

This month's newsletter is bigger and fatter than ever! Our roving reporter reveals what Charles and Di wear to bed; we have some beaut suggestions for converting old socks into egg-cosies for Easter and there are special free give-aways!

Well, if you do have the time to recycle old socks I could recommend alternative reading. This issue covers YEL; Skillshare; Young People and Domestic Violence; a Report From NORQYAC; and much much more! And yes, there are give-aways, - read on!

SO THAT'S THE WAY IT IS ...

This questionnaire was sent out in order to elicit information from the field regarding the issues faced; the kind of network preferred and the functions of a state-wide youth affairs network. Number sent out = 500, number of respondents = 63, or 12.6%. This is a good response, especially when the time of year (November) and the short time given for responding (two weeks), are taken into account.

Obviously, the responses reflect the focuses of the agencies and people concerned, therefore we cannot claim that the results truly reflect the concerns of all youth workers and organisations in Queensland. However, the fact that some issues were mentioned by most, or several of the respondents does suggest that they are relevant to agencies with varied focuses.

A quick glance through the responses shows that the most-frequently used word is "lack". There is a general impression of inadequacy: of resources; time; staff numbers; income; worker training; etc etc. The inevitable result is the provision of an inadequate service to young people and frustration for both the worker and young person.

The following is a report of the responses to each of the questions.

1 WHAT ARE THE 4 MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES/PROBLEMS FACING YOU AS A YOUTH WORKER / YOUR ORGANISATION?

The responses to this question have been grouped under headings, and are presented in descending order of frequency, below. (Refer to question 2). As would be expected, the responses reflected the particular focus of the agency concerned; however there are some issues that are common to most or many

respondents. Some of the responses could fit under more than one heading. For simplicity, in these instances, they have been grouped under the heading most apparently relevant to the agency concerned.

It can clearly be seen that lack of resources is the most prevalent issue. Lack of resources is also the major factor in the causing of some of the others, eg lack of adequate accommodation or

low pay for workers.

The breakdown of the 4 most frequently-mentioned issues is:

Issue	no.	%
resources	54	20.22
networking/co-ordination	29	10.86
accommodation	26	10.32
(un) employment	20	7.94



Resources

We have broken down these responses into the following groups:

changing current funding policy	4	6.0
nature of short-term funding	3	5.0
lack of, for effective services workers	16	27.0
lack of available and skilled support services (referral resources)	12	20.0
specialised skills for drug, alcohol psychiatric, incest, sexual abuse, and self-esteem support/counselling	18	30.0
physical facilities	7	11.6

Accommodation

These responses are grouped as follows:

Issue	no.	%
long term	5	19.23
lack of affordable	4	15.38
lack choices	3	11.54
lack of crisis	2	7.69
ungrouped	12	46.15

(nb included in the "ungrouped" are 7 responses stating simply "accommodation" or equivalent)

Networking/Co-ordination

The responses under the heading "networking" have three focuses:

- 1 contact with similar / other organisation
- 2.....need for support from others in similar position
- 3.....information re who / what / where in region / gov
.....ernment

The responses under the heading "co-ordination" have the following focuses:

- 1.....need for local co-ordination and co-operation
- 2.....liason between government and non-government
.....services
- 3.....overall cohesion in youth services

At the YANQ centre we are gradually building up a picture of the nature of services all over the state. This information will be very useful in helping people get in touch with the organisations / people / information referred to under "co-ordination".

One aim of having a regionally-based network was to facilitate and enhance local co-ordination and co-operation. The Steering Committee is currently looking at ways it can help facilitate this process, perhaps through locally-conducted workshops.

Members of the Steering Committee and the Project Development Officer have been developing and maintaining good working relationships with members of the Government and its employees in order to facilitate communication and liason.

(Un) employment

Over 1/3 of these responses stated simply "employment" or "unemployment". It is therefore hard to draw conclusions as to how YANQ could be of assistance. For the other responses, they have the following focuses:

- 1 result of unemployment (crime)
- 2 rural unemployment
- 3 causes (lack social and educational skills)
- 4 training (for disadvantaged / social or educational skills / preparation of resumes / etc)

Worker issues

These responses highlight the result of inadequate rates of pay and conditions: burnout of staff. This in turn leading to high staff turnover.

Family

Half of these responses note the lack of (or poor) family support for the young people who are clients of their services. The need to work with both the young person and her/his family is also mentioned.

