



An initiative of the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) Consultation Project, the Forum was auspiced by CSHA, the Youth Affairs Network of Qld (YANQ), the South East Qld Youth Accommodation Coalition (SEQYAC) and Lanarch Research, and was funded by the Division of Youth.

The Forum was the culmination of a series of 11 workshops held throughout Southern Queensland in August. A total of 83 young people attended the workshops held at Roma, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Inala, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Logan City and Brisbane. Participants included young parents, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and young people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The workshops enabled participants to creatively and collectively identify the major issues that impacted on housing provisions for young people. Ten major issues which emerged from this process were:

- * lack of housing options
- * lack of information
- * lack of 'freedom'
- * financial difficulties
- * private rental difficulties
- * family concerns
- * police harassment
- * public housing
- * (un)employment
- * share accommodation



YOUTH HOUSING FORUM GETS THUMBS UP !

A Youth Housing Forum was held in Brisbane during Youth Week. It was an opportunity for young people to meet with representatives from the government and community sectors to voice their experiences and concerns regarding housing provisions for young people in Queensland.

Approximately 30 young people attended the Youth Housing Forum to share their perspectives and stories on housing. By the afternoon suggestions and recommendations had been formulated around some of the major issues. A panel of representatives from the government and community sectors met participants late in the day, giving young people a chance to express their views and providing feedback on suggestions. Panel members represented the Department of Housing & Local Govt, the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal & Islander Affairs, the Department of Social Security, the Division of Youth, YANQ and SEQYAC.

Panel members and young people alike viewed the Youth Housing Forum as a success. A Working Party on Young People's Housing Needs has formed as a result, consisting of six young people from the Forum. The group will pursue the major issues identified through the Forum process. Members have already met with the Private Secretary to the Minister for Housing and have participated in a number of radio interviews.



The Working Party on Young People's Housing Needs will continue to meet on a regular basis and is open to new membership. For more info contact Sally Watson on (07) 843 1823.

what YANQ can do for you!

For those of you who still haven't heard, the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc (YANQ) is a network for young people, organisations working with young people, youth workers and others concerned with youth affairs.

Incorporated in January 1991, YANQ is an independent non-government organisation funded by the Division of Youth. The Network employs three staff in its Brisbane office:

- * Lindsay Granger (Network Development Coordinator)
- * Rita Riedel (Communications/Administration Officer)
- * Corrie Macdonald (Policy & Research Officer).

YANQ works to promote the interests and wellbeing of young people in Queensland, especially disadvantaged young people. It advocates for them to Government and the community and encourages the development of policies which are responsive to the needs of young people.

YANQ supports the development of regional networks in the youth sector, particularly in the non-government youth sector. It is our view that the development of stronger networks will lead to better services for young people as information and skills are shared.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY YANQ

NEWSLETTER

Connexions contains news, views and information on training, conferences, funding and more.

In a continued effort to provide up-to-date information to the Queensland youth sector a decision has been made to increase the frequency of YANQ's Newsletter distribution from quarterly to bimonthly in 1992.

Future issues will be published in January, March, May, July, September and November which will complement the distribution of the Division of Youth's *Youth Link* in December, February, April, June, August and October.

All contributions are welcome. Please send news items, information and photographs along with your phone number to YANQ Newsletter, PO Box 116, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006, no later than the first of each previous month. (Free to members.)

JOURNAL

YANQ publishes its journal *Transitions* three times per year in February, June and October. *Transitions* presents more in-depth articles on topical issues in youthwork, both in Queensland and nationally. It is an ideal forum for youth service providers to describe and analyse their work. All contributions are welcome.

Please send articles to The Editor, Transitions, PO Box 116, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006, at least 10 weeks prior to distribution. (Free to members.)

YOUTH INFO LINE

Dial (008) 177899 from 9-5 Monday to Friday and YANQ can provide information and referrals for young people, youth services and agencies throughout Queensland. (Free call.)

SUBMISSIONS

YANQ regularly makes submissions on issues relating to young people. In the past submissions have been made on: anti-discrimination legislation (Qld Attorney-General); bail laws for young people (Qld Law Reform Commission); and the restructuring of the Division of Youth (Public Sector Management Commission). Submissions are currently being prepared for the Public Sector Management Commission review of the Dept of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs.

CAMPAIGNS

YANQ works with its membership and other organisations to disseminate information, encourage debate and lobby for young people on a variety of issues. At present YANQ is working with other groups to coordinate action on possible changes to SAAP services as a result of the "New Federalism" process. It is also involved in a national campaign on income support for young people.

PROJECTS

YANQ applies for funding to carry out various one-off projects. YANQ has recently auspiced and co-managed a project on housing for young people which culminated in a Youth Housing Forum in Brisbane during Youth Week. Applications are currently being prepared for projects on social service delivery for young women and training for youthworkers in rural and remote areas.

**SO ... IF ANY OR ALL OF THIS INTERESTS YOU
...WHY NOT BECOME A MEMBER OF YANQ???**

INFORMATION SERVICES

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN RURAL AND REMOTE AUSTRALIA

A range of new information services are currently commencing operations in several locations around rural and remote Australia. In 1989/1990 throughout Australia these services comprised ten new **Rural Youth Information Services (RYIS)** and the introduction of **Mobile Youth Access Centres (MYAC)**. In 1990/1991 the RYIS expanded to twenty-three.

The RYIS are community based and funded by DEET. The aim of the service is to improve access for young people living in rural and remote areas to information and advice, particularly concerning education, employment, training and income support. They also provide a focal point in more isolated areas for government outreach services for young people.

In Queensland RYIS have been established in Cloncurry, Hughenden, Moranbah and St George. An application is also being considered for the South Burnett area.

One MYAC is being established in the South West Queensland region which is likely to cover an area stretching from Stanthorpe to St George and from Dalby to Charleville. The Service will use existing rail networks and will build on basic CES services in these areas.

**For more information contact your nearest
Rural Youth Information Service:**

Cloncurry: Rick Adamson
Cloncurry Shire Council
Phone (077) 42 1333

Hughenden: Guido Vogels
Roman Catholic Trust
Corporation
Phone (077) 79 9222

Moranbah: Wesley Walker
Belyando Shire Council
Phone (079) 83 1133

St George: Colin Geiger
St George Youth Advisory
Committee
Phone (076) 25 3133

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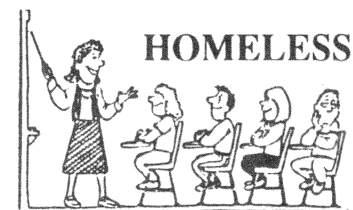
By the time readers receive this newsletter YANQ will have held its AGM and appointed a new Coordinating Committee for 1991/1992.

A big THANK YOU to all the members of the previous Coordinating Committee who guided and supported us so tirelessly throughout the past year. Your efforts, dedication and hard work have been sincerely appreciated.

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:

Jane Folliot	(Chair) QUT Student Guild
Colleen Kelly	(Secretary) Catholic Youth Office
Karin Cheyne	Women's House
Phil Crane	Youthwork Lecturer: QUT
Helen Ferguson	Aust. Assoc. of Adolescent Health
Billy Gorham	Dundali House
Joan Hendriks	A&I Studies Lecturer: TAFE
Rebecca Lister	Feral Arts Inc.
Eddie Mabo	A&I Child Care
Donna Matulis	Gold Coast Youth Service
Pam Searle	Youth Sector Training Council

We're sure all of the above join YANQ staff in welcoming aboard the new Coordinating Committee for 1991/1992. We look forward to a challenging, productive and rewarding year ahead.



HOMELESS AND TRYING TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL?

Homeless young people often have great difficulty completing high school. Inala youth workers are addressing this problem in relation to Oxley High.

It has been proposed by the CDW at Inala (Steve Mayers) and the youth worker at Inala Youth Accommodation Service (Derek Matthews) that approaches be made to the Education Dept, the Housing Dept and Corrective Services in an attempt to access suitable accommodation and support for young people.

No doubt this problem is not peculiar to the Oxley area. If you have a similar problem in your area maybe you could take similar action to the Inala youth workers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
STEVE MAYERS, INALA CDW ON (07) 372 7739**



... YANQ ... activities ... update ...



YOUTH WORK TRAINING GRANTS TO GO AHEAD



Joint submissions by YANQ and the Youth Sector Training Council have successfully secured funding under the Community Youth Work Training Grants Program for the following projects:

1) Queensland Youth Affairs Trainers School

The aim of the program is to increase training skills of youth affairs trainers and formally build networks across Queensland which will be accessible to youth organisations seeking trainers. Participants will be invited from throughout Queensland to attend the Brisbane based program.

2) Coordination and Policy Making Workshops

The workshops will be aimed at increasing the skills of people involved in Queensland youth affairs in coordination and policy making at organisational, regional, state and national levels. Workshops will cover decision making processes in policy formulation, philosophies in youth work, media writing skills, policy position development and issues surrounding coordination and consultation. Proposed venues include Mt Isa, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Hervey Bay, Roma and Brisbane.

MORE INFORMATION OUT SOON

YIP EVALUATION PROJECT

In April this year YANQ applied for a one-off non-recurrent grant under the Youth Initiatives Program (YIP) in order to evaluate some of the key processes and outcomes relating to YIP, its associated programs and strategies. In July we were advised by the DFSAIA that due to the large number of applications received our application was unable to be recommended.

YANQ believes that all evaluation, no matter how great or small, would be valuable in determining whether the YIP programs have been successful to date. YANQ will persist with the government regarding the evaluation of YIP programs.

NEW NATIONAL PEAK

The development of a new national peak for the youth affairs field, replacing the Youth Affairs Council of Australia, continues. The draft constitution is expected out soon and will be circulated through the field. The final meeting for establishing the new national peak is set for 14 October 1991. The new peak will be incorporated in Canberra and open its doors in January 1992. Lindsay Granger is YANQ's representative on the National Youth Affairs Interim Group formed to implement the YACA Restructure Proposal. (See page 12 for a report on the 1991 YACA Congress).

