health outcomes for all.

**Equity**- commitment to health for all, and the concept that every child living with NCDs might have everything they need to enjoy the highest quality of life possible. In many instances, this will require action that privileges those living in the most vulnerable circumstances.

# **GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

# Accountabilities

In our work, CLAN proudly adheres to recognised national and international ethical practice developed and informed by the following standards:

- IFRCRC (International Federation of Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies) Code of Conduct;
- WANGO (World Association of Non Government Organisations) Code of Ethics and Conduct for NGOs;
- ACFID (Australian Council For International Development) Code of Conduct; and
- ACNC (Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission).

CLAN proudly aligns its work and professional practice in accordance with the following:

- United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child;
- United Nations Millennium Development Goals;
- The Sphere Project Humanitarian Charter; and
- ACFID NGO Effectiveness Framework (June 2004)

CLAN is an Incorporated Organisation (Inc) and our activities are guided by the Article of Association (Constitution) approved by the New South Wales Department of Fair Trading and underpinned by our Policy Handbook. The activities that realise the achievement of CLAN's Strategic Framework for Action are determined and monitored by CLAN's Core Committee comprising Executive members and a variable number of general committee members who are involved in project work for CLAN. Executive positions are voted on at each Annual General Meeting as per the Constitution.

CLAN Annual General Meetings are held each year, and CLAN Association Committee meetings every two months. The CLAN web-site, biannual newsletter, tax receipts, and Annual Reports are key mechanisms that are used for disseminating reports on CLAN's work.

## **CLAN Funding**

Ethical fundraising is vital to the Not-For-Profit and charitable sector if it is to provide its community and support base with confidence for its cause. The application of ethics in fundraising practice provides CLAN with the means to enter into ongoing relationships of trust with donors, supporters, volunteers and importantly, also with the beneficiaries of funds raised. CLAN seeks to establish and maintain high standards of ethics amongst its members, staff and volunteers. CLAN's ethical principles are:

- Honesty CLAN acts honestly and truthfully so that public trust is protected and donors and beneficiaries are not misled;
- Respect CLAN acts with respect for the dignity of our organisation and with respect for the dignity of partners, donors and beneficiaries:
- Integrity CLAN acts openly and with regard to our responsibility for public trust. We disclose all actual, or potential conflicts of interest and avoid any appearance of ethical, personal or professional misconduct:
- Empathy CLAN works in a way that promotes our purpose and encourages others to use the same professional standards and engagement. CLAN values individual privacy, freedom of choice, and diversity in all its forms; and
- Transparency CLAN reports transparently about the work we do, the way donations are managed and disbursed, and cost and expenses in an accurate and clear manner.

### **Risk and Audit Subcommittee**

- Joseph Hansen Chair
- Grace Strik Secretary
- Cath Cole Member
- Veronika Males Member

CLAN's Risk and Audit Subcommittee was established in November 2021 to provide efficient, effective and ethical financial, governance and risk management, as well as due diligence across CLAN's projects, partnerships and other external engagements. Through the work of the Risk and Audit Subcommittee, a number of risk assessments and project reviews have been undertaken, as well as policy review and maintenance

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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28 October, 2022

The Directors
Allworths Assurance & Advisory Pty Ltd
GPO Box 4255
SYDNEY NSW 2001

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of CLAN (Caring And Living As Neighbours) Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2022 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial report gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the requirements of Australian Council of the International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales.

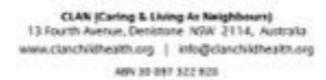
We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

# Financial Report

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated 30 August 2022, for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the requirements of the Australian Council of International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, the ACNC Act and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales, in particular the financial report gives a true and fair view in accordance therewith.
- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial report and for which Australian Accounting Standards require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- There are no material uncorrected audit adjustments for the year ended 30 June 2022.

# **Information provided:**

- We have provided you with:
  - Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial report such as records, documentation and other matters;
  - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;
     and
  - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.



- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial report.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial report may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the entity and involves:
  - o Management;
  - Others who have significant roles in internal control; or
  - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial report.
    - ➤ We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial report.
    - We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report.
    - We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report; and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the special purpose financial reporting framework.
    - ➤ We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- In respect of other information:
  - We have informed you of all the documents that we expect to issue that may comprise other information;
  - The financial report and any other information obtained by you prior to the date of your auditor's report is consistent with one another, and the other information does not contain any material misstatements;
  - We have provided you with all requested information, explanations and assistance for the purposes of the audit.
  - O We have provided you with all information required by the requirements of the Australian Council of International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, the ACNC Act and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales.

Yours faithfully

Kate Armstrong President Catherine Cole Vice-President

# CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED

ABN 30 897 322 928

Financial Report - 30 June 2022

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# CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED COMMITTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Your committee members present their report together with the financial statements of CLAN (Caring And Living As Neighbours) Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

### Committee members

The names of the committee members in office at anytime during or since the end of the year are:

Dr Kate Armstrong Catherine Cole Joseph Hansen Marilyn Hansen Stephanie Carde Angie Middlehurst Dr Maria Craig

# **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

a charitable organisation committed to enhancing equitable health outcomes for children living with chronic health conditions in resource poor settings.

# **Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

# **Operating Result**

The gain after providing for income tax amounted to \$9,719.

