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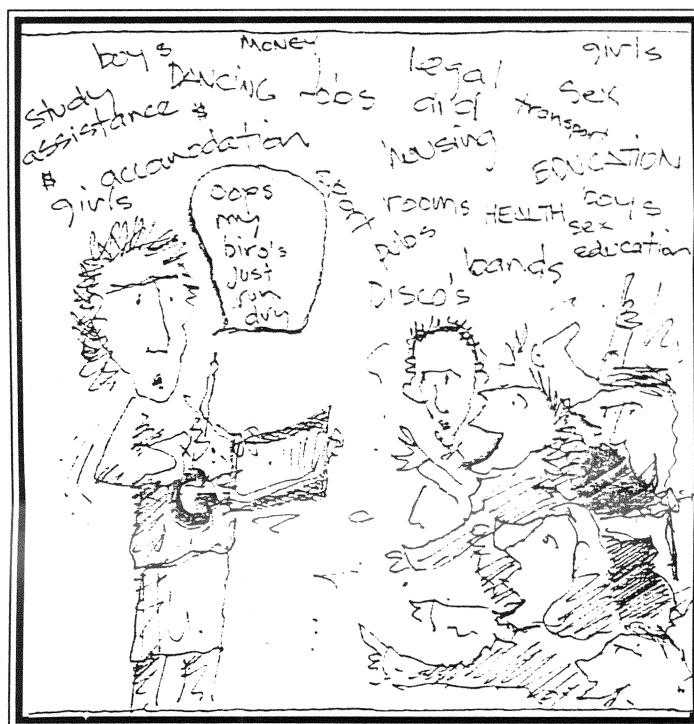
DEVELOPMENT OF THE NETWORK

Another *%\$@! Questionnaire

In order to further involve the field in designing and setting up YANQ a questionnaire was sent to 500 services across the state.

The questionnaire was intended to elicit information regarding the main issues facing youth workers/youth organisations/young people; what sort of network could help address these issues (eg local, regional, other), and what the functions of a state-wide youth affairs network should be.

A big thank you to all those dedicated people who took the time to fill in



"Another *%\$@! Questionnaire". We are busy collating the responses preparatory to sending out a summary of your opinions, along with a draft model of the structure of the network. The field will be invited to respond to the proposal of the steering committee and the choice of the network structure will be finalised at the

state-wide youth affairs conference to take place mid-1990.

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*%\$@! in a nutshell

As would be expected, there was a pattern to the responses.

The three most often mentioned **'important issues facing you as a youth worker/your organisation'** were:

- * *shortage resources*
- * *accommodation*
- * *need for contact and co-ordination between other agencies.*

The four most-often mentioned **'functions of a state-wide youth affairs network'** were:

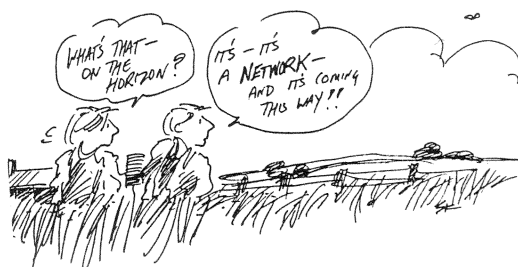
- * *provide / share information*
- * *lobby / advocate for needs of youth / the field*
- * *co-ordinate services*
- * *make / maintain contacts amongst the field*

In terms of **'what a youth affairs network in Queensland could do for you/your organisation'**, the most-often mentioned function was:

- * *provide information (on youth affairs / innovative responses / available resources)*

The next most-often mentioned functions were:

- * *advocacy*
- * *networking (initiating and building relationships between young people and youth workers / amongst youth workers)*



Field Visits

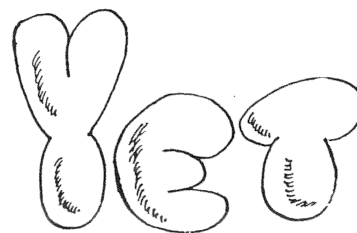
Over the past couple of weeks your intrepid Project Development Officer took life in her own hands and ventured to places north on a publicity and fact-finding mission. Early next year she will make the even braver move of heading to places west.