For more info contact Lindsay on (07) 852 1800
or (008) 177 899.

YOUTH INCOME SUPPORT PROJECT

A joint submission from Youth Affairs Networks and Councils around Australia has secured \$67,900 from the Bicentennial Youth Foundation to carry out a national project on youth incomes.

In Phase 1 of the project (Sept '91 - Feb '92) a worker will be employed to review existing material on the subject of income support for young people. A comprehensive report outlining arguments for reform will then be prepared. Issues discussed will include social security payments, youth wages, Austudy and the basic cost of living.

In Phase 2 of the project (Feb - April '92), the report will become the focus of a national campaign to reform income support arrangements for young people. Launches of the report will occur simultaneously throughout Australia, with resourcing available for a number of launches in centres outside of capital cities. Publicity kits containing reports and promotional materials will be widely distributed.

Corrie Macdonald is YANQ's representative on the Steering Committee of the Income Support Project being auspiced by the Youth Action Policy Association (YAPA) of NSW. Representatives of YACVIC, YACSA, YANACT and YAPA comprise the rest of the Committee.

For more info or those wishing to contribute
ideas for either the research or campaign phase
contact Corrie on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177899.



... YANQ ... activities ... update ...



NATIONAL AGENDA FOR WOMEN GRANTS PROGRAM

YANQ has recently submitted an application under the National Agenda for Women Grants Program (NAWGP). We have applied for funds to conduct an action research project into non-government social service delivery for young women in Queensland.

The submission proposes the employment of a project officer to work with 15 interested agencies throughout Queensland (at least one from each of the 12 Division of Youth regions).

During the first phase of the project, the worker will travel to each agency and conduct a consultation workshop to find out what agency workers see as the strengths and weakness of their service delivery to young women. The project officer will also conduct interviews with young women who use the agencies.

At the same time, peer research programs will be coordinated in a limited number of locations. Young women will be resourced to interview other young women about their opinions as service consumers. All young women will be paid for their involvement.

The submission has been put together with the assistance of a working party made up of women from a variety of agencies/organisations including:

- * Aboriginal and Islander Welfare Course: TAFE
- * Bahloo Aboriginal Hostel for Young Women
- * Brisbane Migrant Resource Centre
- * Brisbane Rape Crisis Centre
- * Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
- * Kedron Lodge
- * Social Work Department: Uni of Queensland
- * Youth Sector Training Council
- * Zig Zag Young Women's Centre

YANQ would like to thank all the women on the working party for their involvement.

NAWGP will inform YANQ of their decision in December 1991. If the submission is successful the project will commence in February 1992.

RURAL ACCESS PROGRAM

YANQ is currently working with the Queensland Youth Sector Training Council on a submission to the Rural Access Program for funding to prepare and deliver workshops on "Dealing With Isolation" for workers with young people in rural and remote communities.

The proposed workshops will consider issues of isolation encountered by workers in rural and remote areas and ways of developing strategies for coping with them. It is proposed that the workshops will target centres usually overlooked in training programs and will be open to all those working with young people (community and non-government, youth-specific and generalist services, appropriate individuals).

We would like the input of workers in rural and remote areas regarding the submission and the proposed program. We need to know workers' opinions in order to devise the most effective program within the existing constraints.

Feedback can also be used in the submission to demonstrate that there is support for such a program. YANQ members will receive a survey on this issue in a mailout very soon. For other readers working in rural or remote communities a survey is included in this newsletter (see page 27). We look forward to the input of as many rural/remote workers as possible.

The RAP submission is due in early December 1991. If funded, the project will commence in 1992.

SAAP SERVICES FIGHT NEW FEDERALISM

YANQ has coordinated a number of meetings and teleconferences for SAAP agency representatives to address the issue of the future of SAAP under the proposed "New Federalism". Representatives supported the position that SAAP should remain in its existing form as a Tied Grants Program so that the issue of accommodation services for young people does not get deleted off the Commonwealth Government's agenda. Your support can make a difference. (See page 16 for more details).

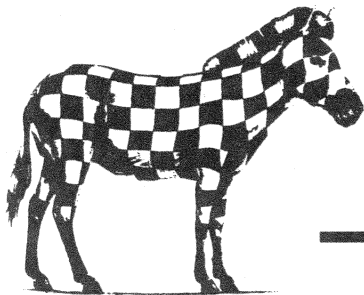
008 FREE INFORMATION

A number of organisations provide 008 numbers so that callers outside the metropolitan area can access services without paying STD charges. These include:

ORGANISATION	008 PHONE NO	SERVICES AVAILABLE
YANQ YOUTH INFO LINE	(008) 177 899 (852 1800 for local callers)	Referral on counselling, legal rights, rent and accommodation, pregnancy, alcohol and drugs, women's issues, health, youth services and more.
TENANTS' UNION OF QLD	(008) 177 761 (857 6810 for local callers)	Info and advice on tenant's rights and obligations (eg. leases, evictions, bonds) including tenants of caravan parks.
CHILDREN BY CHOICE	(008) 177 725 (357 5377 for local callers)	Info and advice for women throughout Qld on all their options (including legal abortion) if they experience an unplanned pregnancy. Phone counselling.
QUEENSLAND ADVOCACY INCORPORATED	(008) 017 199 (236 1122 for local callers)	Info and advice on the rights of people with disabilities, including legal rights (eg. housing, work, workshops, police, pensions, benefits, discrimination).
HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPOTUNITIES COMMISSION	(008) 177 822 (844 6099 for local callers)	Info and advice on action you can take regarding discrimination on the grounds of race, sex or disability and equal opportunity and human rights legislation.
WOMEN'S INFOLINK	(008) 177 577 (229 1134 for local callers)	State govt service providing info and referral for women throughout Qld on a wide variety of issues including health, law, violence and govt departments.
PRIVACY COMMISSIONER	(008) 023 985	Info and advice on laws governing individuals' rights to privacy (eg. use of tax file numbers, collection and storage of personal info, access to records and disclosure of old criminal convictions).

**THESE SERVICES CAN BE VALUABLE TO YOUR AGENCY.
... SO USE THEM WHEN YOU NEED TO ...AND TELL OTHER PEOPLE TOO!**

ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL



... changes announced in federal and state budgets

IMPLICATIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FEDERAL BUDGET

Rent Assistance for Under 18's

Currently Rent Assistance is payable to under 18's only if they are married (including de facto) and/or have a dependent child. As of 20/03/92, Rent Assistance will be extended to under 18's who receive the homeless/independent rate of Job Search Allowance (JSA), Sickness Allowance (SA), Disability Support Pension or Special Benefit AND have been receiving Social Security income support for at least 18 weeks (currently 26 weeks). Rent Assistance will increase to a maximum of \$62/fortnight.

Pilot Projects for Homeless Young People

Pilot projects (no more than 10 nationally) will be established by the DSS to explore ways of improving take up rates of Social Security benefits by homeless and other disadvantaged young people. It is not yet known where projects will be located.

Payment of Young Homeless Allowance

From January 1992 Young Homeless Allowance can be paid on a weekly basis instead of fortnightly as it is now paid. Where weekly payment is preferred, weekly lodgement will be required.

Financial Information Service

The Financial Information Service for Pensioners (FISP) was set up in November 1989 to provide information to pensioners following the introduction of deeming regulations. As of 01/11/91 FISP will become the Financial Information Service (FIS) and will extend services to a wider group. DSS documents state this group will include recipients of JSA and Newstart and that outreach work will occur.

Job Search Allowance and Sickness Allowance for State Wards

As of 01/01/92, eligibility for the independent rate of JSA, SA or Special Benefit will be extended to State Wards in foster care where no other allowance is paid by the relevant State authority.

Job Search Allowance and Sickness Allowance for 16-17 Year Olds: Employment Requirement

As of 01/01/92, eligibility criteria for independent JSA or SA will be amended so that 16 and 17 year old applicants need to have been either employed full-time OR registered with the CES as seeking full-time work for a total of at least 13 weeks in the last 6 months. They will still be required to have lived away from home for at least 6 months and be receiving no continuous support from their parents.

Eligibility for Job Search Allowance and Sickness Allowance Programs for Under 16's

As of 01/01/92, eligibility for labour market and training programmes will be extended to special beneficiaries under 16 who meet the requirements for JSA or SA other than age, are above school leaving age, have an employment history and are not living with or being supported by parents.

Special Benefit during Education Leaver Deferment Period

As of 01/10/91, eligibility for SB during the 13-week ELDP will be extended to JSA and SA recipients under 21 years who would be entitled to receive the maximum rate of payment under the parental income test. Currently this payment is only available to young people who meet homeless/independent criteria or whose parents are pensioners or beneficiaries. It will now encompass a greater range of low-income families.

Education Entry Payment for Sole Parents

As of 01/01/92, a \$200 yearly education entry payment will be available to sole parents commencing or continuing full-time or part-time approved education courses.

New Role for Youth Access Centres

Acknowledging that delivery of services to young people is currently hindered by a lack of integration, the Federal Government intends to use its 104 Youth Access Centres across Australia to "co-ordinate" local youth service providers and agencies. They will be particularly targeting four groups: urban homeless young people, young offenders, and young people from ATSI and non-English speaking backgrounds. Four specialist information services (nationally) will be developed for young offenders and NESB youth.

Austudy and HECS

A 23% increase in Austudy spending was announced which means benefits will be available to an extra 45,000 students. A 25% increase in the threshold for the personal income test will come into place from 01/01/92 (from \$4,000 to \$5,000). New hardship provisions mean that the assets test will no longer apply if students' parents or spouse receive a Social Security or veteran's pension or benefit or household assistance under Part C of the Rural Adjustment Program. Maximum payments in 1992 will be \$117.10/wk for over 18's and \$105.90/wk for under 18's.

HECS fees for students have been increased from \$1,993 to \$2,250 for full-time students. A further 2,000 HECS exemptions have been provided, bringing total HECS exemptions to 17,000 a year.