2. OF THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED ABOVE, WHICH COULD BE BEST ADDRESSED BY THE FOLLOWING: (INDICATE BY NUMBER SELECTED ABOVE).

- (A) YOU/ YOUR ORGANISATION INDIVIDUALLY
(B) A REGIONALLY CO-ORDINATED GROUP OF YOUTH WORKERS/ORGANSIATIONS
(C) A STATE-WIDE YOUTH AFFAIRS ORGANISATION
(D) OTHER

Using the groupings of the issues, as above, the following indicates how many times each of the letters (ABCD) was chosen, along with comments added. NB, some respondents did not identify which way the issues could be best addressed, and others identified more than one way. Most of the respondents who ticked "D" did not indicate what they had in mind, as can be seen below.

ISSUE	Ttl	A	B	C	D
Resource	54	12	14	26	9
Networking/ Co-ordination Accommodation	29 26	13 9	17 10	18 15	1 3
(Un) Employment Alcohol/Drugs Contacting Youth Community Motivation Workers Issues Co-ordination Families New Ideas Youth Income	20 10 8 9 8 8 9 8 7 7	4 4 5 3 7 2 7 5 3 -	5 5 3 4 1 - 6 1 5 3	10 7 - 5 - 7 5 - 4 5	- 4 - 1 - 2 1 2 - - 2
Education	6	1	2	2	1
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The issues that could be best addressed by "you/your organisation individually" (A) were:

contacting youth families	motivation counselling	co-ordination
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The issues that could be best addressed by a "regionally co-ordinated group of youth workers/organisations" (b) were:

new ideas	transport
boredom/recreation	worker training

The issues that could be best addressed by a state-wide youth affairs organisation (C) were:

resources	accommodation
(un)employment	networking
worker issues	youth incomes
legal problems	community
alcohol/drugs	

3. ARE YOU / YOUR ORGANISATION CURRENTLY PART OF A YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK, EG SEQYAC, NORQYAC, AN INTER-AGENCY, A YOUTH WORKERS' FORUM, ETC?

41 agencies belong to a network = 65.08 %.

regional	local	state	federal
31	6	18	3

There was some uncertainty as to the difference between "regional" and "local"; with some respondents referring to a town-based network as "regional" and others referring to the same network as "local".

If the figures for "regional" and "local" are combined, the picture is as follows:

regional	state	federal
37	18	3

Of the respondents who do belong to a network, they are divided into the following percentages, (nb some respondents belong to more than one network):

regional	state	federal
90.24%	43.90%	7.32%

3(b) IF NO, WOULD YOU/YOUR ORGANISATION BE INTERESTED IN A NETWORK OF YOUTH WORKERS/YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

- (i) ON A REGIONAL LEVEL
- (ii) ON A STATE LEVEL
- (iii) OTHER

Out of the 22 (34.92%) who do not already belong to a network:

16 do want to belong to a network (72.73%)

6 do not want to belong to a network (27.27%)

Out of those who do want to belong to a network, the breakdown of preferred type of networks is as follows:

local	regional	state
1	14	5
6.25%	87.5%	31.25%

If the figures for "regional" and "local" are combined, the preferred networks to join are as follows:

regional	state
93.75%	31.25%

The preference for a regionally-based network supports the Steering Committee's proposal for the state-wide network to have a regionally-based structure. In this way, regional groups can focus on local issues, or participate in state-wide activities when the need arises.

4. WHAT DO YOU/YOUR ORGANISATION SEE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF A YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK IN QUEENSLAND?

Total number of suggestions = 142.

In descending order of frequency, the suggestions were as follows:

function	no.	%
information on other services/ what's successful/co-ordinate info	28	19.7
information re funding available	7	4.9
networking/providing mutual support for workers	20	14.1
encourage co-ordination - community organisations working together to cover total needs	10	7.0
co-ordination/sharing of available resources	6	4.3
lobbying/advocacy to government & public	19	13.8
promotion of problems of youth to media & community	9	6.3
provide training/training information	8	5.6
broaden outlook/provide new ideas	5	3.5
empowerment for young people	4	2.8
research/consultation	3	2.1
develop policy that reflects youth sector ideology	2	1.41

