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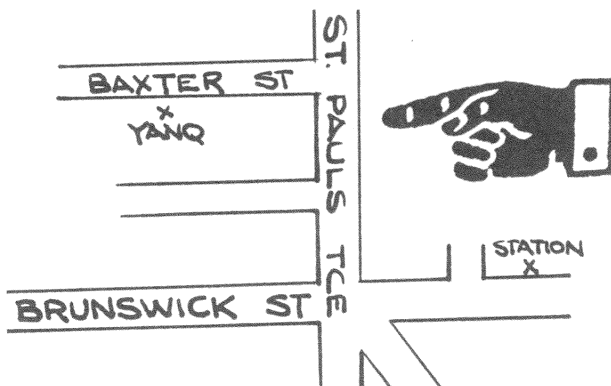
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CH...CH...CH...CH...CH...CHANGES

YANQ has a new home, a new name and new staff. Which only means one thing - lots of *news* and an opportunity to provide an even better service on youth affairs.

WHERE TO FIND US

You can now visit your friendly YANQ staff at 36 Baxter Street, Fortitude Valley.



Our new office has some exciting advantages:

- * a large meeting/conference room (with kitchen facilities) for hire. Cost will be on an equity basis. Ph: (07) 852 1800 for bookings.
- * a more central location providing easier access for members and the public
- * air-conditioning!

A very big THANK YOU to Fusion staff for all their support over the last few years.

INCORPORATION

All of you will doubtlessly be aware of how tedious the process of becoming incorporated can be; nevertheless, we have done it. Now we can apply for funding in our own right and our Coordinating Committee members are all very pleased with the protection that incorporation provides.



FAREWELL

It is with much regret that we say goodbye to Georgina Warrington, YANQ's determined, hard-working and enthusiastic Project Development Officer. Georgina's contribution to the establishment and initial networking of YANQ has been invaluable. Goodbye and good luck Georgina.

YANQ is also losing the services of Policy/Research Officer Peter Pearce. Peter's research and networking skills and dedication to developing youth policies and promoting youth affairs will be sincerely missed. We wish him all the best for the future.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

The name **Lindsay Granger** will ring a bell for many of you. Lindsay comes to the Network from QCOSS where he worked on the CSHA and Emergency Relief projects. He brings to YANQ a variety of experience as the new **Network Development Coordinator**. Self-employed in small business for seven years, Lindsay also has training in architecture at QUT (1976-79) and Community Welfare at BCAE (1988-89). Prior to 1988 he worked as a project coordinator at Woolloongabba CYSS. He will be doing a fair bit of travelling in the next few months promoting YANQ's up and coming Policy Forum. If you haven't already met him you're sure to soon.

Rita Riedel, YANQ's new **Communications/Administration Officer**, is a new and fresh face in the youth sector. Rita recently moved up from Adelaide looking for a bright and promising career. (Little does she know what she's in for!) Rita graduated in 1989 from the SA Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Arts in Library and Information Management. She has worked in a senior office administration capacity and brings with her a range of organisational and research skills. She is young and full of energy and will also be travelling a fair bit in the months ahead. Don't hesitate to get in touch.

Hot of the press is YANQ's new **Policy/Research Officer, Corrie McDonald**. Having completed a Bachelor of Arts in 1987 (majoring in Philosophy, Government and French) Corrie has worked primarily in community legal centres which include the Prisoners' Legal Service, the

Darwin Community Legal Service and the Environmental Defender's Office. Corrie possesses a range of research, editing and policy preparation skills and looks forward to learning more about youth issues as she commences work with those involved in the Queensland's youth sector. Together with Lindsay and Rita she will be out in the field soon promoting YANQ's up and coming Policy Forum. Welcome aboard Corrie.

The new YANQ team are more determined than ever to promote the interests and well-being of young people in Queensland, provide up-to-date information on youth issues, assist with the development of youth policies and most importantly, let youth have their say. If you haven't become a member then you're missing out. Fill in a membership application so you can

HAVE YOUR SAY!

YANQ now publishes a quarterly newsletter (this is it) and a quarterly youth affairs journal. The journal is published under the title TRANSITIONS.

The purpose of the newsletter is to encourage the flow of information through the youth affairs field. The newsletter is ideal for communicating news on issues and events in an accessible, informal manner. It is distributed to over 500 readers.

transitions

TRANSITIONS is a more formal vehicle for the publication of original material of relevance to youth affairs in Queensland. Published articles are usually about 2,500 words and no more than 4,000 words, in length. Where necessary articles should be properly referenced and include a comprehensive bibliography. Incidental material such as topic book reviews may also be included. TRANSITIONS is distributed to YANQ members and associate members only.

If you have an issue or event that you wish to publicize send or fax us a note of up to 300 words. We will do our best to print it in the newsletter. Fax (07) 852 1441.