In general, the Federal Government has introduced some much needed changes to income support arrangements for young people. However, the changes are too little and too late, many not occurring until 1992, despite the fact they are long overdue right now. The Burdekin Report was, after all, released two years ago. Increases in HECS fees bode ill for the future of Australia's higher education system and, most significantly, the Federal Budget fails to adequately address the area of unemployment. Training and education are once more the emphasis, rather than job creation programs.

STATE BUDGET

Changes of significance to young people have occurred primarily in two State departments: Education and DEVETIR.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Queensland's education budget for 91-92 will increase by 9.8% to \$2.1 billion, the largest of any department.

Funds will be provided to employ 472 new teachers throughout the state. \$3.2 million will be made available in incentives to attract teachers to rural areas.

By regionalising staff, the size of the Brisbane office of the Education Department will be halved. 45 school support services will be established throughout Queensland to provide advisory services, professional development for teachers and classroom resources. These will become operational in 1992.

An increase of \$2.1 million will be provided for facilities for schools of distance education. \$652,000 will be spent on research and programmes to address gender equity issues within the State education system. Expansion of the school dental scheme to Years 8, 9 and 10 will commence. \$7.1 million will be spent replacing the TE Score system with the new Student Educational Profile for tertiary entrance. \$17.6 million will be allocated to pay for university places for approximately 2,000 continuing students at Queensland institutions. (The State Government funds some places in tertiary education institutions.)

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, TRAINING & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

DEVETIR will receive an extra \$70 million (a 21% increase) in funding, bringing its total budget to \$405.5 million for 1991-92.

An additional \$4.7 million will be spent to create 5,000 places annually for full-time and part-time places in initial skills vocational education and training.

\$746,000 will be used to increase full-time and part-time TAFE access courses by 1000 places. \$924,000 will be used to meet Queensland's contribution to a joint funding arrangement on Aboriginal Education Policy with the Commonwealth. These allocations seek to enhance access to vocational education and training for the 15-19 age group, the unemployed, women, the ATSI community, people with disabilities, the educationally disadvantaged and other under-represented groups.

New TAFE colleges will be constructed in Caboolture (Stage 1) and Bowen, and a number of other colleges will be funded for refurbishment and purchase of capital equipment.

200 new subsidies of \$5,000 each will be available for trainee places for disadvantaged young people in the Qld public sector and in local government. A further \$1 million dollars (an increase of \$700,000 from last year) will be used to provide vocational training for 1,000 disadvantaged young people. Administered by YES Centres, the funds will be available to community groups and the private sector to provide vocational training. These initiatives will be offered to 15-21 year old who have been unemployed for six months or longer.

It can be seen that, like the Federal Government, the Queensland Government has chosen to concentrate its efforts on improvement of education and training strategies. The problems of a depressed economy remain. Moreover, while announcing a commitment to increasing the number of places available in the TAFE system, DEVETIR increased fees for all ordinary TAFE students earlier this year.

Welfare services, health and housing remain substantially unchanged for young people, with modest funding increases to programs generally tied to inflation. Some programs promised earlier in the year have failed to eventuate (eg the DFSAIA "Youth Crime Prevention Strategy"). An integrated "Youth Budget" is yet to be released and, while the Program Statement for the Division of Youth (within the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing) refers to the development of an "approved Youth Policy based on social justice principles" in 1991-92, funding allocations for the Division have not increased substantially. It remains to be seen whether the Queensland Government will make a real financial and political commitment and provide integrated service delivery to young people across state departments.

WATCHHOUSE KIDS

VICTIMS OF OUR SYSTEM

The Youth Advocacy Centre has been concerned for some time about the practice of locking young people up in watchhouses.

Due to the failure of discussions with government Ministers and officers to resolve the matter, the Centre will be holding two events in the month of October.

The first event will be a Workshop for young people on the issues of being detained in the Watchhouse. This Workshop will be held on:

**Wednesday, 9 October 1991
Youth Unit
62-66 Alfred Street
Fortitude Valley**

11.00am - 3.00pm.

Art workers will assist us with the workshop to present information in a variety of ways.

The second event will be a Public Forum to be held

**Saturday, 19 October 1991
Youth Affairs Network of Queensland
36 Baxter Street
Fortitude Valley**

(BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided)

The morning session will be for information - including some personal perspective and feedback from the young people's workshop. In the afternoon it is hoped to develop strategies for future action.

The Youth Advocacy Centre has attempted to contact agencies throughout the state to document, in any medium you choose, information about young people being detained in watchhouses.

A petition has been drawn up and is available from the Youth Advocacy Centre for signing and distribution.

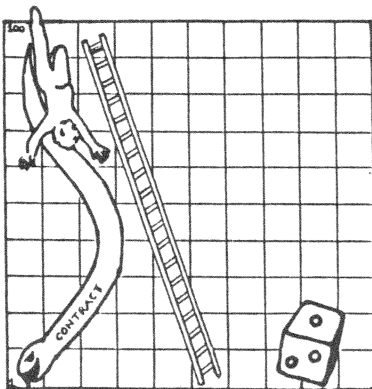
For any further information please contact:

**Janet Wight, Helen Betts or Martha Coomber
at Youth Advocacy Centre on (07) 857 1155**

young people and

NEWSTART

A WAY DOWN



The introduction of the joint CES/DSS Newstart program in July this year showed a major shift in the rationale underlying income support programs in Australia.

From a position which provided benefits because a person was unemployed, the system has now changed to one where a person will only be eligible for benefits in return for actively seeking employment or training.

This change emphasises the government's position that unemployed people should shoulder the responsibility for their unemployment.

For young people these changes represent a cruel hoax. Whilst on the one hand they are told that training is the path to employment, the reality of the youth labour market is that jobs are disappearing at a rate higher than that of any other age group.

In the twelve months to April this year, around 200,000 full-time jobs disappeared in Australia. Over half of these were lost by teenagers. Trends evident since the mid 1960s suggest that once teenagers' jobs are lost in a recession, they remain lost even after the recession has passed.

In a shrinking labour market, and with calls from employer groups to lower youth wages, young people are now in a position of extreme vulnerability. Newstart should not be used as a tool to exploit this vulnerability.

NEWSTART OPPOSITION GROUP

PLANNING DAY

- * In July 1991 83,100 jobs were lost in Australia. This is the highest number of recorded job losses in this nation's history.
- * In the 1990/1991 financial year 300,000 Australians lost their jobs.
- * 150,000 of these job losses were a result of government and industries' micro-economic reforms - these jobs were permanently lost.
- * The federal labour treasurer John Kerin and the Qld State Treasurer Keith De Lacy, are predicting unemployment levels to remain at the 10% mark for at least the next 2 years.
- * The bureau of labour market research estimates unemployment levels of 14.2% for the remainder of the 1990's.
- * That there are currently 27 applicants for every job advertised in Australia.

The above information clearly shows that job losses far outstrip job creation. Newstart and other federal labour government initiatives **do not address this problem**. Scapegoating the unemployed only serves to deflect attention away from the real economic issues.

The Newstart Opposition Group believe the Newstart program should be abolished, as there are more effective ways of ensuring unemployed people become part of an active society.

We hope the planning day and the existence of our group can contribute to a more rational debate and response to unemployment issues, as to date this has been lacking.

DATE: Saturday, 5 October 1991

TIME: 11.00am - 5.00pm

VENUE: West End Community House
4 Norfolk Rd, West End

AIM: Our aim is to develop a campaign which will lead to abolition of the Newstart program under its present form, and that our group be a catalyst for the development of fairer, more compassionate unemployment policies.

CONTACT: (07) 844 9814

HOW NEWSTART WORKS

Carol Walker, Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia, takes a look at how Newstart operates. (Excerpt from an address at the 1991 YACA Congress, "The Active Employment Strategy - Newstart".)

The Active Employment Strategy called NEWSTART, introduced by the Commonwealth Government on the 1st of July 1991, is a new income support system for people looking for work. There are two components within the strategy: Job Search for people who have been unemployed for less than 12 months and for all unemployed people under 18 years of age; and Newstart for people 18 years and over who have been unemployed for 12 months or more.

THE FIRST 12 MONTHS

In the first 12 months of unemployment a client is entitled to a job search allowance only. The rate varies according to the age of the client and for young people under 21 years of age it is means tested on their parent's income.

If a client is identified as being disadvantaged after being registered for four weeks, they gain access to Labour Market Programs. If not considered disadvantaged, a registered client is only eligible for Labour Market Programs after 3-6 months continuous unemployment.

At three months all clients will be called into the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) for an interview which will be Activity Tested.

They will also be required to complete and return a Department of Social Security questionnaire seeking information on jobsearch activities and other eligibility entitlement issues.

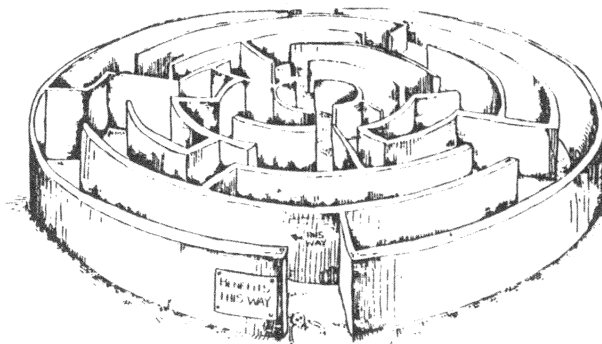
Clients will also start to be eligible for some Labour Market Programs such as Job Clubs and Job Search Training. There is increasing access to DEET Labour Market Programs as the length of unemployment continues.

Under the Activity Test the client would have to accept any referral to a program or job opportunity.

12 MONTHS ONWARD

At 50 weeks of unemployment a client has to fill in a Newstart claim form. The client then has two to five weeks to make contact with the CES for an Activity tested interview. Failure to do so will mean a suspension of benefits.

During this interview a contract or agreement is reached by both parties under a "reciprocal obligation" basis. This "reciprocal obligation" means clients will have to accept any suitable offer of employment or risk suspension of benefits. This is done within a (1) one hour interview at best, or at least, by the end of a second one hour interview. If the client subsequently disagrees with the action proposed in the agreement, s/he would need to put forward a suitable alternative course or risk losing their benefit.