Thank you

Thank you to those who came along to listen and share their ideas and a special thank-you to Gary Roberts; Elizabeth Price; Lesley Mackay; Lena Palmer; Jaqui Lineton and Margaret Murray who assembled their local groups of youth workers or workers-with-youth into meetings thus saving me from telling the same story twenty times over.

I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet everyone and to hear your views. Your comments will be relayed to the steering-committee and 'taken on board' in the future development of the network.

Georgina Warrington
Project Development Officer



YOUTH EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING

***How to get on better with parents,
teachers and other people.***

Courses may be available in your area.

***For information: Ring (07) 377 9803
Effectiveness Training***



FAREWELL TO BARRY

After practising on the Steering Committee, our Administration Officer, Barry Gordon has decided to leave us to take up full-time parenting.

If not for his effect and attention, it is doubtful that many of our recent achievements would have been brought to fruition. Similarly, our Steering Committee Members would have been unable to complete some of their important work, had it not been for his contributions to the cause.

Barry, has shown us through his organisational skills and strong support that without a solid administration and an organised base to build on, YANQ could not be truly effective in achieving its objectives.

Barry, on behalf of YANQ and its merry band of supporters, we extend to you our gratitude and appreciation for your hard work. Best wishes for a most rewarding and happy life.

WELCOME TO WENDY

Wendy has just moved here from the south to live in the sunshine state.

Wendy has worked with youth in a number of areas, ranging from the streets of Kings Cross, crisis to long term shelters, an independent living scheme for young people, drug rehabilitation centre and a Children's Home in the UK.

Wendy has completed a Business College Course as well as an Advance Welfare Certificate; a Counselling Course with Teen Challenge and a Computer Awareness Course.



Wendy had also been a member of a Theatre Company which toured the United Kingdom. She has a six year old son and enjoys outdoor sports, reading and community issues.

Wendy has been appointed as the Part-Time Administration Officer for YANQ. She will be primarily responsible for the administration of the network and the Youth Affairs Contact Centre. She is friendly and compassionate, willing to assist you with any information you may require.

BURDEKIN AND BEYOND

You have probably heard that the State and Federal governments have responded to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Report by agreeing to co-operate in addressing the problems of Youth Homelessness.

Several Government Departments involved in accommodation, education, health, income security and other services to homeless youth have allocated extra funding and are developing policy initiatives. These departmental responses are being co-ordinated in Queensland by an Interdepartmental Committee with wide representation from State and Federal Departments.

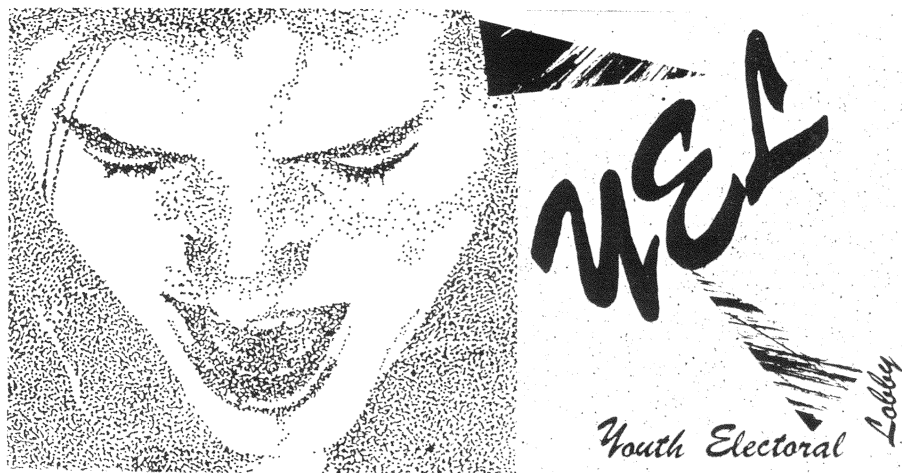
Guidelines and funding processes for grants available to community groups are still being finalised and will be distributed shortly.