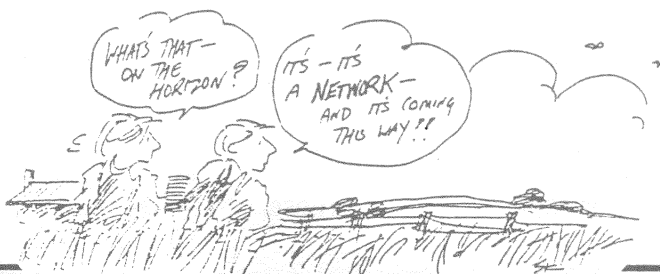
(Other functions were mentioned once only)

major functions

When the functions are grouped according to related topics (as set out above), it can be seen that the **major functions are:** networking; information dissemination and lobbying/advocacy.

function	no.	%
networking / co-ordination	36	25.35
disseminate information to field	35	24.65
lobbying/advocacy/promotion of problems	28	19.72

These major functions reflect the functions of YANQ as outlined in the submission for funds (and the leaflet distributed previously).



5. WHAT COULD A YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK IN QUEENSLAND DO FOR YOU/YOUR ORGANISATION?

A total of 99 functions were suggested.

function	no.	%
keep us up-to-date re current issues/facilities/ resources/funding	25	25.25
information re other services	5	5.05
tapping information from more experienced workers	1	1.01
policy information	1	1.01
network agencies - support/encouragement/ make contacts	12	12.12
links at local level	3	3.03
co-ordination	4	4.04
co-ordination of available resources/ avoid duplication	3	3.03
lobbying government/parties/other groups	10	10.10
lobbying for more money/services	2	2.02
training/training information/ workshops on particular issues	5	5.05
keep a broader perspective on yth affairs	4	4.04
provide forum for youth issues/youth policy	2	2.02
raise public awareness/publicity	5	5.05

(Other functions were mentioned once only.)

Major functions

When the functions are grouped according to related topics (as set out above), it can be seen that the major functions are: information dissemination; networking/co-ordination; and lobbying/advocacy.

function	no.	%
information	32	32.3
networking/co-ordination	22	22.3
lobbying	12	12.1

Again, these functions reflect the functions of YANQ, as outlined in the brochure.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Due to lack of space, and the broad range of issues raised, we won't list the comments. I considered quoting a few, but decided not to in case of offending those who were not quoted.

If you would like a more detailed report of the survey, (including every issue, comment etc in full), we will be happy to forward a copy.

CONCLUSION

In a few words: we have an enormous task ahead of us! Alternatively: start lobbying your federal election candidates now!

This questionnaire has elicited valuable information regarding the concerns of the youth affairs field *right now*, and how these concerns could be tackled.

From YANQ's point of view, it is particularly interesting to note that the second most frequently-mentioned issue is "networking/co-ordination" and that the preferred network to join is a regionally-based one. As mentioned previously, the advantage of a regionally-based state-wide network is that it facilitates "tapping into" state-wide, or national concerns as necessary. In other words, one can concentrate on local issues, while seeing them in a broader context, which, after all, is how they will have to be approached if any lasting change is to occur.

The responses to the questions regarding the most important functions of a state-wide network correspond with the functions of YANQ as seen by its interim steering committee and reflect the process the network is undergoing: establishing the network; disseminating information; and, once the network is established, acting as an advocate on behalf of the field.

Finally, thank you once again to the people who took time to help, may your funding never decrease.



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- To open up new choices and possibilities and help them to follow their decisions through.

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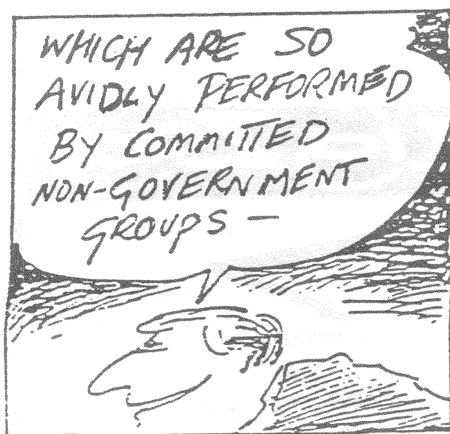
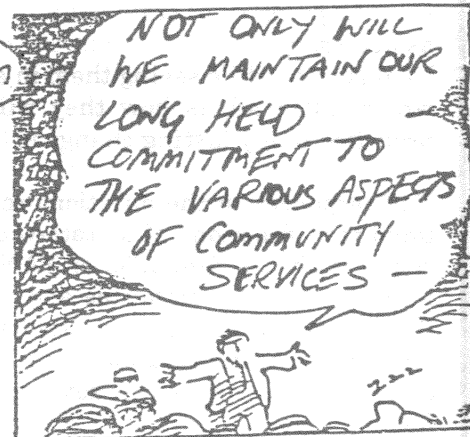
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CLEAR ON THE ISSUE OF
WELFARE CUTS -

Remembrance

BY JIM REDDEN
& SIMON KNEESONE



Y E L

With the Federal election coming up, now is the time to alert the polliies and would-be polliies to the needs of young people and the responsibliity of the gov-ernment towards them.