The CES will be able to initiate automatic suspension of payment for those clients who have breached the Activity Test by not adhering to the terms of the agreement.

The agreement is reviewed three times in a 12 month period with CES staff. If the unemployed person is experiencing any difficulties then this is the opportunity to adjust the agreement.

If the CES consider there has been a breach of the agreement and benefits are suspended, the client can appeal (not appeal the agreement, but that there has been a breach) firstly with the Area Review Officer for the CES, then with the Social Security Appeals tribunal and then the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

There are a number of programs that will come into place, like Work Experience, Contract Placement, Post Placement Support and Early Intervention, which were not previously available.

There will also be Mobility Assistance provided which includes relocation assistance, petrol allowance for people in remote areas, resettlement allowance and travel assistance if the journey exceeds one and half hours. The waiting period before moving from Job Search to Newstart has also been abolished.

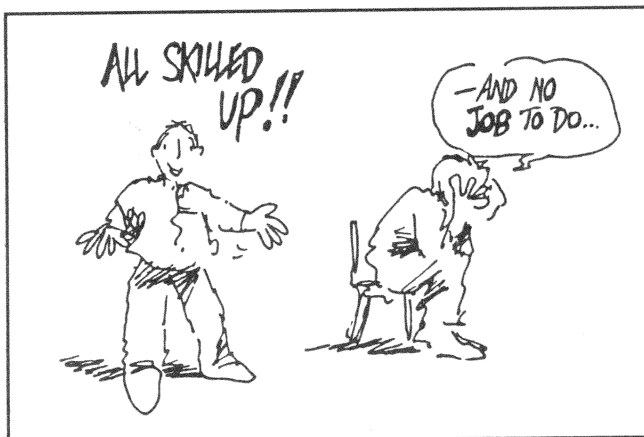
YACA CONGRESS 1991

The Youth Affairs Council of Australia (YACA) held its annual Congress in Melbourne in July this year.

Attending on behalf of YANQ were Coordinating Committee member Jane Folliott (Chairperson) and staff member Corrie Macdonald (Policy and Research Officer). Other Coordinating Committee members present were Pam Searle (Youth Sector Training Council) and Phil Crane (Lecturer in Youthwork at Carseldine QUT).

"AUSTRALIA RECONSTRUCTED" HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE FIT IN?

The Congress featured a number of speakers and panel discussions around the theme of "The participation of young people in a reconstructed Australia". The picture painted by most speakers was relatively gloomy, as we surveyed increasing numbers of social problems largely generated by an economic situation which offers cold comfort to marginalised members of society. It was pointed out that youth unemployment rates are rising steeply with each recession and that young people are currently bearing the brunt of much economic policy.



A NEW NATIONAL PEAK FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS

Many of the activities of the Congress were overshadowed by lengthy discussions surrounding the need to change YACA's structure. For some years a number of State youth affairs bodies have been reluctant to endorse YACA's activities because of what they viewed as its unrepresentative structure. The Commonwealth Youth Bureau, which funds YACA, and the Federal Minister for Youth Affairs, Peter Baldwin, have also expressed disquiet that the national peak did not have the confidence of all States and Territories.

At the YACA AGM members resolved to wind down YACA. A public meeting of those present at the Congress was held following the AGM. This meeting resolved to initiate a new national peak for youth affairs. An interim group was elected, with the responsibility for ensuring the efficient closure of YACA and the establishment of a new national peak within three months. This body is to be incorporated as soon as practicable.

This interim group comprises representatives of all those groups previously represented in YACA:

- * the State and Territory peak bodies
- * the Australian Coalition of Young people, and
- * the Conference of Australian Youth Organisations (eg Guides, Scouts, YMCA).

The State and Territory peak bodies participating in this group are Qld, NSW, SA, WA and the ACT. YANQ's representative on the National Youth Affairs Interim Group is Lindsay Granger.

The Interim Group has so far held two meetings in Melbourne and a number of teleconferences in preparation for a national meeting in October at which the new national youth peak body will be formally established.

A National Youth Affairs Update has been distributed to all YANQ members for full information on the current state of play in the transition from YACA to the new peak body.

***** IMPORTANT MEETING *****

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD
IN MELBOURNE ON
MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER 1991
AT 11.00AM**

(AFTER THE NYCH CONFERENCE)

**THIS MEETING WILL OFFICIALLY
ESTABLISH THE NEW NATIONAL PEAK
YOUTH AFFAIRS BODY**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
LINDSAY GRANGER (07) 852 1800**

FECCA

YOUTH CONFERENCE

FRUSTRATING BUT FRUITFUL

Six young people from throughout Queensland recently attended the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils Association's (FECCA) Multicultural Youth Conference held in Sydney.

To the disappointment of many who attended, the program and structure of the Conference gave little consideration to the presence of young people and as a consequence young people had little input. Despite this, the Conference was viewed as a success overall by the young Queenslanders who attended.

I found the FECCA Conference, in Sydney, to be very worthwhile, both on a personal, and on a social level.

Personally, the FECCA Conference was the first conference that I had ever attended and hence, I found that it opened my mind and eyes to new experiences, opinions and friendships.

On a social level, I believe that when groups of concerned people get together to work on a common cause, that only good can result from their actions, and that is exactly what happened in Sydney.

Although I initially felt alienated due to the terminology that was being used, I eventually began to understand a little of what was going on, and therefore I was able to bring back information to help the youth of my community, and other young people of Ethnic backgrounds, in Queensland.

I believe that the Conference was a step in the right direction.

Fatima Tomoum (17)

An outcome of the Conference was the formation of a Working Party comprised of youth workers and young people from each state. This Working Party will investigate, on a local level, how appropriate and committed the youth affairs peak bodies are in representing NESB young people.

**For more information contact Francine Seeto,
Migrant Resource Centre on (07) 844 8144.**

THE YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK OF QUEENSLAND
AND THE YOUTH SECTOR TRAINING COUNCIL
ARE CALLING FOR

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**to develop and deliver a series of modular
training workshops to increase the
COORDINATION AND POLICY MAKING SKILLS
of workers in the Queensland youth sector.**

It is anticipated that six (6) modular workshops will be developed, each of three (3) hours duration. The modules will cover each of the following areas:

- * decision making processes for policy formulation
- * philosophies underpinning youth affairs
- * writing skills and utilising information systems
- * infrastructure of the youth affairs field - regional, state, federal level
- * developing a policy position around a particular issue or problem
- * consultation and coordination - what is it?

These modules will be delivered in Brisbane over three 1-day workshops (of 2 modules each) and in six regional centres throughout Queensland over 2-day workshops (of 4 modules each). Total workshop delivery time is 15 days. The workshops will be held between December '91 and June '92.

FEES

Development of 6 x 3 hour modules	\$1,200
Delivery of 15 days workshops	\$4,800
TOTAL	\$6,000

(Travel and accommodation costs will be provided.)

For more information contact
Lindsay Granger (YANQ) on (07) 852 1800
or Pam Searle (YSTC) on (07) 237 1304.

Expressions of interest to be sent to:

**YANQ
PO Box 116
Fortitude Valley Qld 4006
Fax: (07) 852 1441**

BY THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 1991

YOUTH FORUMS IN ACTION

MEETING TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM IN TOWNSVILLE

YANQ aims to become a network of regional networks and supports the development of better regional structures throughout Queensland. YANQ staff were therefore particularly happy to receive an invitation to attend an inaugural Regional Youth Forum meeting in Townsville during August. Policy and Research Officer Corrie Macdonald attended the Townsville meeting and prepared this report.

Moves are afoot to establish a regional youth forum in the Townsville area. Since 1989 a committee of five or six interested people has been meeting as the Townsville Youth Committee (TYC). Its members have included workers from Share House, Open Youth Project, Iona House, Townsville Welfare Council, Skillshare Thuringowa Job Training Centre and the State Government's Division of Youth.

In late 1989 the TYC made a substantial submission to the Burdekin Inquiry into Youth Homelessness. Subsequently it contributed to job training programs and the Youth Assistance Panel in the Townsville area. Most recently, it has been successful in its application for funds from the Division of Youth for the purposes of carrying out training in the Northern Region.

Current members feel, however, that the Committee would benefit from becoming a more broadly-based body with a formal structure. They would like to see the TYC incorporate the skills and perspectives of a larger group of youth service providers in their region.

Members have also noted the increasing "regionalisation" of government departments. This is creating a climate in which the community sector needs bodies which are able to develop strategy, comment on policy and argue effectively for funding on a regional basis.

On 13 August 1991 the TYC convened a Regional Youth Forum meeting at the Townsville City Council Chambers. The meeting attracted more than 40 people, from centres including Townsville, Home Hill, Bowen, Ayr and Ingham.

Topics for discussion on the day included: structures for the new organisation; aims and objectives; the geographic boundaries of the region concerned and whether or not members would like to see the organisation move towards a more formal structure (eg incorporation) in the near future.

First and foremost, those attending agreed on the need for a regional body of some description, the ultimate

effect of which should be to improve the services available to young people in the region.

It was also agreed to use the Division of Youth's "North Queensland" region as a reference area. This is also the regional division used by YANQ. However, meeting participants felt strongly that if youth service providers from outside these boundaries wished to be involved, then they should be permitted to do so.

With regard to desired outcomes for the organisation, it became clear that many of those attending the meeting viewed information-sharing and dissemination as the most important role any Regional Youth Forum can fill in the immediate future. This was particularly true for youth service providers in more remote regions. At the same time, others attending the meeting - particularly current members of the TYC - considered it vital that a group continue the work of lobbying and submission-writing in the region.

Thus an initial structure was formulated to satisfy both these needs. The Townsville Regional Youth Forum will hold monthly 4-hour meetings from 10am to 2pm. Meeting locations will rotate, with small sub-committees taking responsibility for the convening of a meeting in their area. At this stage, the organisation will remain largely informal, however strategies will have to be developed to cover the costs of mail-outs etc which are currently being borne by those groups involved in the TYC.