# **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

A copy of the auditors independence declaration as required under s60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 follows.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:

Dr Kate Armstrong

Catherine Cole

31 October 2022



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# **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER** SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012

# TO THE COMMITTEE OF

# **CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED**

In relation to our audit of the financial report of CLAN (Caring And Living As Neighbours) Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 an in accordance with the requirements of subdivision 60-C of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022 there have been no contraventions of:

- the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Allworths Assurance & Advisory Pty Ltd Level 18, 31 Market Street

Sydney NSW

Grace Shen Director

Dated: 31st October 2022

# CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income Donations and gifts Grants Investment Income	2 3 4	25,571 23,064 4 48,639	48,115
Expenses International Programs Accountancy & Audit Bank Charges Consultancy Insurance Printing, Postage & Stationery Subscriptions Teleconferences Total expenses	5	(29,865 (2,621 (80 - (2,831 (277 (1,803 (1,443 (38,920	(2,549) (60) (1,180) (2,663) (306) (1,757) (496)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year attributable to the members of CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS)		9,719	(11,010)
Other comprehensive income for the year  Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the members of CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS)		9,719	(11,010)

# CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Assets			
Current assets Cash on hand Trade and other receivables Total current assets	6 7	32,40° 783 33,190	742
Total assets		33,190	23,471
Liabilities			
Total liabilities			<u>-</u>
Net assets		33,190	23,471
Members' funds Retained surpluses		33,190	23,471
Total members' funds		33,19	23,471

# **CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED** STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Retained profits \$	Total members' funds \$
Balance at 1 July 2020	34,481	34,481
Deficit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	(11,010	(11,010)
Total comprehensive income for the year	(11,010	(11,010)
Balance at 30 June 2021	23,471	23,471
	Retained profits \$	Total members' funds \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	profits	members' funds \$
Balance at 1 July 2021 Surplus for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	profits \$	members' funds \$ 23,471
Surplus for the year	<b>profits</b> \$ 23,471	members' funds \$ 23,471 9,719

# CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash flows from operating activities Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers and employees Interest received		49,376 (39,702 4	) (66,303)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	10	9,678	(11,040)
Net cash from investing activities			<u> </u>
Net cash from financing activities			<u> </u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		9,678 22,729	, ,
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	32,407	22,729

# Note 1. Summary of Significant accounting policies

# New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

# **Financial Reporting Framework**

The committee have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Council of International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

# **Statement of Compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the ACFID Code of Conduct, the ACNC Act and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the committee have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

# **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the the ACFID Code of Conduct, the ACNC Act, the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

# Foreign currency translation

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS)'s functional and presentation currency.

# (a) Revenue and Other Income

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the association obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the association and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Donations, beguests and interest are recognised as revenue when received.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

# (b) Income tax

The Association is exempt from Income Tax.

# Note 1. Summary of Significant accounting policies (continued)

# (c) Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

# Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

# (d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST receivable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

# (e) Comparative Figures

When applicable comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

# Note 2. Donations and gifts

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Monetary - Personal donations	25,571	7,140
Note 3. Grants		
	2022 \$	2021 \$
Other Australian Grants - Diabetes NSW	23,064	48,115
Note 4. Investment Income		
	2022 \$	2021 \$
Westpac Interest	4	8

# Note 5. International Programs

	2022 \$		2021 \$	
Diabetes Projects Pakistan Ghana Fiji		22,295 - - 310 893		46,704 7,457 3,101
Indigenous NCDs Uganda Zimbabwe		1,860 4,507		- - -
		29,865		57,262
Note 6. Current assets - Cash on hand				
	2022 \$		2021 \$	
CLAN Donations CLAN Fund CLAN Fund Interest		3,776 9,715 18,916		2,314 1,503 18,912
		32,407		22,729
Note 7. Current assets - trade and other receivables				
	2022 \$		2021 \$	
Other receivables		783		742

# Note 8. Events after the reporting period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years that are not disclosed elsewhere.

# Note 9. Compliance with ACFID code of conduct

The following financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirementsset out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au.

# Note 10. Cash flow information

# (a) Reconciliation of cash

Cash on hand at the end of financial year as included in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

	20 \$		2021 \$
Cash at Bank	=	32,407	22,729

# Note 10. Cash flow information (continued)

# (b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities with net current year profit

	2022 \$	2021 \$	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		9,719	(11,010)
Change in assets and liabilities: Increase in trade and other receivables		(41)	(30)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		9,678	(11,040)

# CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE For the year ended 30 June 2022

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of CLAN (Caring And Living As Neighbours) Incorporated, the members of the committee declare that the financial statements as set out on pages 4 to 12:

- present a true and fair view of the financial position of CLAN (Caring And Living As Neighbours) Incorporated as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the the Australian Council of International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales; and
- 2. at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that CLAN (Caring And Living As Neighbours) Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- 3. signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President

Dr Kate Armstrong

**Vice President** 

**Catherine Cole** 

Date: 31 October 2022



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED

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# Report on the Financial Report

### **Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of CLAN (Caring And Living As Neighbours) Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis of Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (the ACNC Act), including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, the ACNC Act, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales.

# **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

As is common for organisation of this type, it is not practicable for CLAN to maintain an effective system of internal control over fund raising activities and donations until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenues from these sources was limited, our audit procedures with respect to these sources had to be restricted to the amount recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether these sources of income of association are complete.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act, and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

# Responsibilities of the Committees for the Financial Report

The committees of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the ACNC Act, the Associations

Incorporation Act 2009 New South Wales and for such internal control as the committees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committees are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committees either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or
  error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is
  sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material
  misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve
  collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
  are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Allworths Assurance & Advisory Pty Ltd

Level 18, 31 Market Street

Sydney NSW

Grace Shen Director

Dated: 31st October 2022

# CLAN (CARING AND LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS) INCORPORATED CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE For the year ended 30 June 2022

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- a. We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on.....
- b. The financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 2022 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

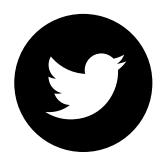
Dated: 31 October 2022

President

**Dr Kate Armstrong** 

**Vice President** 

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