The enclosed YEL "lift-out" section , (aren't we getting sophisticated, there'll be free scratchits next!), aims to share a few ideas of how to keep the candidates on their toes.

SKILLSHARE PROGRAM

The Commonwealth Department of Employment Education and Training funds local community groups, including revised CYSS organisations, church groups and others to conduct the Skillshare Program of activities under contract for disadvantaged and unemployed people. Skillshare came into existence in January, 1989 and forms part of the Commonwealth's employment and education strategies for a skilled workforce similar to other programs which includes C.E.S. and Job Train.

The Skillshare Programs provide services to the following unemployed and disadvantaged groups:

*** long term unemployed *** disabled
*** migrants *** pensioners/widows
*** aboriginals *** youth at risk
***ex-offenders.

There are a range of work skills training course and open access activities on offer and the variety differs from one Skillshare program to another.

YOUTH SECTOR TRAINING COUNCIL AND SKILLSHARE STAFF TRAINING

Queensland YSTC has completed stage one of the Skillshare Training Needs Analysis for Skillshare staff as workers with youth. Youth Bureau grant monies to train Skillshare workers will be used now to "design and implement" appropriate training. Training Services Australia compiled some survey information from the "competency statements" that were based on the small group efforts of Skillshare staff late last year. The next stage could prove to beverywell what aboutinteresting.

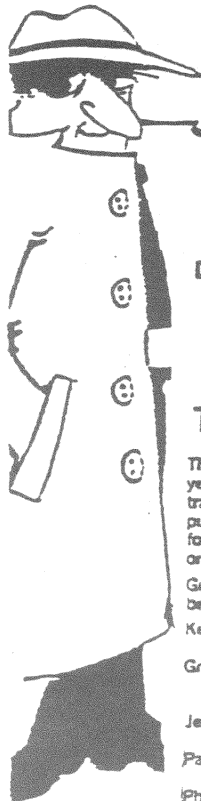
POSITION VACANT

The Skillshare representative Lance Haines is resigning from the position because of other commitments and wants to encourage other Skillshare Project Officers to become involved in YANQ and on the YSTC during 1990.

The position on the YSTC represents the field of Skillshare POs and the issues related to youth, education and training.

Skillshare is part of the Youth Affairs Network throughout QLD and has the largest number of centres who represent a common focus and program status.

If you are interested in the above positions, contact Georgina Warrington at the YANQ office, (07 - 208 7250) for further details.



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DON'T FORGET!

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORT AND RACING
DIVISION OF YOUTH

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING GRANTS 1990/91

The Queensland Government makes grants available each year to assist youth and community organisations in the training of youth leaders. Funds may be provided for the purpose of conducting youth leadership training courses, or for sending members to similar courses conducted by other organisations.

Guidelines, application forms and further information can be obtained from Division of Youth Regional Field Officers:

Ken Rucie, Brisbane North
Pte (07) 205 1522

Greg Dalton, Brisbane
South Region Pte (07)
849 0940

Jeff Jenkins, Central Region
Pte (079) 27 4933

Paul Dunne, Darling Downs
Region Pte (076) 38 3326

Philomena Jackson,
North-Western Region Pte
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Fay Gasparini, Northern
Region Pte (077) 75 4122

John O'Halloran, Peninsula
Region Pte (070) 51 0300

Garry King, South Coast
Region Pte (07) 287 5533

Kerri Bell, South Western
Region Pte (076) 62 8331

Alex McDonald, Sunshine
Coast Pte (071) 41 4411

Peter Browning, West
Moreton Region Pte (07)
202 3066

Tony McGuire, Wide Bay
Region Pte (071) 22 2855

OR

Gay Messer
Grants and Subsidy Officer
Division of Youth
Pte (07) 237 1298

John Dawkins
Co-ordinator, Field Services
Division of Youth
Pte (07) 237 1873

Applications for these grants close at 5.00 pm on Friday,
30th March, 1990 and must be submitted to the Director,
Division of Youth, Department of Tourism, Sport and Rac-
ing, PO Box 336, North Quay 4002. 77G188 m4

THOUGHTS ON YOUTHWORK

I was speaking to a group of volunteer workers from a local agency recently, the topic being, 'Youth problems and issues - relating to young people'. In small groups I asked people to identify what they, as adults, saw as the main problems young people have.