'Burdekin Initiatives'

In the meantime, the Federal Department of Community Services and Health have employed Rhonda Phillips and Lurline Comerford to resource and co-ordinate 'Burdekin Initiatives' in Queensland. Rhonda has several years experience in Community Development and Youth Affairs including five years as co-ordinator of Youth Housing Service in Gympie. She has been active in peak bodies advocating for your homeless people including a time as chairperson of the National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYC).

Lurline has also worked for many years in the community youth and housing sector, in particular at the Youth Advocacy Centre and Tenants Union of Queensland.

Rhonda and Lurline will be liaising with Government Departments and Community groups regarding Burdekin Initiatives and Youth Homelessness. If you want more information or are working on projects or proposals for young homeless people Rhonda and Lurline would like to hear from you on (07) 233 7354.



WHAT IS Y.E.L.?

YEL stands for the Youth Electoral Lobby. YEL is a campaign based network of young people and organisations who are committed to influence politicians, political candidates and the electorate about youth issues.

YEL is not a centralised organisation but a loose alliance of organisations focusing on election issues - its' aims are to:

- prior to elections influence party policy, seek commitment to youth issues
- during elections publicise youth agenda
- after elections lobby elected members to keep to youth strategy commitments.

YEL is You, working in your local area to raise consciousness about youth related issues which affect you.

YEL will allow young people a right to participate in the shaping of their own futures. It will form a network of organisations and individuals who will be committed to its aims;

: To act as a reminder to politicians at every level of government, reminding them that their power is derived from the people, and they only continue to have that right in so far as they represent the interests of all the people. Therefore, whether they have the policies, they are the ones who will have to live with the consequences of those decisions.

: The Youth Electoral Lobby exists to remind young people of their actual power. Allowing them to enjoy and express their rights of being full participants in the Australian community and shaping its future.

: The Youth Electoral Lobby will enhance the image of young people in a manner that allows the wider community to realise the potential of young people. It will also attempt to break down the adolescent stereotypes conveyed through the mass media.

: It will build a broad network across the various sub-groups of the youth sector. It will enable sharing of information and intensify the sector to speak to government with one voice and greater authority.

Y.E.L. LAUNCHED

On Monday 27th November the Youth Electoral Lobby was launched at a small press conference in the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens.

The launch was planned to coincide with the lead up to the State Election. It aimed to bring youth issues to the attention of politicians from all political parties and to question why young people had not been on the election agenda.

While there was not a great deal of activity related to the launch before the election, it was a chance to raise the concept publicly and to start the politicians thinking. Further activities will hopefully be planned for the lead up to the Federal Election.

YEL aims to empower young people by providing information to enable them to participate in electoral processes and give them a greater chance of affecting decisions which are of particular relevance to their lives.

Young people around the state will be encouraged to register with **YEL** by purchasing a kit for \$3, which includes a poster, sticker, a badge and suggestions about taking action at election time.

YEL is not just aimed at young people who are of voting age, but is also aimed at helping to educate young people under 18 about the electoral systems and how they can influence governments. **YEL** is also about telling politicians that young people, whether they can vote yet or not, are important and deserve to be listened to.

YEL is being sponsored at present in Queensland by the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland. It is hoped that other youth organisations in Queensland will also take up sponsorship of **YEL** in the near future.

If you'd like more information on **YEL** please contact Wendy on (07) 208 7250.



Of Special Interest

Australian Youth Initiatives Grants Program

The Commonwealth Youth Bureau is seeking applications by tender for organisations wishing to apply for the 1990 Australian Youth Initiatives Grants Program.

The program is open to credible youth services providers including State/Territory government agencies and local government authorities.

The objectives of the program are to encourage the participation of youth service providers in:

- the development of nationally significant innovative programs and/or services
- initiation of new program/service delivery methods
- improving the co-ordination of youth services

Subjects for which innovative projects are being sought are:

- young people and health
- consumer credit
- young people and the law

Preference will be given to projects providing services to established disadvantaged target groups.

