

# Network Noise

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On 9 July almost 60 young people and youthworkers attended a YANQ Forum to develop strategies for submission to Prime Minister Paul Keating's National Youth Summit in Canberra on 22 July '92.

Like other youth affairs bodies throughout Australia, YANQ organised the Forum in response to a request from national youth peak, AYPAC - the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition. AYPAC was the only youth sector representative included on the guest list for the Youth Summit, which was dominated by representatives of business and the trade unions.

Participants, including 25 young women and men from a variety of backgrounds, worked in small groups around three themes: Education and Training, Youth Incomes, and Job Creation. A number of principles emerged from these small group discussions, which were endorsed by the larger group.

## Network Contributes to National Youth Summit

### Education and Training

All young people need to be able to access education and training (regardless of their income level, ability or location). All young people deserve to be treated with respect during their education and training. Education and training should be relevant to young people's needs. Education and training **MUST** lead to jobs, not just to further training or unemployment.

### Youth Incomes

Young people, like adults, must have a living income. Payment rates must reflect the real costs of living for young people. The results of the Senate Inquiry into young people's incomes are urgently needed.

### Job Creation

There is a need for Federal Government planning and intervention to generate jobs in both the public and private sectors. Job creation is not traineeship

generation. Job creation occurs when workers receive an award wage. It must be ecologically sustainable.

Groups also developed detailed recommendations in each area, which are too lengthy to reprint here. However, they can be provided to readers on request.

Because of the short lead-up to the Summit, it was not possible for YANQ to give members much notice or to consult as fully as we would have liked. We regret the fact that there are probably members who would have liked to contribute but did not get a chance.

To those who could contribute, we say thanks - especially to those who spent time travelling or making written submissions so that they could be part of the process. We are particularly grateful to the young people who attended the Forum and kept reminding us that we were talking about **REAL PEOPLE**, not just **ECONOMIC THEORY**.

See page 3 for Outcomes of National Youth Summit





## Coordinating Committee Update July - Aug 1992

To let members know what their  
elected Committee has been doing!

### 1991/1992 Members

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

## YANQ POLICY FORUM

to be held on

5-6 October 1992

prior to the  
1992 Queensland Youth Affairs  
Conference

## YANQ AGM

to be held

8.15pm, Wednesday

7 October 1992

at the  
1992 Queensland Youth Affairs  
Conference

See Centre Pages Liftout

### Decisions Made July - August 1992

- That the Policy and Research Officer submit and application to the Department of Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories for an airconditioner for YANQ's conference room
- That YANQ support WAYWARD (Women Alongside Young Women for Action, Research and Development), meet the cost of mailing minutes and provide a contact and meeting venue for the group as necessary
- That YANQ organise a "Youth Expo" for the NESB State Youth Affairs Conference to be held mid-August 1992
- That the Network Development Coordinator be appointed YANQ's permanent representative on the Youth Strategy Coordinating Committee and that specialised people be approached as required
- That YANQ hold a preliminary meeting prior to a proposed Youth Forum to familiarise a core group of participants on the key issues of the National Youth Summit
- That YANQ hold a Youth Forum to gather input for the National Youth Summit
- That YANQ support Stage 3 of the Income Support Project subject to conditions identified and that the Policy and Research Office continue her role on the Steering Group
- That the position of Editor be created for the YANQ journal *transitions* and that this position form part of the Executive on YANQ's Coordinating Committee to be open for nomination at each Annual General Meeting.
- That proposed constitutional amendments be distributed to YANQ membership via the July/August issue of *Network Noise*
- That YANQ fund the attendance of the Communications/Administration Officer and two Coordinating Committee members at a "Management in Community Organisations" workshop to be held at Griffith University on 20 August 1992

# OUTCOMES OF NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT

## - AYPAC Chair and Young People Attend -

The following report has been prepared by Lindsay Granger, YANQ's delegate on the National Representatives Board of the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC).

*AYPAC's first major national undertaking was its involvement in the recent Youth Summit held in Canberra on 22 July. AYPAC's submission to this meeting was a position paper derived from reports from each state. Whilst the preparation time for the summit was extremely rushed, meetings of young people and youthworkers in each state and territory were held to develop material for state reports. YANQ prepared the Queensland report from a forum held on 9 July attended by almost 60 young people and youth-workers. (See full report on front page).*

State reports concentrated on three main areas: 1) employment and job creation; 2) youth incomes; and 3) education and training.

Drawing on this information the main points of AYPAC's submission were as follows:

### Employment and Job Creation

- The development of a National Employment Strategy to adopt a creative and expansionist role in addressing unemployment.
- The encouragement of local employment initiatives through regional Economic Development Boards, including the allocation of \$2 billion for an emergency jobs program.
- The expansion of public sector employment and increased access by young people.

### Youth Incomes

- Removal of age discrimination from industrial awards. Young people should be paid on the basis of competency, not age.