The first half of each meeting will function as an information-sharing session. After a lunch break, a session will be held for those interested in participating in policy development processes or submission-writing.

In this way, participating youth service providers will be resourced to increase their knowledge of regional and state-wide issues. They will also be given the opportunity to become involved in developmental processes at a level appropriate to their own needs and abilities.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
TOWNSVILLE REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM
WILL BE HELD AT 10.00 AM
ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
AT MEETING ROOM 1,
TOWNSVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
WALKER ST, TOWNSVILLE.

For more info contact Townsville Welfare Council
(077) 725 788 or Open Youth Project (077) 713 648

MOUNT ISA YOUTH FORUM

The Mount Isa Youth Forum was set up to elect representatives from Mount Isa to attend the YANQ Policy Forum. It has developed into a network of Mt Isa agencies working with young people.

The Forum provides professional support and information sharing, as well as a unit of people looking at the direction and development of youth human resources in Mt Isa. Meetings are held on a monthly basis.

For more info contact Loretta Wylie (077) 43 6541

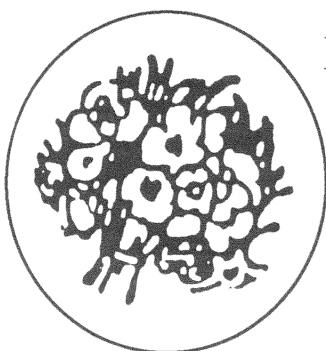
YOUTH NETWORK GOLD COAST

Youth Network Gold Coast is a forum to examine the issues, achievements and concerns affecting "at risk" young people. The forum works towards meeting identified needs.

The forum presently constitutes workers in the field. However, it is open to young people and workers who hold a principal understanding and awareness of issues facing "at risk" young people.

The Network meets monthly - the last Wednesday of each month, from 11.00am - 12.30pm at Youth Access, Mermaid Beach. If you, or any young people you work with, are interested in attending please contact:

**Glenda Masson on (075) 354 006
or Donna Matulis on (075) 720 400**



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Phone: (07) 852 1335

YOUTHLINK CAIRNS

have moved into their new premises at:

**305 Severin Street
Parramatta Park Qld 4870**

**Phone (070) 31 6179
Mobile outreach and A/H (018) 77 4886**

WYNNUM SKILLSHARE

have changed their address to:

**58 Yamboyna Street
PO Box 192
Manly Qld 4179**

Phone (07) 396 3965

BEAUDESERT SKILLSHARE

We've finally done it!
You can now find us at:

**Beaudesert Plaza
115 Brisbane Street
PO Box 422
Beaudesert Qld 4285**

Phone (075) 41 2800



SAAP FIGHTS NEW FEDERALISM

DEFEND YOUR AGENCY AND ITS CLIENTS AGAINST POSSIBLE CUTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH / STATE JOINT FUNDING OF SAAP

At the meetings of SAAP agencies held in Brisbane on 12 July and 4 September 1991, SAAP representatives supported the position that SAAP should remain in its existing form as a Tied Grants Program under the proposed "New Federalism". This position was endorsed by a teleconference of agency representatives from around Queensland on 4 September.

To ensure that SAAP agencies have their voice heard on these crucial decisions the following strategies were endorsed.

PLEASE ACT ON THESE STRATEGIES IF YOU WANT TO SEE SAAP SURVIVE!

- 1) **PHONE/FAX A MINISTER NOW**
Ring or fax one of the responsible Ministers in both State and Commonwealth governments. (You can use the attached letter guide to write the fax message). A list of Ministers and their phone/fax numbers is attached.
- 2) **WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL STATE/FEDERAL MEMBER** (Use the letter guide following).
- 3) **WRITE TO THE PRIME MINISTER, PREMIER AND MINISTERS**

Other activities which your agency might like to become involved in include:

- * letters from SAAP consumers (if appropriate)
- * ring up talkback radio
- * letters to newspaper editors
- * anything which raises the issue publicly.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

JOAN FULLER (SAAP) (07) 345 6088
LINDSAY GRANGER (YANQ) (07) 852 1800
HELEN COLEGROVE (QCOSS) (07) 832 1266

ACT NOW TO PROTECT SAAP!

DRAFT LETTER

Dear Prime Minister / Minister / Premier / Sir / Madam

I/we am/are writing to you to voice my/our concerns about possible changes to the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) under the "New Federalism".

I/we appreciate that there will be benefits from the reforms proposed under New Federalism in areas such as (transport regulation/packaging and labelling of products/recognition of interstate qualifications [choose one or more]). However, up till now, there seems to have been little consultation with and information provided to the Australian community about these reforms.

SAAP is the national program which assists homeless people. It is imperative that the program is maintained on a national basis and that the present responsibilities of both State and Commonwealth governments are maintained.

I/we have the following concerns/questions about New Federalism and the implications of the possible changes for SAAP and the services it now provides for the homeless in Australia. (Possible questions are listed on the following page).

I/we think it is most important that the people who provide or benefit from these services and who therefore would be most affected by changes, are consulted before these decisions are finalised.

Yours sincerely,

CONTACT POINTS

THE HON RTL HAWKE, AC MP

Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

PH: (06) 277 7700
FX: (06) 273 4100

THE HON BRIAN HOWE, MP

Minister for Health, Housing and
Community Services
Parliament House
Canberra Act 2600

PH: (06) 277 7680
FX: (06) 273 4126

THE HON PETER STAPLES, MP

Minister for Aged, Family and
Health Services
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

PH: (06) 277 7220
FX: (06) 273 4146

THE HON WAYNE GOSS, MLA

Premier
Executive Building
100 George St
Brisbane Qld 4000

PH: (07) 224 4500
FX: (07) 221 1206

THE HON ANNE WARNER MLA

Minister for Family Services and
Aboriginal and Islander Affairs
GPO Box 806
Brisbane Qld 4001

PH: (06) 224 7072
FX: (06) 221 5373

NEW FEDERALISM KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK DECISION-MAKERS

Below is a list of questions to ask of key decision-makers in your community about the New Federalism.

- * What is meant by the term "New Federalism"?
- * With the proposed changes in the delivery of programs and services, what guarantees are there that SAAP will be maintained at its present levels?
- * With the proposed changes in the delivery of programs and services, what will be the implications for the organisations currently providing the services and their clients?
- * How will the roles and responsibilities of the various tiers of government in service and program delivery be assigned? What criteria, if any, will be used?
- * How will national service delivery standards be assured?
- * What mechanisms are to be put in place to redress service delivery problems if they occur?
- * What mechanisms will be put in place to ensure clear and direct accountability to client groups and the electorate?
- * How do you plan to protect the needs of disadvantaged groups?
- * How do you plan to:
 - a) let the community know about these proposals;
 - b) consult with individuals and organisations when finalising any changes to programs and services; and
 - c) inform the community of any resulting changes?
- * In the future under the New Federalism we can see a number of areas that need to be addressed:
 - a) how will national priorities be determined and who will determine them?
 - b) what sorts of consultation processes will be established for national priority setting?
 - c) what sorts of access will individuals and organisations have to that consultation process?
 - d) how will national priorities be implemented?
 - e) how will the New Federalism be monitored and evaluated to ensure that it is best meeting its objectives?
- * Given the apparent financial mismanagement by some State Governments, resulting in community concerns and disillusionment, how do you plan to ensure that States are directly accountable for any funds transferred to them under the New Federalism?



WORLD AIDS DAY CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Queensland AIDS Council is calling for people to submit artwork for possible inclusion in a calendar they are producing for World AIDS Day. The theme for this year is "Sharing the Challenge".

The aim of the calendar is to promote the theme of World AIDS Day, the response of communities and the work of the AIDS organisations in Queensland. A total of thirteen images will be used and artwork is being asked for from all the community based AIDS organisations.

Cash awards will be made for the selected artwork of \$100 for the cover and \$25 for those used inside the calendar.

**Contact Michael, Queensland AIDS Council,
PO Box 548, Woolloongabba Qld 4102.
Phone (07) 844 1990 or (008) 177 434.**

BANK ID AVAILABLE FROM DSS

Young people often have great difficulty providing enough ID to banks to reach the 100 points necessary to open an account. This is particularly distressing when they need to open an account so that their social security payments can be deposited.

The DSS can now provide a form to young people which solves this problem. With the permission of the young person concerned, the DSS can consult sources (eg schools) not available to banks in order to confirm ID. Once the DSS has established the identity of a young person to its satisfaction, staff can provide a form verifying ID for the purposes of opening a bank account. Under Regulation 10 of the *Cash Transactions Reports Act 1988*, banks should accept this as 100 points of ID. The form must be presented within three months of being issued.

DSS cheques are sometimes issued to young people in emergency situations before their ID has been verified by the Dept. A similar form can also be provided by the DSS solely for the purpose of cashing such cheques.

Anyone encountering problems with this system at a regional level should contact DSS Central Office in Brisbane on (07) 854 8000.

SCHOOL IS IN THE PARK



By Inga Stuenzner

In Albert Park, Spring Hill, there stands an amphitheatre. Inside this there is a hive of activity as Brisbane's homeless youth go through the rigors of school work. This is Albert Park Flexi-School - a facility which enables homeless youth and those who cannot cope with normal school structures, to complete their secondary education.

The school was established in February when a couple of homeless youths asked former Lord Mayor, Sallyanne Atkinson, if the City Council could help them. It has evolved from a "drop-in-centre" which Friends From Care coordinated until last August, to an educational facility where council employee Richard Tarnawski works full time.

The people using the Flexi-School each had story to tell. Paul, 20, had applied for Art College but was rejected because he did not have his Senior. Steven, 15, had been referred to the school by a Learning Adaption for Student Educational Requirement course and is studying his Junior. They had all been to several schools before arriving at the Flexi-School. Dean, 22, had been to 12.

The City of Brisbane Fund provides bus tickets, text books and lunches to enable the homeless youths to use the school at no expense to themselves. The students are enrolled in courses through the School of Distance Education which qualifies them for Austudy.