Guidelines and application forms are available from:

Commonwealth Youth Bureau
Department of Employment,
Education and Training
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601

or by telephoning (062) 76 8208.

Applications close 15 December 1989.



Dear Dolly,

What gets up your nose about Youth Affairs in QLD?

How could things be done differently?

Is your pet budgie impotent?

Do you suffer from foot odour?

Any gripes, insurmountable problems,
or even things you're excited
and pleased about;

Why not write and tell us?

This could be your big opportunity,
now
that you no longer have to worry
about special branch.

YOUTH ELECTORAL LOBBY

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Organisation (if any) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Job Title (if applicable) _____

Are you registering:

- ☐ as an individual?
- ☐ on behalf of your organisation?

Do you wish to:

- ☐ just receive information?
- ☐ participate in the promotion of YEL?

My organisation can help by:

- ☐ advertising in newsletters and journals
- ☐ producing posters and promotional materials
- ☐ selling T-shirts, kits, badges and stickers
- ☐ donating air-time on local radio
- ☐ other

Please rush me:

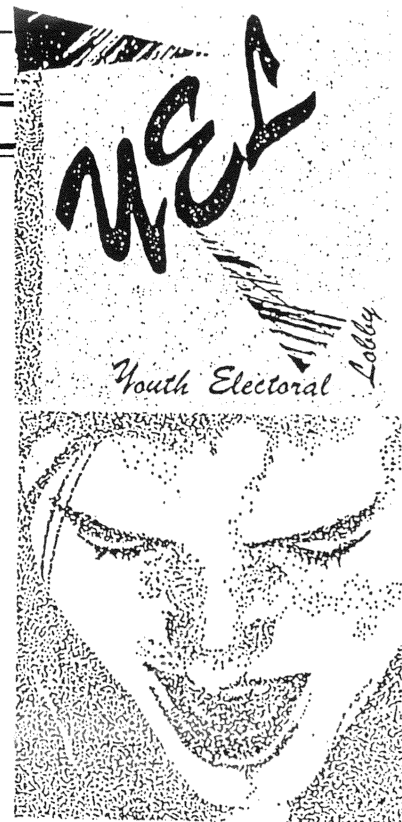
- ☐Registration kits @ \$3.00 each
- ☐Badges @ \$1.00 each
- ☐Stickers @ \$1.50 each
- ☐T-shirts @ \$12.00 each

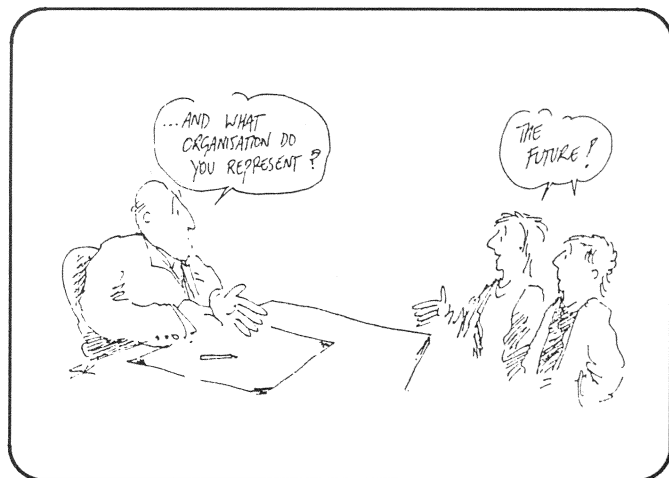
Please include your \$3.00 registration fee plus the amount for any extra items ordered plus \$1.50 postage and handling for each order. It is possible you will be able to purchase kits locally without Postage and handling charges.

For further details ring YANQ on 008.177899 for the cost of a local call.

Return this form to register with YEL to:

Youth Affairs Network of Queensland
P.O. Box 362 Woodridge, 4114.





DIVISION OF YOUTH FIELD SERVICES

In the final quarter of 1989, a field service team of 12 officers was established and an officer was located within each Education Department Region at centres in:

Cairns	Maryborough
Townsville	Nambour
Rockhampton	Brisbane North
Longreach	Beenleigh
Toowoomba	Brisbane South
Ipswich	Chinchilla

THE MISSION

The team's mission is to provide a regionally based network that brings together young people, community organisations and Government Departments for the purpose of building an integrated, equitable, holistic and empowering service to young people.