In discussing the final list of considerable problems I then asked, 'How many of these then, would also apply to adults'? The response was not surprising in that nearly every problem could also be indentified as one 'belonging' to an adult.

We often tend to consider the difficulties young people face as being only specific to their age group and respond accordingly. We as adults tend to talk down rather than talk across. If a young person underage is drinking excessively we indentify it as being a problem.

We as youthworkers are in a privileged position to be able to work at such a close, intimate level with young people who are experiencing difficult times. Our role as a supporter, a friend or an advocate can never be taken too lightly. And in all the excitement of lobbying for change, rushing off the attend the next meeting or taking that 'only one more' important phone call, lets make sure that we don't leave our young friends too far behind.

Youthwork is a growing field, maybe growing too quickly, I'm not sure, but we don't want to become cogs in a system already of wrought with bureaucracy. It is a dilemma because more and more agencies need greater resources and so must accept the responsibility that goes along with that. Our working conditions today are a vast improvement on what they were twelve years ago, yet are still very poor. Then, look at the working conditions our 'kids' are under. There's no justice there either.

KEVIN SAIDE
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Thanks to the effort of Fusion Volunteer Worker Hayden Rodson, the YANQ Office now has carpet.

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NORQYAC

REPORT FROM THE NORTH

The North Queensland Youth Accommodation Coalition (NORQYAC) held its annual general meeting on the Atherton Tableland during the first week of February.

NORQYAC, in existence since 1984, represents youth accommodation services from Gladstone north and is a member coalition of the National Youth Coalition for housing.

Eighteen representatives from Gladstone, Rockhampton, Mt Isa, Mackay, Townsville, Innisfail and Cairns attended the meeting held over three days and regarded as one of the most productive NORQYAC has had.

The meeting was a good opportunity for members to catch up on the problems of other regions, to discuss some co-ordinated responses and to meet with government representatives and project workers.

Recent changes to the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) made the meeting especially significant as in the past NORQYAC has received financial support to enable it to provide information to the SAAP Ministerial Advisory Committee and now the future of this support is unclear.

In the past NORQYAC was able to meet fairly regularly and maintain a useful network in spite of travel costs over large distances, but now we're broke.

This may have been the last NORQYAC meeting for a long time. Apart from discussion on what to do about this problem other major agenda items included the future role of NORQYAC training, changes to SAAP, minimum standards for youth accommodation services, Burdekin initiatives, purpose built youth housing, the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement consultations and this year's State youth conference.

For further information contact GARY ROBERTS (079) 222453.

THE PROJECT CHALLENGE STORY

Project Challenge Inc. offers adventure based experiential learning activities in Central Queensland. It has a membership predominantly of youth workers and in this article Gary Roberts gives an overview.

"How can we make our programs work better?" was the question a group of Rockhampton youth workers were asking that led to the formation of Project Challenge.

Our idea was to invite the friendly people from "The Outlook" to run a four day training workshop for us; they agreed and told us we would need to locate a site, cables, logs and other equipment needed to build a ropes adventure course by the time they arrived.

In late 1986, Phil and Rick arrived from Boonah and together with staff from the Family Services Department, the Capricorn Youth Shelter and New Horizons we completed the workshop, built a Low Ropes Course and a high activity all in seven days.

During the following year, word spread and as a result of demand The Outlook returned for another workshop this time with youth workers from as far afield as Gladstone, Emerald, Clermont and Moranbah.

We decided we needed to formalize an organisation to manage the Ropes Adventure Course and to work towards the further development of adventure based experiential learning programs in Central Queensland. So in 1987 Project Challenge was formed and over time we developed operating standards and in 1989 presented our first "homegrown" Ropes Course Instructor Accreditation Training Workshop.

We offer an approach to help individuals reach their goals and improve self esteem in a co-operative, fun and supportive environment.

Over the last two years 1530 participants mostly young people used Project Challenge's facilities. They came from a wide variety of organizations such as Skillshare, Community Corrections Office, Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service, High Schools, Family Services, TAFE, and Aboriginal Services, reflecting the popularity and value placed by the local community on the services we provide.