If you are in the habit of writing articles or even if you are not perhaps you should give TRANSITIONS a thought. Contact the YANQ office and a staff member will be happy to provide all the encouragement you need. (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177899.





YANQ POLICY FORUM

31 May - 2 June 1991

The first YANQ Policy Forum will be held in Brisbane from 31 May to 2 June 1991. This event will involve people from across Queensland meeting to establish processes and priorities for YANQ's policy direction over the next 12 months.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

The Forum will invite both regional and issues based representation. We are asking each of the 12 regions (we have decided to use the Division of Youth's regions because of the existing networks within them), peak bodies, issues groups and organisations in the youth sector to nominate people to attend the Forum.

If you are a member of an issues group, peak body or statewide youth organisation that you think should be represented at the forum please raise this item on your group's next agenda.

Representation will be open to YANQ members only.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Only your time and commitment. YANQ is able to fund travel and accommodation costs for approximately 40 representatives:

- 3 nominees each from the South-West, West and Far North regions
- 2 nominees each from all other regions
- 12 issues-based representatives, 3 of which can come from outside Brisbane

MEETINGS COMING SOON

YANQ staff will be organising a series of regional meetings around the state in April/May to clarify details about the Forum and more detailed information will be mailed out beforehand.

If we can help you with any queries please ring the YANQ office on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177899.

CSHA CONSULTATION PROJECT

YOUTH HOUSING FORUM

The South Queensland consultants for the CSHA Community Consultation project are toying with the notion of a youth housing forum. The consultants, Esta Knudsen and Peter Walsh, are gathering information for inclusion in their report to the Department of Housing and Local Government. The question of how best to gather information from young people has come up.

One way of consulting with young people would be to co-convene a one day forum in conjunction with groups

active in the youth housing field in South Queensland. Young people from a number of centres in the South could be asked to attend. Of course Peter, Esta and other agency and coalition workers would have to agree to resource the groups of young people in order to ensure that consultations are meaningful.

Everything is at the ideas stage at present. Give it some thought. Esta and Peter are keen to hear what you think. They can be contacted on (07) 852 2011 or fax your suggestion through on (07) 852 1441.

QUEENSLAND YOUNG HOMELESS FUND UNDERWAY

The Queensland Young Homeless Fund has begun working in the youth sector in South-East Queensland. Launched in October 1990 the Fund is the first major initiative of the Queensland Community Foundation, a separately incorporated charitable trust (est. 1987) administered by ANZ Trustees.

The emphasis of the Fund will be on prevention rather than on the provision of the 'coalface' services of emergency accommodation and counselling. Accordingly, the Fund's Committee has developed a three year process based on prevention and communication. The first year of activity will be devoted to research, communication, identification and development of programs and projects.

As part of the Fund's desire to foster communication and education amongst service providers in the youth housing field, a one-day workshop in Brisbane and a half-day workshop in Cairns will be held in early July (dates to be confirmed). The workshop programs will be developed with the expertise and participation of Ms Debra Shore who will discuss the development, implementation and management of a preventative program for youth homelessness in the United States. Ms Shore is the Executive Director of Sasha Bruce Youthwork Inc., a non-profit youth agency founded by Ms Shore 15 years ago in Washington D.C. Today Sasha Bruce operates seven programs which include:

- a program for 75 youths each year who are in conflict with the law
- an independent living program
- short, medium and long-term accommodation
- an adolescent mother's program
- an outreach program

Further information will be available soon.

The Queensland Young Homeless Fund has employed two workers for its initial year of work. They are Lurline Comerford and Geoffrey Woolcock who can be contacted by phoning (07) 831 3178 or writing to PO Box 10116, Adelaide Street, Brisbane 4000.

Please feel free to discuss any issues in relation to youth homelessness projects, ideas and/or research. The office is at 30 Macrossan Street, Brisbane and all are welcome to visit.



DIARY

SPECIAL SEQYAC HOUSING MEETING

EXCITING! ZAP! ZAP! ZAP!

- Date:* Friday, 19 April 1991
- Where:* BARDON Professional Development Centre
- Address:* 390 Simpsons Road, Bardon
- Time:* 9.00am - 4.30am
- R.S.V.P.:* by Friday, 12 April 1991
Anne van Helden at SEQYAC
Ph: (07) 252 2555 (or leave message on answerphone)
- For info:* Simon Dilly - The Lodge - (07) 266 2155
Louise Villanova - BYS - (07) 852 1335
- Lunch:* Avail. at the Bardon Centre's Canteen

AIMS

- 1) Information giving and sharing
- 2) Explore & develop implications for youth housing

This important meeting will give you a chance to be informed on all the recent developments in housing.

THINGS ARE MOVING QUICKLY - DON'T MISS OUT!