THE GOALS

To achieve this, the field services staff will

* Represent and promote the functions of the Division of Youth throughout each Region by:

- promoting programs and resource
- assisting in the assessment of funding applications
- promoting and supporting the Youth Sector
- providing information concerning local needs and youth issues to the Division of Youth

* Provide an information and referral service to young people, youth organisations and agencies in each Region by:

- providing a "shop front" information service to young people and youth organisations/agencies on a range of issues such as education and training, employment, health, accommodation, legal matters, income security and recreation.
- referring young people to appropriate agencies and services, particularly disadvantaged young people.

* Facilitate the co-ordination of local youth services within each Region by:

- liaising with youth service providers in the Region

-developing and resourcing a regional network of Government and non-Government youth workers.

* Assist in the development of community education programs for young people within each Region by:

- raising the level of awareness of the need for continuing education.
- increasing the educational opportunities for young people not involved in full-time educational programs.

THE FUTURE

The Field Services team is drawn from the ranks of experienced youth workers. 1990 is the first year of the team's operation throughout the State and it heralds new initiatives in the co-ordination of effective Government and non-Government services to young people.

PARTICIPANTS

Field Services

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 Peter Browning West Moreton Ipswich (07) 202-3066
 Kerry Bell South West Chinchilla (076) 62-8331
 Gary King South Coast Beenleigh (07) 287-5533
 Alex McDonald Sunshine Coast Nambour (071) 41-4411
 John O'Halloran Peninsula Cairns (070) 31-3544
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DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING



QUEENSLAND
A STRONGER STATE A BETTER LIFE

Project "Pay Packet" is a Queensland Government initiative designed to reduce unemployment in the 15 to 21 year age group. The project was initiated in mid-1988 and will run to mid-1991.

There are two broad thrusts to the initiative. The first is to provide a personalised service to young people in the target age group who have been unemployed for more than six months. The second is to encourage the employers of Queensland to develop a positive attitude towards employing young people.

Services to the young unemployed are offered through 18 Project "Pay Packet" offices which are located in and around Brisbane, and in major regional centres from Cairns to the Gold Coast and west to Mt Isa. Youth Employment Co-ordinators working from these offices provide counselling services, attempt to place clients in work, assist clients to undertake training, and occasionally advise them to return to school.

training

Particular emphasis is placed on providing the young unemployed with training which will make them more attractive to employ-

ers. Youth Employment Co-ordinators are conversant with the wide range of courses available through TAFE Colleges and private training organisations such as commercial colleges. They also become involved in the development of new courses designed specifically for their young clients.

Youth Employment Co-ordinators also liaise with employers in their areas seeking job opportunities on behalf of their clients. This service allows the co-ordinator to recommend young people who have the right training, aptitude and interest for particular jobs. Maintaining regular contact with potential employers also gives the Co-ordinator a good indication of any areas where there may be skills shortages. He or she can then direct young, unemployed people to courses which qualify them for work in areas where there is demand.

advertising enthusiasm

Project "Pay Packet" funds have also been used to cover the cost of a major advertising campaign designed to encourage employers to change their attitude towards the young. The campaign has featured television, radio and newspaper advertisements asking employers to consider the enthusiasm and enormous potential of today's youth.

MORE INFORMATION

Anyone wanting more detailed information about Project "Pay Packet", its aims and services, should use the Project "Pay Packet" toll-free hotline:

008 017077.

RESOURCE YOUTH

December 2, 1989, was an historic day for Queensland; will it also be the start of a new era for Queensland's Youth Affairs?

The following summary of the State Labor Party's Youth Policy "Resource Youth" is a kind of appetizer for the three or more years to come.

If you would like to see the unexpurgated version, ring Wendy (07 208 7250/008 177 899).

Based on the premise that the young people of Queensland are to be seen as a major resource in the struggle towards economic recovery, this policy outlines the Labor Party's plans for assisting that resource achieve its maximum (economic) potential.