Adselling and canoeing is now offered with accredited instructors, a Mountain Bike Project will start soon and this year we intend to run a series of workshops and are hoping for a grant submission to be successful so we can employ a Programs Officer for one year. Our hope is to be able to respond to increasing requests, maintain our standards, and keep enjoying ourselves.

For further information contact the Secretary, Ray Arthur (079) 222960



GOT A GOOD IDEA FOR YOUTH WEEK

GUIDELINES ARE BROAD - TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE

YOUTH WEEK
18-24 JUNE 1990



PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Youth Week Grants Program is to encourage and assist community organisation to participate in Youth Week activities at the local level.

Grants of \$500 - \$1,000 will be available for this purpose.

ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS

Grants are available to Youth Week Committees and non-Government youth and community organisations.

✦ **PLEASE NOTE:** If your organisation is not incorporated, you must have an incorporated body sponsor for your application. Written confirmation of this agreement must be submitted at the time of application.

CRITERIA USES IN ALLOCATING FUNDS

- ❖ Promotion of the goals of Youth Week
- ❖ Evidence of appropriate planning
- ❖ Involvement of young people (aged 12 - 25 years) in the planning and implementation of the project/activity

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applicants must contact their Division of Youth Regional Field Officer to discuss their initial proposal and its eligibility.
2. Completed forms should then be forwarded to the director, Division of Youth, Department of Tourism, Sport and dRacing, P O Box 336, North Quay 4002 by 16th April, 1990.
3. Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged in writing.
4. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their submissions by the end of May, 1990. Cheques will be forwarded to successful applicants at the same time.

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

1. All funded projects/activities must be conducted during Youth Week 1990.
2. Funds granted must be expended on the project/activities outlined in the application. Any proposed changes after the initial application must be submitted in writing to the Director, Division of Youth in writing.
3. A Final Report plus Income and Expenditure Statement (on the forms provided) must be completed at the end of Youth Week and Submitted to the Division of Youth Regional Field Officer by 31st August, 1990.
- ✦ N.B. All receipts must be attached to the Income and Expenditure Statement.
4. In the event of the cancellation of a funded project/activity, the Regional Field Officer must be notified in writing and the unexpended funds returned immediately. Monies spent should be detailed on the Income and Expenditure Statement, with relevant receipts attached.
5. Acceptance of payment of the grant indicates the recipient's acceptance of all the conditions of the grant.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact your Division of Youth Regional Field Officers.

Name	Region	Phone
Ken Rubie,	Brisbane North	(07) 205 1522
Greg Dalton	Brisbane South	(07) 849 0949
Jeff Jenkins	Central	(079) 27 4933
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Fay Gasparini	Northern	(077) 75 4122
John O'Halloran	Peninsula	(070) 31 3544
Garry King	South Coast	(07) 287 5533
Kerri Bell	South West	(076) 62 8331
Alex McDonald	Sunshine Coast	(071) 41 4411
Peter Browning	West Moreton	(07) 202 3066
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**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORT AND RACING
DIVISION OF YOUTH****YOUTH WEEK GRANTS**

Name of Organisation

Street Address

Postal Address

Post Code

Business Hours Contact Person

Phone

Amount Sought →

 \$

I

declare that the following application form has been completed accurately, that I have been authorised to lodge this application on behalf of the organisation and that all supporting documents are attached.

Signature

Phone

Position

Date

Project Profile

Describe in general terms the project which funds are sought. (Attach a more detailed description of the program(s), method of operation and anticipated results).

What are the objectives of the Project?

Where will the project be located and what geographical area will it cover?

How will the project be evaluated?

Youth Participation In Project Management

Explain briefly how and in what capacity the organisation involves young people in the planning, development and delivery of the Project.

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Please provide details of numbers catered for by this project, in the 12 - 25 years age group.

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INCORPORATION/REGISTRATION/SPONSORSHIP OF ORGANISATION

Please state the Code or Act under which the organisation is incorporated/registered/sponsored.

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OR

What steps are being taken to become incorporated/registered/sponsored?

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If your organisation is being sponsored, please forward a letter from the sponsor in this regard.

BUDGET

Please provide a detailed estimate of project costs.

ITEM	COST

Please return completed form to:

The Director
Division of Youth
Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing
PO Box 336
NORTH QUAY Q 4002

by 16TH APRIL, 1990

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH WEEK GRANTS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DIVISION OF YOUTH REGIONAL FIELD OFFICER:

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Amazing Experience

The Welfare Maze in King George Square 9th and 10th February was a Queensland project for The National Child Poverty Campaign. The aims of the campaign are to give information on the nature and extent of child poverty in Australia and to initiate action.