NOTES: THE TREATMENT OF JUVENILES IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM

The National Youth Affairs Research Scheme has commissioned a group of consultants to undertake research into the Treatment of Juveniles in the Legal System.

As part of their research the group will be surveying young people, legal advocates and police officers - a consultation day will be organised later in the year. If you're interested write to the group C/- Department of Social Work, University of Queensland, Qld 4072 for more information.

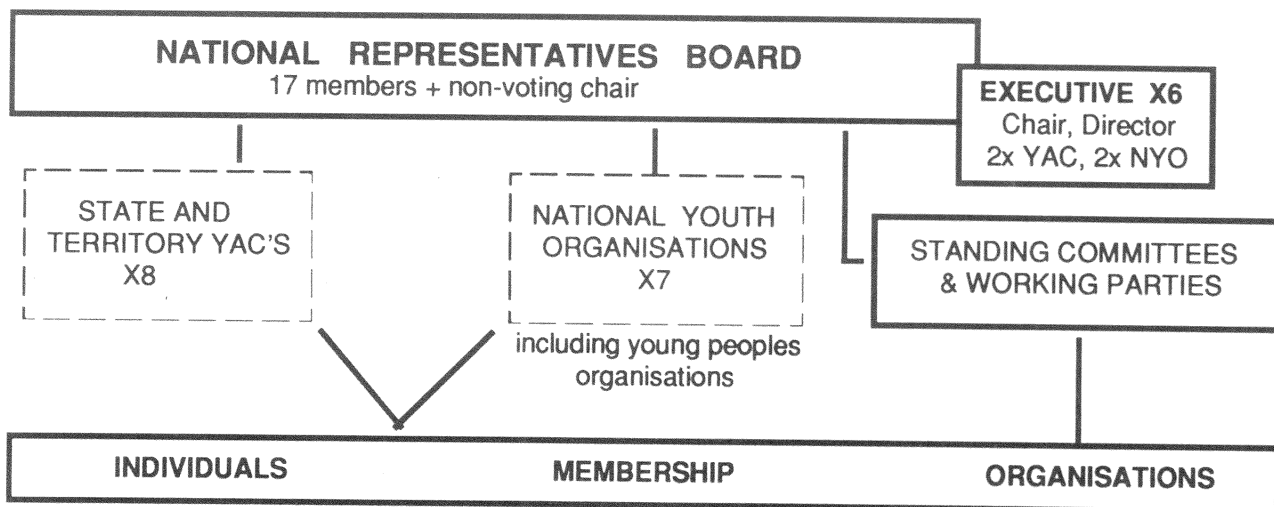
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS.

yaca news

A new structure for the Youth Affairs Council of Australia will be put to its annual congress in July. The Council, presently based in Melbourne, is funded by the Federal Government's Youth Bureau as the representative organisation for the non-government youth sector in Australia. The model for the proposed structure was developed at a meeting held on 4 March of all state Youth Affairs peak bodies and other national youth organisations.

In December 1990 a meeting was held to attempt resolution of the present impasse where the Youth Affairs peak bodies of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia are not members of YACA. It was decided that full national representation could only be attained if YACA was restructured and that all the interested parties supported a new model. The 4 March meeting successfully negotiated a structure which, if accepted by YACA Congress, will make significant improvements to the administration and accountability of the organisation.

The major change which occurs in the new structure, show in the diagram below, is in the overall arrangement of YACA: a 17 member National Representatives Board replaces the existing 4 member Board of Directors. This will give state and national organisations more direct input into YACA's activities.



If you are interested in finding out more information about these changes please ring Lindsay Granger at YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or if you are outside Brisbane phone (008) 177899 which is a toll free call.

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ETHICS AND STANDARDS IN YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

The vexed question of how best to develop common standards of practice to the field of youth work was the subject of a recent conference convened by the Youth Sector Training Council of South Australia. The conference was held over three days at the Grosvenor Hotel in Adelaide. While the conference was ostensibly a local event it was open to inter-state participants. Queensland was well represented with a contingent of ten workers.

The conference sought to generate discussion in three areas, defining youth work practice and clarifying the distinction between ethics and standards provided a focus for the first day. The impact of ideology and philosophy on ethics and standards for practice and the legal implications of the same

provided the theme for day two. The final day was spend on service delivery questions and a plenary session.

A number of resolutions were passed at the conference plenary. The essence of these is that much more debate is required on these topics. The conference has requested the Federation of Youth Sector Training Councils, YACA and the various State Youth Affairs Councils to facilitate on-going debate at both state and national levels. Individuals are asked to encourage discussion within their own organisations.

A full conference report will be published and is available at a cost of \$10.00 from YSTC-SA. (08) 212 1735.

THE BODY POLITIC



The Body Politic offers one woman's personal symbolic journey to healing from sexual abuse and gang rape. In sharing her own story, Darlene Sourile hopes that her voice will awaken and empower others to create a society that heals the politics of violence.