EDUCATION

- * "The strong relationship which exists between education, training and employment is well known."
- * "A State Labor Government will provide our education system with the resources necessary to offer greater educational and employment opportunities to young Queenslanders."
- * "Students will be encouraged to complete their secondary education and improve the skills they need for work in adult life. This does not mean that secondary schools will become vocational training institutions. Rather they will provide the general skills which will enable students to maximise their employment options when they enter the labour force."
- * "In addition Labor is committed to improving training and opportunities for these who leave school."
- * "Employers will also benefit from a number of financial incentives to encourage them to employ and train young Queenslanders."
- * "A Labor Government will also boost access to tertiary education for young Queenslanders."

To expand the occupational opportunities available to young people in our secondary schools, Labor will:

- "introduce a Life Skills course for years 8 to 12 to provide young people with information about such topics as work, finance, citizenship, and the law".
- "expand the range of technology-related courses in schools and T.A.F.E. colleges with a particular emphasis on computer education".
- "expand work experience programs for upper secondary students".
- "ensure integration and continuity between school and T.A.F.E. courses, traineeships and further education".
- "expand the existing Rural Community Youth Extension Services to provide additional educational and personal development opportunities for youth in rural areas".
- "endorse the National Policy for the Education of Girls and encourage greater female participation in courses and jobs which have traditionally been dominated by males".

TERTIARY EDUCATION

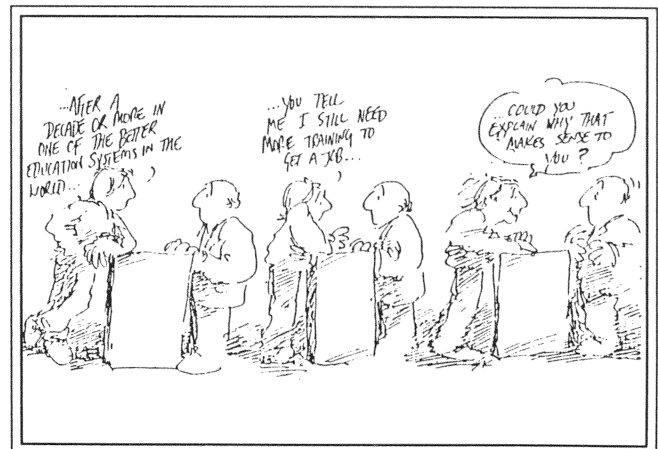
"Labor will move decisively to create additional places in Technical and Further Education, our Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education".

FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

- + "A major commitment in this area will be the establishment of youth traineeships in addition to those being generated under the Australian Government's Traineeship System".
- + "A range of initiatives will be taken to make the indenturing of apprentices more attractive to the private sector by reducing the cost of providing apprenticeship training".
- + "Consistent with our commitment to employment and training, additional support must be made available to assist country apprentices with accommodation and travel expenses".
- + "Labor will also introduce public transport fare concessions for our young unemployed".
- + "Among other initiatives to expand regional employment will be special focus on the rapidly expanding tourism and hospitality industry".

FOR EMPLOYERS

"Employers will benefit from Labor's initiatives to raise the skills levels of the Queensland workforce through an expansion of apprenticeships".
"Employers taking part in our employment and training initiatives will gain through:



~"rebates to employers for workers' compensation payments for apprentices".

~"extension of the existing payroll tax exemptions for first year apprentices and Group Apprenticeships, to all apprentices".

~"payroll tax rebates to employers who engage - for at least 12 months' employment - additional employees under the ages of 25 years who have been unemployed for nine months or more".

Well, what do you think? We'd love to get your feedback. Any comments, criticisms or inspired ideas will be collated and presented to the Minister.

Please respond by end of February 1990, at the latest, it is a good opportunity for the field to have input before things start happening.

Is your data up to date?

If you think it's possible that the data on your agency in our 008 Youth Info Line computer is not accurate, or if you just want to make sure it's up-to-the-minute, then why not take a few minutes to complete the form at right and post it back to us. It's particularly important in that we are now starting to print numerous directories for various areas and it'll save a lot of heartbreak if you can help us get it right.



