

Submission - LANA SYED - WAASDORP. 29-4-02
To Senator Humphreys.

Q. How did I get involved in the Network
of H.A.N.

Through a nun, who told me about the Jerck Inquiry.
HAN is place for people who have experienced
abuse in institutions, foster care and detention
has been formed.

("I must say. We are and take things literally.") how childish is that.

1 It is for me 1st a place for ex-Residents
and people like myself where we can talk,
we can share our sorrows, and have people
who went through the same kind of life and
pain and hardship of suffering, and a real
understanding of where we came from.

2 For me, it was feeling so much better
by going to the Esther Centre, firstly. I
did not talk much, I was frightened
to talk out in case I made a fool of
myself, and I thought I was not smart
enough to answer questions.

3 I was so naive, and self-conscious
and had a very low self-esteem - about myself.
Because my education Really was grade 3 at 12 yrs
old - then in one year I jumped 3 classes
and was in grade 6 - but I didn't learn
anything then. I knew nothing then - But by
4 going to Esther Centre Now, I feel Alive, -
I feel I am learning to conquer, I am
more self-confident, I now dare to speak
I learn - Courses, I'm getting the education
I need - I am waking up, about naive and
negativity - I'm learning Computer - oh so much.

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So much I have achieved since ten years ago when I first went and started to go to Ester.

I love the place, and people, they ARE patient and good and do understand us. I have now such a better quality of life, which I didn't have before. I am amazed of my own intelligence of my efforts and when we do our Brain - Storming - there I got up some times and spoken. We now have a Voice - We ARE - Now starting to get Recognition and people are starting to see us and want to ^{know} more about us - We are also trying to educate the politicians and the public and trying to make them aware of our Abuse in care.

6 Going to Ester Centre has given me, more Confidence in myself, and not so much negative anymore, it has given me the ability, to trust people again, the Courses, has shown me, many things I never knew. It has woken up my intellectual state of mind, to assure me, that all my thinking, are the choices we choose. If it was not for the Ester Centre - I would not feel or have any quality of life, nor would I be confident in myself, I would not trust people as much as I do, and being active in all, the workshops - being involved and being occupied, has helped me. 300% to what I was then. 10y ago. Thank you - We now have a voice we are now being Recognised. Thank you ^{ESTER} Centre for opportunity - s. and we celebrate ^{10y} on.

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To overcome adversity, and helping others do the same.
 The Reasons why I got and became on board with Fran, because, "here was a (place) who opened up the doors for us" for people who did and had experienced abuse in church and state institutions.

After some time we, we started telling and writing our stories, and found it to be very similar to everyone's else story -

So we a group of people decided to lobby the Govt, with the help of H.A.W. CEO - Karyn Walsh, who gladly offered her services to help us, through

it was to be a long lengthy journey, which took a lot of time energy, and lobby of the Govt, state and local

Government to request a possibility of a Remembrance day, and Remembrance statute to be held in honour, of those children who did not survive the experience of abuse, Our dream was of a public memorial space, that would be a

reminder to the general public, of the experience of children in institutional care. It cost a

lot of time and funding and new relationship with local and state Governments dept, at that time Anna Bly was Minister

for ^{Community's} ~~Justice~~, and ~~Today~~, Karyn, through the lobbying, from pre - SOICA, and HAN-ek-Resident and hard work of Karyn Walsh.

When Anna Bly the Ministers of Communities along with Peter Battie together with BLQ. state & local Govt S.O.I.C.A. Survivors of institutional Child Abuse. (Androgynous)

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Govt, had appointed Ms Lorraine Ford to be
Commissioner of the ~~Forde~~ Inquiry into Abuse
in institutions and after the findings of Response
to Lorraine Ford. Inquiry through, "Healing
and HORROR" in 2000 involving 125 former
ex-Resident. which the Book was based on the
findings of Abuse, then we had a poetry BOOK
so we also put out a book, memories —
Hopes — and dreams — which was
on 25 August 2000, which was the 1st
anniversary of Old Govts, Response to the
to the Recommendations of the forde Inquiry -
(Contrast of Sadness) happiness) — Book Combination of
memories of of the past, and hope for the future.
It was an opportunity to hear about, what has
happened in past years and reflect upon
what still needs to be done.

There were new initiatives including the
The Forde News, newsletter, The New 1800 NR
The possible employment of a former Resident,
who was Geneva-Thackwell-James by the
Dept of families, Youth and Community care to
work on Recommendation 38, the Signing of
the "Deed of trust for the forde foundation
and a public release of the first Report
to Government by forde Implementation
Monitoring Committee - Ex Resident contributed
their work in forms of Poetry ARTs drawings,
and prose. We are working along with
the Govt, and ex residents and we are giving
a voice as to what we need for future.
To develop and receive education opportunities Reg'd
to fully develop socially, live well, health, protected
from all forms of abuse and neglect.

"Apology"

also with formal presentation with Church
leaders that included ex-presidents in 2004
We also wrote one a "apology" letter
which was done in 2000 - nine years ago
The signature was from (note - not dated) -

Mr Peter Beattie MLA
Premier of Qld.

The Most Reverend John Bathurst DD.
Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane.

Reverend DR David Pitman, Moderator,
Uniting Church in Australia (Qld Synod)

Bill Gynther, President
Baptist Union of Qld

Anna Bligh MLA
Minister for Families, Youth, and Community Care
Minister for Disability Services.

The Most Reverend Peter Hollingworth
Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane

Hillman Buckingham, Commissioner,
Territorial Commander, Australian Eastern Territory
The Salvation Army.