"It's [Distance Education] incredibly supportive of the kids, giving them any help then can," Richard said. "It has its frustrations ... it's a challenge ... it's worthwhile now that things are starting to run reasonably smoothly. I'm hoping that this year we should be able to get a couple of graduates."

Although the numbers varied, about 12 people used the school and arrived any time between its hours of 10am and 2.30pm, he said.

One problem Richard repeatedly mentioned was the lack of tutors. Tutoring was voluntary and although there were 28 tutors, more were needed. "The more tutors we get, the more chance there is of keeping the kids to concentrate on their work," he said. The tutors ranged from TAFE College students to university and school students.

The students had an incredible amount of respect for Richard. "You can't call him a heavy hand 'cos he's not," Jeff, 17, said. "He just keeps you in line."

With thanks to UniVoice, Department of Journalism
University of Queensland

NATIONAL YOUTH AFFAIRS RESEARCH SCHEME UPDATE

The Youth Ministers' Council, held in Brisbane at the end of May, approved the research program for 1991, developed by the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme Steering Committee. The proposed research program comprises:

1) National Youth Affairs Database

This project will consist of two parts: 1) and inventory of key sources of data relevant to youth affairs, and 2) a national youth profile based on the 1991 Census data and other key demographic/social indicators.

2) Re-entry into Education Project (Stage 2)

This is the second part of a two year project examining the needs of early school leavers who wish to re-enter the education system.

3) Casualisation of the Youth Labour Market

A discussion paper on the participation of young people in the part-time casual labour market and the relationships between increasing 'casualisation' and award restructuring and youth wages issues, indicating areas for further in-depth research.

4) Young People as Victims of Violence

A discussion paper to address the issue of young people as victims of violence, and provide directions for further research in this area.

5) Young People Living on the Urban Fringe

The National Youth Affairs Research Scheme is hoping to negotiate for the Australian Institute of Family Studies to prepare a separate specific report on the experiences of young people in poorly serviced areas, particularly the urban fringe, based on the Institute's current research on locational disadvantage and family living standards. The AIFS study will include interviews with approximately 6,000 families living in selected locations throughout Australia, including rural areas, inner city areas and urban fringe areas, and so will provide an extensive database for the report to draw upon.

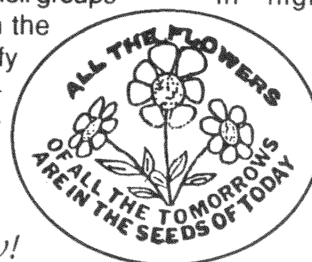
For more info contact John Dawkins,
Division of Youth on (07) 237 1873.



Who we are

All over Australia - all over the world - young people are concerned about the environment and are taking action to protect it.

The Australian Environmental Youth Alliance unites and supports young people and their groups in high schools, universities and in the community. Our aim is to unify this huge grassroots movement to be a more effective force.



The future starts now!

We will inherit the mistakes we made today. However, we can change the fallacy that young people don't have anything valuable to say until they have the vote, have a degree, have a mortgage or are in the workforce - until they are too old.

The strength of youth is our ability to think freely, act quickly and feel strongly. Together we can work to bring about the fundamental changes in values and lifestyle, and in government policy which are required to secure our future.

In fact, our generation may be the last one which has the chance to change our relationship with the natural world. Change must start now.

Our aims

EYA aims to coordinate young people to act on environmental issues, to promote communication and to share information.

The environment will only be cared for if YOU care. Join EYA. Come to our meetings to plan. Take part in actions and activities that immediately concern your future. Unite with young people around the globe to ensure our inheritance isn't mined, felled, fished, warmed and polluted out of existence.

Contact EYA, C/- Wilderness Society,
97 Albert St, Brisbane Qld 4000
Phone (07) 299 4533.

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Youth Initiative Grants 1991/92

The Queensland Government will make available seeding grants ranging up to \$3,000 to new organisations or for new services to be implemented by existing organisations in the youth field.

Applications may be submitted on a rolling basis until 5.00pm on 30th November, 1991.

Youth and Community Grants 1992/93

Applications are invited from youth and community organisations for grants in respect of projects which assist young people at the local level in a range of high priority youth areas, including crime prevention, health, labour market participation, access, information, gender equity and community profile needs analyses.

Applications for these grants close at 5.00pm on 31st December, 1991.

Community Youth Work Training Grants 1992/93

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

Applications for these grants close at 5.00pm on 31st December, 1991.

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

KEN RUBIE
Brisbane North Region
Phone: (07) 205 3379
JEFF JENKINS
Central Region
Phone: (079) 319 911
PAUL DUNNE
Darling Downs Region
Phone: (076) 391 790
PHILOMENA JACKSON
North Western Region
Phone: (076) 581 633
FAY GASPARINI
Northern Region
Phone: (077) 221 476

JOHN O'HALLORAN
Peninsula Region
Phone: (076) 315 920
KERRIE BELL
South Western Region
Phone: (076) 689 160
ALEX McDONALD
Sunshine Coast Region
Phone: (074) 437 807
PETER BROWNING
West Moreton Region
Phone: (07) 202 3959
TONY MCGUIRE
Wide Bay Region
Phone: (071) 252 533

OR

DIVISION OF YOUTH, PHONE: (07) 237 1292

Applications should be submitted in duplicate by the closing date to the Director, Division of Youth, Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, PO Box 336, North Quay 4002.

Division of YOUTH
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORT & RACING



CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH COUNCIL

CRIMINOLOGY
RESEARCH COUNCIL

RESEARCH GRANTS

The Criminology Research Council invites applications for research grants from individuals or organisations wishing to undertake research in connection with the nature, causes, correction or prevention of criminal behaviour or any related matter.

The Council is interested in supporting research projects which are likely to make a contribution to the prevention and control of crime in Australia. Projects of an evaluative nature designed to assess the effectiveness and/or the efficiency of programs and policies are particularly invited as are proposals for research on crime prevention, family violence, economic and corporate crime, and juvenile justice. However funding is not necessarily confined to such projects, and any proposal of sufficiently high quality will be considered.

The Council has, at present, an annual budget of \$298,000 and holds three meetings each year. The next closing date for applications is 18 October 1991, however, applications may be submitted at any time. Please quote reference CRC 913.

Application forms may be obtained from:

The Administrator
Criminology Research Council
GPO Box 2944
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Ph. (06) 274 0200

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JOBSKILLS



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JOBSKILLS BROKERS 1991/92

Invitations for Expressions of
Interest

The objective of the JOBSKILLS Program is to improve the long-term employment prospects of people who have been unemployed for 12 months or more by broadening their employment experience and equipping them with new skills through work experience and training.

Expressions of interest are invited from suitably experienced community organisations and local government authorities to act as JOBSKILLS Brokers to arrange and/or provide training and work experience placements.

JOBSKILLS Brokers will be paid a fee to secure 26 weeks work experience and training placements for a minimum of 20 participants in a twelve month period.

JOBSKILLS Brokers are being sought for New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Guidelines, Application Forms and further information can be obtained by phoning (06) 276 9555 and leaving your organisation's name, address and telephone number including area code, or writing to:

Assistant Secretary
Community Strategies Branch
Department of Employment, Education and
Training
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Attention: JOBSKILLS

BUREAU OF ETHNIC AFFAIRS
Department of Family Services and
Aboriginal and Islander Affairs

Community Assistance Grants 1991/92

The Community Assistance Grants provide limited funds for small, non-recurrent grants (limit of \$5,000) to ethnic communities, or community-based organisations with a focus on migrant issues, and encourage initiatives that:

- promote education and self-sufficiency within communities
- enable participation in community and political processes
- create opportunities for ethnic communities to retain and express their cultural identity
- reduce prejudice, encourage harmony and promote multiculturalism

Guidelines and application forms are available from

Bureau of Ethnic Affairs
120 Main Street
Kangaroo Point Q 4169

Telephone: (07) 391 3601

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 1991

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National Parent Information Project

empowering people with disabilities through support and information to their parents, family members and/or advocates

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ONE-OFF GRANTS

Grants are now available through the above Project to enable parents, family members and/or advocates to seek out information about ways to improve the opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in the life of the community and to share this information with a wider network of involved or interested people.

Who Can Apply:

- Individual parents or relatives of people who have a disability who are connected with a wider network.
- Individual advocates of people who have a disability, and who are involved with parents or relatives.
- Independent family-based groups or organisations.

Proposals will need to focus on the gathering and sharing of accurate and up-to-date information about supports and services which include people with disabilities in the life of the community.

The Project covers all disabilities — intellectual, physical, sensory and psychiatric, and all age groups.

An information package containing the application form, with "user-friendly" guidelines and worksheets, is available from:

National Parent Information Project
Action for Citizens with Disabilities

PO Box 297, St Ives NSW 2075
Tel: (02) 983 9562 or (02) 449 5355

Fax: (02) 449 2652

008 line for country and interstate callers:
(008) 022482

Closing date for applications:
8th November 1991

This National Project is funded through the Commonwealth Department of Health, Housing and Community Services

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARTS, SPORT, THE ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND TERRITORIES

Community Cultural, Recreation and Sporting Facilities Program

As part of the 1991-92 Budget, the Commonwealth Government has announced the introduction of the Community Cultural, Recreation and Sporting Facilities Program. The Program will provide supplementary financial assistance to State/Territory and local government authorities and other community groups to meet high priority community cultural, sporting and recreation facility needs.

Over the next three years, \$30 million is to be provided for the upgrading of existing facilities, additions to existing facilities or the development of new facilities. Funds will not be provided for feasibility studies, recurrent operating costs (including staffing) or non-essential equipment. The maximum Commonwealth grant available is \$250,000, and for projects with a total cost above \$50,000 funding will generally be made available on a matched basis (ie. dollar for dollar).

Copies of the program guidelines and application form are available by writing to:

The Assistant Director (Facilities)
Sport and Recreation Branch
DASETT
GPO Box 787
CANBERRA ACT 2601

For further information, contact (06) 274 1866 (telephone) or (06) 274 1865 (facsimile).