Focusses: Tick up to 8 of the focuses listed below, to describe the main activities of your agency.

ABORI	Aboriginal
ACCOM	Accommodation - General
ADOPT	Adoption
ADVOC	Advocacy
ALCOH	Alcohol (addiction/counselling)
ARTS/	Arts/crafts
CCARE	Child Care
CES	Commonwealth Employment Service
CHILD	Children's Services
COLLE	College/University Groups
COMMU	Community Relations/Services
COORD	Coordination of Activities
COUNC	City, Town, or Shire Councils
COUNS	Counselling - General
CRISI	Crisis (intervention/care)
CULTU	Cultural
CYSS	Community Youth Support Scheme
DISAB	Disabled / Handicapped
DRUG	Drug (addiction/counselling)
DSS	Department of Social Security
E/REL	Emergency Relief
EDUCA	Education
EMERG	Emergency (shelter/care)
EMPLO	Employment
ETHNI	Ethnic/Migrant
FAMDC	Family Day Care
FAMIL	Family Care and Counselling
FAMPL	Family Planning/Pregnancy
FINAN	Finance (advice)
FOODD	Food Distribution
FOSTE	Foster Care
HEALT	Health

HOSTE	Hostels
INFOR	Information and Advice
ISOLA	Isolated Youth
JOBTR	Job Training
LEGAL	Legal (advice/counselling)
LIFEE	Life Education
MUTUA	Mutual Support
PEACE	Peace
POLIT	Political/Lobby Groups
PSYCH	Psychiatric / services & clinics
RAPEC	Rape Counselling
RECRE	Recreation, leisure, sport
REFER	Referral
RELIG	Religious
RESEA	Research
RESOU	Resource Groups
SCOUT	Scouting, Guides and Rovers
SERVI	Service Clubs
SEXUA	Sexual (counselling/violence)
SHELT	Shelters-Short term accommodation
SKILL	Skills Development
SOCIA	Social Skills/Groups
STREE	Street Work / Detached Workers
STUDE	Student Counselling
TAFEG	TAFE Groups
TELEP	Telephone Counselling
TRADE	Trade Unions
TRAIN	Training
TRANS	Translation/Interpreting Service
VIOLE	Violence (counselling/support)
WOMEN	Women
YOUNG	Young Gays and Lesbians

008 Youth Info Line

Agency Directory Information

Please print clearly. Grey areas for office use only

<p>Full name of organisation/agency: _____</p> <p>Locally known as: _____</p> <p>Phone number: (.....) After hours: (.....)</p> <p>Postal Address: _____ _____ _____ Postcode: _____</p> <p>Are you an incorporated body? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Is the above address the head office of your organisation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Do you have other branches of your organisation in Qld? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please list the town/city/suburb in which they are located (or attach a list of addresses): _____ _____ _____ _____</p>	<p>Agency code _____</p> <p>Street Address of Agency: _____ _____ _____</p> <p>Location Code _____</p> <p>Service Area Locn. _____</p> <p>Organisation Code _____</p> <p>No. of full-time employees _____</p> <p>No. of part-time employees _____</p> <p>In what way is your service funded? _____ _____</p> <p>Transport to your agency: <input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train <input type="checkbox"/> Private</p> <p>Access for disabled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Contact Person Code _____</p> <p>Is there a specific contact person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Costs if applicable _____</p> <p>Do you have a 24 hour crisis service? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Number (____) _____</p> <p>Who is Service available to? _____ _____</p> <p>Hours Open _____</p>
<p>Contact Person Details:</p> <p>Surname _____</p> <p>Christian Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Position in Agency _____</p>	<p>Name of any Publication _____</p> <p>Frequency of Publication _____</p> <p>Do you wish for your agency/organisation to be listed in a published directory? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Objectives: Please state the main objectives of your organisation/agency _____ _____ _____ _____</p>	<p>Mailing Classification _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PLEASE TURN OVER </p>

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HAPPY NEW YEAR