Reverend Peter Oventon, Conference President
Churches of Christ in Queensland.

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The H.A.N. achievements we have achieved with Ex Residents and Their - Gots - churches.

- 1 • Development for formal response to the forde Inquiry, through Healing and 'Horton' in 2000 involving former Residents (125)
- 2 formal presentation with Church Leaders that included 24 former Residents in 2004
- 3 Queensland event at Parliament House for handing down of the Senate Report attended by many former Residents.
- 4 Development of the Charter for Redress on behalf of HAN members.
- 5 Submission to the Senate Inquiry (F-A) Forgotten Australians involving 120 people Representation from the Historical Abuse Network for the handing down of the Report in Canberra
- 6 Presentation to representatives of the F.A. Forgotten Australians Senate Committee attended by 10 people.
- 7 Historical Abuse Network has established a formal dialogue with Consecutive ministers, Senior executive staff in the Dept. of families, child safety and Communities over the past 6 years (six)

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8. The Historical Abuse Network peer leaders had the opportunity to participate in a Conference lead by the Commonwealth, to follow up on recommendations from the Senate - Inquiry into Forgotten Australians

9 Announcement of a \$100 million Redress Scheme from the Queensland Government in ex-Gratia payments for ~~former~~ former Residents.

10 The outcomes of the Historical Abuse Networks dialogue with governments has resulted in funding for:

- Peer Support - Anna Blegh as Minister for Families
- Crisis Outreach - Judy Spence as Minister for Families
- Lotus Place - Warren Pitt as Minister for Communities
- Family Support - Mike Reynolds as Minister for Child Safety.

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① ⑩ To maintain a voice, so as to continue dialogue with governments and churches.


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Continued HAN, Achievements,

- 11 • Information Regarding the senate Inquiry Conference in 2001 held at the travel Lodge was attended by 80 people from the network
- 12 • HAN distributes information about Inquiries, does mail outs about events, and contributes to newsletters.
- 13 • distributes flyers on reunions

Aim of the Network ↗

2 To Share and disseminate information.
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- 14 • Weekly drop in day
- 15 • Linking people with others who were ~~abused~~ in the same institutions.
- 16 • The creation of Lotus ~~house~~ Place 
- 17 • Events and activities.

Aim of the Network ↗

3 To maintain connections and provide opportunities to participation in Reconciliation events.
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- 10 Annual morning tea with ministers.
- 19 Dedication of each Wednesday in child protection Week as Remembrance Day in Recognition of past failures and neglects of Governments in child protection.
- 20 Annual Remembrance Day in partnership with Child protection Week Committee
- 21 five year anniversary morning tea at parliament House
22. Presentation of charter of Redress to political parties
- 23 participation in dedication events in Rockhampton for St. Josephs Netherool memorial

4) Aims of the Network

To provide connections for people who experienced abuse while in the care of the church or the state in institutions, foster care and detention centers.

- 24 Funding and Participation process for the creation of a public memorial in Brisbane
- 25 Dedication Ceremony for memorial statue at Roma St Brisbane.
26. Negotiation for plaque at the Wilson Site to be completed 2007.

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The Aims of our NETWORK ARE:

The Historical Abuse Network.

- 1 To maintain a voice so as to continue dialogue with governments and churches.
- 2 To share and disseminate information.
- 3 To maintain connections and provide opportunities to participate in Reconciliation events.
- 4 To provide connections for people who experienced abuse whilst in (care) the of the church or state in institutions foster care and detention centres.
- 5 To promote affirmative action and ensure recognition of the lifelong impact and disadvantage, of being a "former child" in the care of the state."

Drama "Memoirs of the forgotten one" Stories ex-residents
I joined the HAN, to learn to be able
to increase my understands of the needs
of ex-Residents and about myself, to
get educated, life changing Results, but I
have to do it and participate my self in
these opportunity's. and learn more Skills
in literacy, reading, and doing drama; -
which I took on in 30/31-3-2007.

In 1999, the Forde Inquiry filed a
Report officially detailing the extent of abuse
and neglect that Queensland children
experienced whilst in state care from 1935.

The "Moving On" project facilitates the use
of drama and counselling with adult survivors
of this abuse. Participants have taken
part in drama, games, and exercises to
build skills and share their stories.
for "Memoirs" each participant has
chosen a significant story from their life
for development into a final performance.

This performance marks the end of the three
and a half year project that has been
funded by The Australian Research Council
and undertaken in Partnership between
Griffith University and Relationships
Australia's Aftercare Resource Centre.

For further information about "Memoirs of the
forgotten Ones" or the Moving on Project Contact
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Through the ester Centre - I had so many - fantastic help and opportunity to involve myself, and to lead the way for others - as many are shy - and nervous - and we all have some kind of a problem - and at Ester we share our problems - doing the Drama which was an ARC programme was another challenge. I never did act in my life, found it hard, and difficult to play other people, as I did not know how they really are - whether it be a police man a priest a lawyer a student, a clown - or whatever. But hellow. there was tension - and angst, as it took us back to the old days sick, cruel, harsh, Rough, isolation etc etc. where we were to be and act anyone / body who we wanted - we mimed, we danced, sang, joked laughed - So much fun. but took time - it was great also we had the Councillors when at times we needed them. it was learning in a play. We needed Support and Cuddles, and Cuddles we got, and happiness. and a drenaline rushing through your head Wow - what a feeling. We did work hard and we achieved our Goal - and were all nervous on the show nights - but see we did it.