Department of Primary Industries and Energy

RURAL ACCESS PROGRAM

Grants for improving rural communities access to services

Applications are now invited from community and industry groups and institutions for the 1991/92 Rural Access Program (RAP) grants.

Grants are available to community groups and other organisations to improve the access to services and opportunities for people in rural and remote Australia. Projects promoting education and training, employment, social, health or other services will be supported by the program. The RAP allows rural communities to plan, organise and deliver a range of activities and projects relevant to their own needs.

The program has funding \$1.5 million and a minimum of \$500,000 has been allocated for projects specifically targeting women. Also special consideration will be given to other disadvantaged groups.

The maximum funding for community groups will be \$20,000 and preference will be given to small scale projects under \$10,000. Projects requiring funding above \$20,000 will need to demonstrate significant innovation and national or widespread impact.

Assessments will be held four times per year and applications may be made at any time. Closing date for the next assessment round will be 13 December 1991.

For Guidelines and Application Forms write to:

Rural Access Program
Agriculture and Forestry Secretariat
Department of Primary Industries and Energy
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601

or phone: Barbie Bridge on (06) 272 5936 or Countrylink on 008 026 222.

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COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Community Youth Development Grant is a new initiative of the Division of Youth to assist the co-operative development of services to young people.

Grants are available to incorporated community organisations and local councils for the employment of a worker in the youth field to achieve the objectives outlined within a four year strategic development plan. Funding will be provided at a reducing rate, commencing at 90% of an award based salary and averaging 55% over the four year grant period.

Intending applicants must submit expressions of interest by 17th September, 1991. Selected groups will subsequently be invited to submit detailed applications that include strategic development plans and performance criteria. Final applications close on 15th November, 1991.

Training Workshops

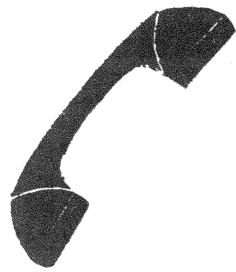
The Division of Youth will conduct strategic planning workshops in Brisbane, Maryborough, Roma, Rockhampton, Cairns and Mount Isa during August and September. These workshops will be open to all community organisations and local councils and should be of particular interest to those wishing to apply for a Community Youth Development Grant.

Guidelines, expressions of interest forms and further information can be obtained from the Division of Youth, Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, PO Box 336, North Quay 4002, telephone (07) 237 1292.


Division of YOUTH
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORT & RACING



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QUEENSLAND CRISIS HOUSING LINE

The Queensland Housing Crisis Line (QHCL) has been in place now for 5 months. For those of you who we didn't contact in the first months of service, we hope that the QHCL can be of service to your organisation.

The QHCL offers a phone referral and support service to organisations and individuals who have housing problems.

If we can't help you we generally have a fair idea who can!!!

PHONE THE HOUSING CRISIS LINE ON

(07) 379 4763

Mon to Fri between 10.00am - 3.00pm

OPERATION HOME FREE

Operation Home Free is a national community service which gives runaway children a free coach ride home anywhere in Australia. The sponsors are Greyhound Australia, Channel 9 and the Australian Police.

The latest figures show that Qld seems to be the favourite state for runaway children reported missing. About 37% of all the children we have carried home have been returning from Qld and the majority seem to have run away from NSW.

However, every state is involved and the longest distance we have carried a child has been 5118 kms - from Perth to Brisbane.

To qualify, children must be aged between 12 and 17 and have been listed with the police as missing persons by their families.

Children are encouraged to contact their nearest local police, who then check the validity of their case and arrange with Greyhound for free passage home.

New AIDS Support Group for Cairns



A new support group for people who are HIV positive or who have AIDS will soon be established in Cairns.

Such groups are run by the Queensland AIDS Council and Queensland Positive People and are open to sufferers who want the chance to talk to others in their situation.

For further information on the new group contact Jeff on (070) 51 1028.

POSITIONS VACANT / WANTED

DO YOU REQUIRE A YOUTH COUNSELLOR!

Experienced in alcohol and drug abuse cases. Conscientious, reliable, friendly, efficient, honest, ability to listen and dedicated. Patient and caring personality.

**CONTACT VICKI ON (07) 883 1090 (DAYTIME)
(07) 284 8765 (AH)**

YOUTH WORK WANTED

I have several years experience working with young people in the community sector. At Koorie Kollige in Melbourne I assisted homeless young Aboriginals in finding accommodation. I was also involved in establishing a music program. I have experience in outreach work, supervising migrant night classes and counselling young people on both an individual and small group level.

I have been studying a Bachelor of Youth Affairs at Phillip Institute, Melbourne and have recently transferred to the Social Welfare Course at the University of Queensland. I would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you.

Geoffrey Shields
12 Mill Rd
Pullenvale Qld 4069

PH (07) 374 1912



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TRUTH OR DARE

Truth or Dare is an exciting new video resource which challenges violence and homophobic attitudes. The 24 minute video drama promotes the rights of all people to sexual choice without fear or discrimination or violence. **Truth or Dare** has been made by young people for young people. It has been produced for use by schools, institutions and community organisations and is accompanied by easy to use teaching notes. It is available for \$35 each plus \$5 postage.

Contact Healthrites Publications,
328-336 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield NSW 2131.
Phone (02) 716 6099 or fax (02) 716 6164.



voice your choice



Voice Your Choice is a health education resource available for young women. The package includes 1) **Voice Your Choice** - the game, 2) a Guide for Young Women's Health Education Programs and an Extensive Resource List. The process of playing the game facilitates young women to make choices and exercise control over their bodies, particularly in the areas of health, sexuality, pregnancy and parenthood. It provides accurate information, explores myths and assists young women in making informed decisions about their own bodies and well-being. It is available for \$45 plus \$6 postage.

Contact Gayle Keen, Community Health,
Mt Druitt Hospital, Railway St, Mt Druitt NSW
2770. Phone (02) 832 1955.

HEY EWES presents a strong but simple anti-drug message ... you don't have to follow the mob and smoke, drink or take drugs, just because your friends do. Made by young people for young people the video aims to stimulate a greater belief in the qualities of the individual by playing on the characteristics of sheep to follow one another. It is available for \$25 plus \$3 postage.

Contact David Burke, Youth Services, Corio Shire
Council, Swinburne St, North Geelong VIC 3215.
Phone (052) 795 244.

STONED

the drug & alcohol education game for young people

STONED is a fun, innovative board game designed to inform young people about drugs and alcohol. Peer discussion is encouraged through open-ended questions and a variety of other techniques are used to promote interaction and active learning. The game has been extensively piloted throughout Australia and is great for use with young people aged 14 years and over in high schools, youth centres, youth refuges, drug and alcohol agencies and parent groups. It is available for \$20 plus \$6 postage and packaging.

Contact Sony Hunt, Community Health,
Mt Druitt Hospital, Railway St, Mt Druitt NSW 2770.
Phone (02) 832 1955.

prevention of child sexual abuse

The North Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corp. for Child Care launched its Information Package on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse in Townsville on 8 Feb '91. This highly commended package includes:

Can You Hear Us Kids - Video

Designed for parents and other adults, which addresses the issue of child sexual abuse with sensitivity. Designed for use with Aboriginal and Islander communities.

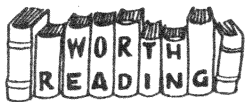
Us Kids Can Say No! - Video

Designed for use with Aboriginal and Islander communities, this video deals very sensitively with the issue of prevention of child sexual abuse. Presents simple personal safety messages to primary school age children: your body belongs to you, say "no" to unwanted touch and tell a parent, relative or trusted adult.

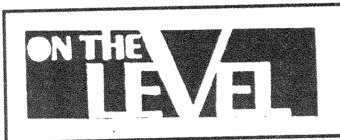
My Body Is Mine Only! - Book

Adapted from the Video *Us Kids Can Say No* this book is a sensitive presentation of the story of a young girl telling her cousin how she has been sexually abused by an uncle. Stresses that children should tell a trusted adult and seek help if they are being abused. Audio cassette of same title accompanies

The package is available for \$100 plus \$10 postage. Contact the North Qd ATSI Corp. for
Child Care, 46 Plume St, Townsville 4810.
Phone (077) 72 6224.



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is a new publication of the Family Planning Association of NSW. The journal is published quarterly and includes articles, information and reviews about sexuality and sexual health issues. **On the Level's** first edition focusses on young people and includes a wide range of topics including gender and sexuality in rural areas, multiculturalism and health promotion, young people and risk taking behaviour and countering homophobia. All issues will present updates on HIV education programs.

Contact Healthrites Publications,
328-336 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield NSW 2131
Phone (02) 716 6099 or fax (02) 716 6164.

1991 JOB GUIDE OUT NOW!

Produced by the Department of Employment, Education and Training the Guide is published to give school students, school leavers, parents, teachers and people considering a career change, information on choosing an occupation, planning a career and training.

The 1991 Job Guide is available from all CES offices, secondary schools, libraries, TAFE colleges and DEET.

NEGOTIATING THE FUNDING MAZE

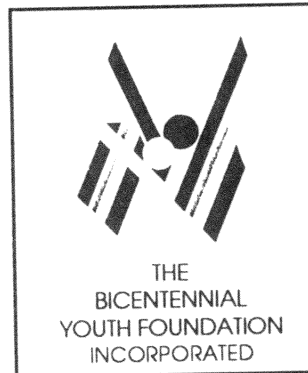
Produced by the Division of Youth **Negotiating the Funding Maze** is essentially a guide for providers of youth services to help people access funding which is made available for certain projects and programs. For further assistance information on youth-related funding provided by non-government trusts and foundations is also provided.

Contact Division of Youth, PO Box 336,
North Quay Qld 4002. Phone (07) 237 1292.

\$ \$ \$ THE FUNDING RESOURCES BOOK

Produced by the Queensland Council of Social Services this is a comprehensive guide to government and non-government funding. The Funding Resources Book is presently being updated and a new edition will be available later in the year.