What is the Body Politic?

This 50 minute docudrama creatively interweaves a play with interviews of various professional therapists. In addition to examining social practices that violate people and contribute to violence in our society, this video offers a positive message of hope, with answers for healing an ever-increasing problem. While there is no one method, there is a nurturing process. The Body Politic creatively suggests that as individuals **we can heal**, and as a society **we must heal**.

Who can use the Body Politic?

This video is meant to be used repeatedly - as a tool, to provide information about violence and healing. It was made for victims, offenders, therapists and community organisations dealing with crisis care, family support and prison welfare. It will be important for government agencies, hospitals and educational institutions whose task it is to try and understand the causes of violence, rather than simply treat the effects. Teachers and students would find it useful for courses in Psychology, Gender Studies, Social Work and Human Sexuality.

For further information write to the English Department, University of Queensland, Qld 4072 or phone (07) 846 3533.



YOUNG WOMENS HOUSING GROUP

The Young Womens Housing Group was formed in September 1990, primarily to address the issue of limited housing options available to young women in Brisbane. The Group's initial aim was to establish a young womens housing service that was needs based and developmentally structured.

The two main objectives of the YWHG are:

- 1) to foster cross-cultural participation in both the Group and the womens housing area;
- 2) to involve young women in the development of housing options, both on a managerial and personal level.

Young women's participation and access to decision-making is high on the YWHG's agenda. For more information please contact:

Sally Watson Zig Zag 843 1823
Cathie Beadnell The Lodge 266 2155

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs. 11 April at 10am
Catholic Youth Centre
44 Leopard Street, Kangaroo Point

POSITIONS VACANT / WANTED

Melanie Doyle

1/217 Ekibin East Road
Tarragindi Qld 4121

(07) 225 2002 (wk)
(07) 848 6116 (hm)

I am currently employed on a part-time basis as an Administrative Officer/Trainer at the Brisbane City Job Club and am seeking full-time employment with a community-based organisation such as a women's group, youth organisation or community agency.

In 1989 I completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women's Studies, Film & Media Studies and Media Production. Since then I have been working voluntarily as a pregnancy counsellor and am on a relief workers list for domestic violence refuges. In addition I have worked as a research assistant at Griffith University.

A curriculum vitae is available which further details my skills, experience and qualifications. If you would like to contact me please phone (07) 864 8002 (work) or write to GPO Box 10095, Adelaide Street, Brisbane 4001.

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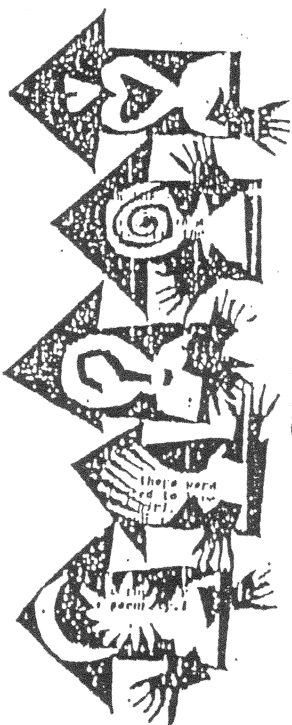
Ordinary (Community-based worker or service) ☐ Associate (Government worker or service) ☐

Membership Fee Payable:

Non-waged individual	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waged individual (community and government)	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

I enclose cheque for _____ in payment of membership fees.

Signature _____ Date _____



Girls talk

Young women talk about housing

Penny Gillespie, Michelle Roberts and Sally Watson.

This book explores the variety of housing needs of a diverse group of young women in Brisbane. Through reading a number of their stories, it becomes clear that the planning and provision of young women's housing should not be dealt with generically.

The writers go on to highlight some of the most common issues identified by the young women involved in the research project. In the conclusion recommendations are made to people in the business of planning for, providing and working in the area of young women's housing in Brisbane, emphasising the need to listen to and work with the young women involved at all of these levels.

ORDER FORM

Forwarding Details

To: Zig Zag Young Womens Resource Centre
 575 Old Cleveland Road
 CAMP HILL Q 4152

Cost

\$10.00 per copy.
 \$7.00 per copy for young women.

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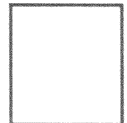
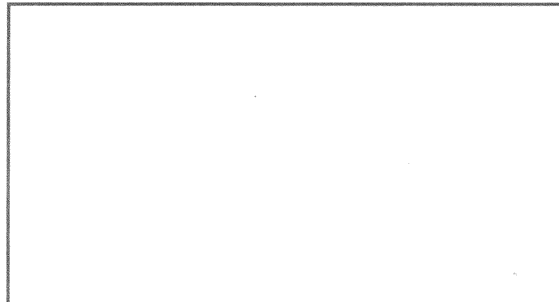
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