The maze erected in The Square represented the social services system in a space 50' x 40'. It was in effect a giant board game with human players.

At the official opening invited guests - politicians, church leaders, government officials and other public figures were invited to test their skills at negotiating The Welfare Maze. For the purposes of the game they were given an identity to assume - that of a would-be recipient of social service. Inside the maze they were confronted by actors playing the parts of social services workers wielding pads of "wild cards".

The goal for participants was to receive from these actors the goods and services they needed to resolve the problems they had been assigned as part of their "role", and thus find their way out of the maze. Needless to say, participants found the experience "frustrating", "bewildering" and "confusing"!

After the opening ceremony the maze was open to the public and participants represented a large one young school leaver whose circumstances mirrored exactly one of the game roles. Others somewhat reluctantly dragged in by their children confessed to finding the experience a real eye-opener. Actors were surprised at the extent to which participants assumed their roles and on many occasions were obliged to step out of role to discuss with participants the realities the game represented.

There were 25 Information Booths erected around the maze. They were incorporated into the maze game through the wild cards but also served a separate and highly successful function - that of informing the public, not only what services are currently available but also how they can be accessed. When we know that only about half of the

number of eligible families have actually applied for FAS we can see the necessity for such information giving.

If the Welfare Maze informed, if it disabused people of the notion that users of welfare services were "bludgers" and that the Welfare State made things "too easy" then it was successful. If the experience, albeit contrived, of negotiating the complexities of our social services system, makes some of our planners and decision-makers opt for more human and responsive services in the future it will have achieved a major objective. Finally, if we as workers in the system strengthened links and gained information from our colleagues and can use that network and knowledge in our advocacy for clients then a third major objective will have been achieved.

send Bob a line

The Promise the Children: Action on Child Poverty campaign has entered its final phase - one in which it seeks to put child poverty and the structural causes of poverty high on the political and public agenda. The initial Federal/State Child Poverty Summit meeting held on 15th February indicates some success in this aim. Organizers plan to end the campaign with a graphic message to politicians. Hundreds of thousands of post-cards have been distributed around Australia. People are asked to sign these and return

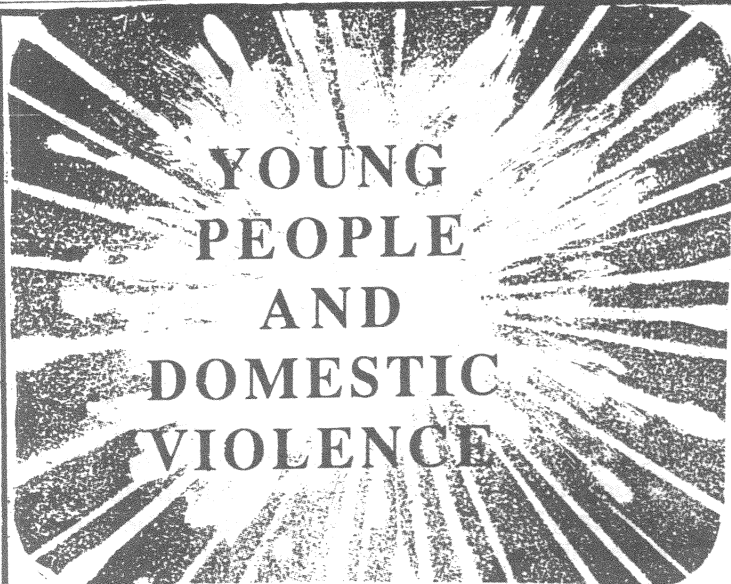
them to The Brotherhood of St Laurence who hope to receive at least 500 000. That is one for every child in poverty - to pass on to political leaders. The message: the electorate does care about child poverty and does expect some action.

These cards are still available from QCOSS. Also available soon will be the Welfare Maze boardgame - the social services' answer to Monopoly!

There must be
some social justice around
here someplace



Anne Reddell
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YOUNG PEOPLE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Young People Sub Program of the National Domestic Violence Education Program (NDVEP) was established in mid-November, by the Office of the Status of Women, and will continue till May 1990.

During this period the program aims to raise community awareness, provide information and material to young people, teachers and workers with youth about the nature and effects of domestic violence, and ways of giving and receiving support.