Contact QCOSS, PO Box 306, Red Hill Qld 4059
Phone (07) 832 1266

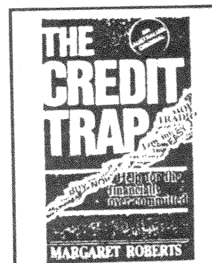


BYF's **Handbook** is the first step to communicate the Foundation's philosophy, programs and procedures. Of particular interest is the section on program descriptions which outlines:

- * Youth Initiatives Grants;
- * Community Grants Program;
- * National Significance Program
- * Advocacy Program.

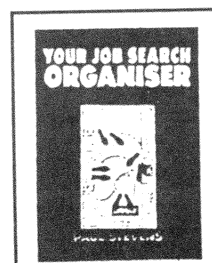
Guidelines and application forms will be distributed on request from October each year for either the *Youth Initiatives Grant* or the *Community Grants Program*. Formal consideration of proposals under the *National Significance Program* and the *Advocacy Program* will require written submissions. A section entitled "Writing a Proposal" is included in the *Handbook*.

For more info contact Gillian Bonham,
BYF, 109 Norton St, Leichhardt NSW 2040
Phone (02) 564 224 or (008) 252 316



The Credit Trap: Help for the financially overcommitted by Margaret Roberts is a resource about money matters which will be valuable for young people. The book takes the mystery out of money management, explaining in plain language issues such as plastic money, personal budgeting and sexually transmitted

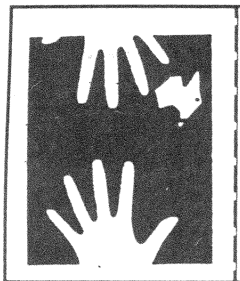
debt. All prospective rev-heads should read the "Misery on Wheels" chapter before they go anywhere near a car yard. Perhaps the best aspect of *The Credit Trap* is that it lets young people know that if they do get into financial difficulties, they can get help - there's an excellent chapter on debt counselling and an extensive list of organisations which provide help and advice. Published by McCulloch Publishing.



Your Job Search Organiser: The essential guide for a successful job search by Paul Stevens, is a set of worksheets designed to help job seekers plan and carry out a job search. It contains checklists and worksheets to help readers set their employment goals, identify obstacles and ways around them, locate information,

establish a support network, develop a resume and prepare for follow up interviews. *Your Job Search Organiser* is designed for individual use but would also be ideal for youth workers to use in job search courses. Published by Pitman, rrp \$9.99.

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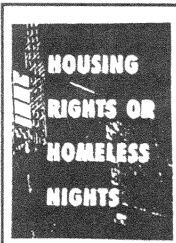
THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS

PARTNERSHIPS IN PREVENTION

Presented by the Queensland Department of Education and the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse Australia.

DATE: 7-11 October 1991
VENUE: Bardon Professional Development Centre, Brisbane
COST: Full registration, \$180
Day registration, \$50

Contact Conference Coordinator,
Special Health Issues, Dept of Education,
PO Box 33, North Quay 4002. Ph (07) 234 9815.



NATIONAL YOUTH HOUSING CONFERENCE

HOMELESS NIGHTS OR HOUSING RIGHTS

The National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH) have organised their 4th National Youth Housing Conference to be held in Melbourne, 10-13 October 1991. It will be the first opportunity for discussion on a national level, following the Burdekin Inquiry.

Each day will consist of a mixture of speakers and workshops, focussing on both broad social and political issues and practical skills based on work with young people. Topics will include:

- * issues and strategies specific to young women's housing needs
- * Aboriginal young people and access to housing
- * NESB young peoples' access to housing
- * juvenile justice
- * social justice

DATE: 10-13 October 1991
VENUE: Dallas Brooks Hall & Conference Centre,
300 Albert St, East Melbourne

Contact Conference Coordinators (03) 417 4263

HIV/AIDS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A statewide conference for workers with young people. The conference will focus on understanding and confronting the issues, an update on current information, assessment of available resources, development of policy recommendations and worker networks.

DATE: 17, 18 October 1991
VENUE: International House, Melbourne University
COST: \$80 including lunch, refreshments and materials. Concessions available.

Contact Mark Groggin, Victorian Aids Council, 117 Johnston, St, Collingwood 3066. Ph (03) 417 1759.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, GYMPIE

The conference will provide an opportunity for people committed to community building to come together and share ideas, experiences and skills. The Conference is also a great opportunity to have a barrel of fun, get together with old friends and make new ones.

DATE: 1-3 November 1991
VENUE: Gympie Civic Centre
COST: Full registration, \$130. Billet, \$65

Contact the Conference Committee, 24 Lawrence St, Gympie 4570. Ph (074) 82 1068 or 82 7535

COMING SOON !

YOUTH AFFAIRS TRAINERS SCHOOL

MARCH 1992, BRISBANE

Suggested streams include skills training, distance learning (how does it work) and developing flexible accredited training courses. Travel subsidies available for five people from each isolated region. Regions are encouraged to start thinking about possible attendees.

MORE INFO OUT SOON

Contact Pam Searle (YSTC) on (07) 237 1304 or Lindsay Granger (YANQ) on (07) 852 1800

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YOUTH, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

DATE: 15-17 October 1991
VENUE: Hervey Bay
COST: \$60
CONTACT: Pam Searle, YSTC on (07) 237 1304

FUNDRAISING FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

DATE: 16 October 1991
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
VENUE: Ipswich Civic Hall, Nicholas St, Ipswich
COST: \$80 includes lunch and materials
SPEAKER: Richard Steckel
CONTACT: Lifeline Ipswich on (07) 281 8688

NON-PROFIT STRATEGIC MARKETING STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT and GRANT WRITING

DATE: 26 October 1991
TIME: 8.30am - 5.00pm
VENUE: Gardens Point Campus, QUT, Level 1, B Block
COST: \$50 includes light lunch and refreshments.
A certificate of achievement will be presented.
CONTACT: Anna or Maria on (07) 864 2822

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

A most important 1 day training workshop for all volunteer Management Committees, staff and volunteers. The focus will be on the role of the management committee and will cover issues such as organisational structure, clarifying roles within your organisation and working as team members.

DATE: 11 November 1991
TIME: 9.30am - 3.30pm
COST: Members, \$25 Non-members, \$30
SPEAKER: Jenny Barkman
RSVP: 4 November 1991 to Training Coordinator at the Volunteer Centre of Qld on 229 9700 to confirm registration and the venue.

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Participants will gain improved knowledge of the biological, emotional and social changes that take place during adolescence, and the stress factors and problems that may be involved. Values and attitudes regarding teenage sexual behaviour will be examined and clarified, with a view to improving communication with adolescents. For teachers, health and youth workers:

DATE: 15 November 1991
TIME: 9.00am - 4.00pm
VENUE: FPAQ, 100 Alfred St, Fortitude Valley
COST: \$30
CONTACT: (07) 252 5151

SUBMISSION WRITING

Submission writing is a skill essential to workers in the community sector. This half day workshop looks at the components of writing a successful submission.

DATE: 25 November 1991
TIME: 9.30am - 12.30pm
COST: Members, \$20 Non-members, \$25
RSVP: 18 November 1991 to Training Coordinator at the Volunteer Centre of Qld on 229 9700 to confirm registration and the venue.

COMING SOON !

COORDINATION AND POLICY MAKING REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

DECEMBER '91 TO JUNE '92

Six modules will be developed and piloted in Brisbane. Regions will then be offered 4 out of 6 modules :

- decision making processes for policy formulation
- philosophies underpinning youth affairs
- writing skills and utilising information systems
- infrastructure of the youth affairs field
- developing a policy position around a particular issues
- consultation and coordination - what is it?

Regional venues include Mt Isa, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Hervey Bay and Roma.

MORE INFO OUT SOON

Contact Pam Searle (YSTC) on (07) 237 1304 or Lindsay Granger (YANQ) on (07) 852 1800

SURVEY ON YOUTH SECTOR TRAINING FOR RURAL/REMOTE AREAS

RURAL WORKERS - WE WANT YOUR INPUT !!

YANQ and the Qld Youth Sector Training Council (YSTC) want to obtain funds from the Commonwealth Rural Access Grants Program to run workshops on "Dealing with Isolation" for workers with young people in rural areas. Your input will make our submission relevant to your needs.

1. Please indicate the town or area where you work: _____
2. Do you support the idea of workshops on "Dealing with Isolation" for workers with youth in rural and remote communities?

YES NO

3. The following topics have been suggested for the workshops. Please indicate if you think they would be useful to you and number them in order of priority (1 for the topic you think is most important).

Priority

<i>Accessing grant money (including submission writing)</i>	YES	NO	_____
<i>Supervision of workers with young people (developing infrastructure)</i>	YES	NO	_____
<i>Support for workers with young people (developing infrastructure)</i>	YES	NO	_____
<i>Encouraging community involvement in youth issues</i>	YES	NO	_____
<i>Planning: "how", "what" "when" and "why" to plan</i>	YES	NO	_____
<i>Strategies for networking at local and regional levels</i>	YES	NO	_____
<i>Who to talk to about youth issues</i>	YES	NO	_____
<i>Other (please specify) _____</i>			_____

4. We would like about 10 people to attend each workshop. What would we need to do to make that possible in your area?

Travel subsidy	YES	NO
Accommodation subsidy	YES	NO
Other		

5. Where do you think workshops should be held in your region/area in order to be most accessible to the people who need them? Please try to list the places in order of priority if you can.

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
FORWARD TO: YANQ, PO BOX 116, FORTITUDE VALLEY 4006
FAX (07) 852 1441 PH (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899

WE WELCOME ANY OTHER INPUT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE

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YANQ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Service _____
Address _____ Code _____
Telephone () _____ Fax () _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY APPLIED FOR

Ordinary (Community based) ☐

Associate (Government) ☐

MEMBERSHIP FEE PAYABLE

Non-waged individual \$5.00 ☐

Waged individual (community and government) \$10.00 ☐

Organisation / Service \$25.00 ☐

I enclose cheque for \$ _____ in payment of membership fees.

Signed _____ Date _____

RETURN TO YANQ, PO BOX 116, FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006