



JUSTICE

CHILDHOOD

HISTORICAL ABUSE NETWORK

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The Historical Abuse Network (HAN):

- exists to **connect people** who were in care of the church or state as children
- is a network of people who have **experienced historic abuse** and continued disadvantage
- has become a powerful voice and key driver in securing the service infrastructure for **Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants** in Queensland
- has been at the forefront of **public advocacy** and engagement with governments in bringing the issues facing Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants into the public domain
- **members include** people who experienced abuse in state or church run institutions, foster care, youth detention centres and those who as children were placed in adult mental health institutions.

The aims of HAN are:

- to **maintain a voice** to enable continued dialogue regarding the recommendations from the Forde Inquiry
- to **share** and disseminate information
- to **support** each other
- to **reconnect** and create support groups for ex-residents who have experienced historic abuse and continued disadvantage
- to promote **affirmative action** and ensure recognition of the continued discrimination and disadvantage of ex-residents and former children in care.

ADVERSITY
TO
HOPE

Cover: Sculpture by artist Gavin Fenelon, Roma Street Parklands, Brisbane.

Above right: The Youth Detention Commemoration by artist Gavin Fenelon, Corner of Boundary Street and Riverside Drive, Kurilpa Point, South Brisbane.



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What is Justice?

HAN recognises the common and yet individual experiences of Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who as children experienced abuse in institutions, foster care and detention.

HAN is committed to the individual and collective understanding of justice and the lifelong impact of abuse and neglect as children in institutions.

Justice is... a combination of understanding, of feeling, of acting fairly, of actions seen to be done in the heart, mind, and soul or being of a person – a Forgotten Australian.



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Join HAN

I would like to join the Historical Abuse Network

Name

Address

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Phone

Email

Signature



HISTORICAL ABUSE NETWORK

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