The program is oriented toward "Breaking The Silence" of domestic violence. A Central message will be that violence is not an acceptable part of any relationship. An emphasis will be placed on developing non-violent relationships, by identifying patterns of behaviour which can contribute to violence in adult life. Further, it will be noted that growing up in a violent family does not mean that future relationships have to be violent. Many people who experience violence as children choose not to become violent as adults.

Over the next few months the program will be working with the media to promote the campaign and to place on the agenda the issues concerning young people. The issues will include the barriers which stop young people talking about violence in their families; the lack of support services specifically for young people; what types of support young people need; what happens when support is sought. Other issues will be the family, its structure, the gender relations of power; and the effects of violence on young peoples self identity and how it can affect their future relationships.

The resources of service providers will prove valuable in promoting these issues in the media. The intention is to generate discussion about the needs of young people and to provide information about what preventative measures are needed to break the cycle of violence in the community.

An information booklet is currently being developed to be distributed into schools and the community. The booklet will focus on Families and Violence. The booklet has three aims:

1. to help young people to acknowledge violence in the family.
2. to encourage young people to talk about the violence.
3. to provide information about solving problems without violence.

The booklet will be distributed in March and launched nationally in April. It will provide information to young people and workers as to what options are available to young people in taking steps to protect themselves.

In April 1990, the NDVEP will be holding a conference: Break the Cycle: National Forum on Domestic Violence Training.

It will be held on April 26, 27, 28 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. For information about the conference ring (062) 576970.

Dates to Remember

February - April: Magazine advertising campaign (domestic violence - young people).

April 26: National Stop Domestic Violence Day.

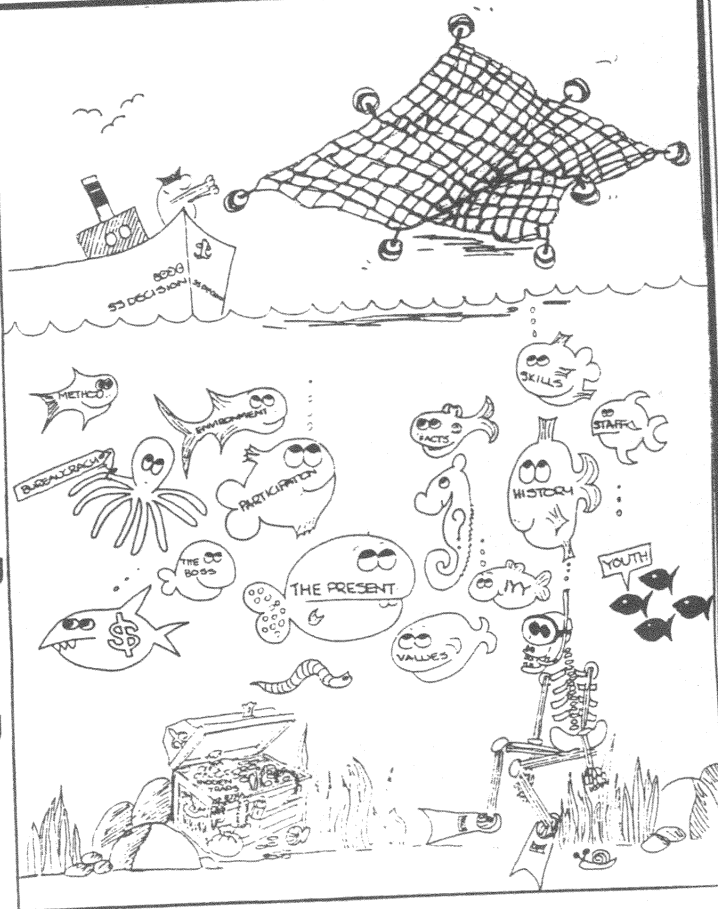
April 26, 27 28: - National Forum on Domestic Violence Training, at the Adelaide Convention Centre (ring 062 576970 for more information).

April - National Launch of the Young People Sub Program.

For more information about the Young People Sub-Program, ring Jacky Harding (062) 758730.

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 contact YANQ on 008 177899. 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 for our young people.



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THE BIG SECRET

Families and Violence is an information booklet addressing the needs of young People facing violence in their personal lives and families.

The booklet can be used as a resource for assisting young people to talk more openly about violent behaviour, to understand it's gender basis, how it affects them, and support services available to help.

Please return form to:

The Office of the Status of Women
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
3 - 5 National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600
Telephone: (062) 715625

Tick the appropriate box indicating how many copies of THE BIG SECRET your service would like to obtain.

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