Young people in vocational education, training and employment should be paid pro-rata award wages for work and on-the-job training. Off-the-job training must be underwritten by direct government subsidy to enable a living income.

- Young unemployed people must receive adult rates of Job Search/Newstart and young people in education to receive adult rates of Austudy.

### Education and training

- Increase of 50,000 TAFE places immediately
- Fast-track the reform of the education and training system
- Generate short-term training measures for industries which are maintaining or increasing production
- Extend Jobskills and Formal Training Allowance programs.

Although AYPAC was invited to have only one representative at the summit, (chairperson, Paul Turley), we were able to negotiate extra places for four young people. These young people not only spoke clearly and forcefully to the Prime Minister and the industry/union

leaders present, but also ensured that they, AYPAC and its submission received favourable and widespread media coverage.

### Government Promises

The Government's response to the summit is a National Employment and Training Plan for Young Australians. It outlines a number of major initiatives by the Federal Government, including:

- An offer to all long-term unemployed young people of a six month vocational training course, with a JOBSTART card on completion, giving employers a wage subsidy to employ a young person. Funding will be provided for over 35,000 places.
- The creation of a new Career Start Traineeship, set up under a new single Federal award - to target early school leavers, amongst the most disadvantaged of job seekers.



AYPAC Chair: Paul Turley

- An expansion of Skillshare and JOBTRAIN with a link to a wage subsidy for a job beyond training.
- A new Landcare and Environment Action Program offering young people employment experience in environmental and conservation projects.
- Increased subsidies for additional current traineeships and extra support for apprentices.
- A further 12,000 pre-vocational TAFE places in 1993.
- \$43.6 million over three years to underpin the development of the new entry level training arrangements for the Australian Vocational Certificate recommended in the Carmichael Report.
- \$56.3 million over three years to fund places in Carmichael pilot projects and the new Career Start Traineeships.

There is no guarantee that subsidies to employers will result in any increase in jobs for young people. Concerns have also been raised about the proposed Traineeship Schemes. However, the Government's proposal is for a mix of on-the-job/off-the-job training for young people in employment. Young people will be paid pro-rata award rates for their time on the job. These award payments will be topped up if they fall below a minimum of \$125 per week for under 18 year olds and \$150 per week for over 18 year olds.

Whilst the proposed Traineeship arrangements are better for young people than the Liberals' \$3 per hour youth wages, they still fall a long way short of a living income. There is still an imperative for improvement in the income support area for unemployed young people and AYPAC intends to target these areas in the lead up to the Budget and the next election.

AYPAC replaces the Youth Affairs Council of Australia as the national youth peak body.



## NEW NESB WORK AT CONTACT YOUTH THEATRE

**CONTACT Youth Theatre is pleased to announce the beginning of a new 'wing' of the company's activities. On 29 June CONTACT employed Francine Seeto as the new "Coordinator: Cross-Cultural Program". Francine will generate projects which target NESB young people from non-English speaking background (NESB) and seek ways of cooperating and collaborating with organisations which share similar goals.**

### Proposed Traditional NESB Theatre Program

CONTACT sees great potential in using traditional theatre/artforms to re-affirm young people's cultural identities, thus helping to develop positive relationships between young people and older members of the ethnic community.

#### Stage 1: Research - Consultation

We want to hear from young people, arts workers and adult members from NESB communities who have ideas/comments/suggestions about possible arts/theatre activities. WHO wants to do WHAT and HOW can CONTACT help???

#### Stage 2: Workshops

CONTACT runs various workshops throughout the year and NESB young people are especially invited to participate. Dates include:

- Sat (9.30- 12.30pm) Acting
- Tues (5.00 - 7.00pm) Writing
- Sun (3.00 - 6.00pm) Drama
- Wed (4.30 - 6.30pm) Department

Depending on the level of interest and outcomes from Stage 1 it may be possible to hold separate workshops with NESB young people who are unable to come into the city at the times allocated for workshops.

#### Stage 3: Performances

The major performance project in 1992 is the MALENY FESTIVAL at the end of December where we are planning a youth theatre performance involving NESB, Aboriginal and Anglo young people. It is hoped that a number of NESB young people might become involved in the workshop program to input to the MALENY FESTIVAL.

For more info contact Francine Seeto  
CONTACT Youth Theatre  
109 Edward Street, Brisbane 4000  
Phone (07) 221 5443

## YOUTH POLICY PROJECT UPDATE

### YANQ Calls for Public Review of Draft Policy

Like a number of other community organisations, YANQ has been represented on the Reference Group of the Queensland Government Youth Policy Project since December 1991. The next meeting of the Reference Group will be held on 20 August. Here Corrie Macdonald, observer on the Group, discusses the most recent developments of the Project.

June and July have seen the Youth Policy Project undertake a community consultation around the contents of its Discussion Paper. Soon a consultation report will be prepared and then a Government Joint Officers Group (JOG) will begin writing the actual Youth Policy. Currently the Youth Policy is timetabled to emerge in November, however circumstances (eg State elections) may affect this goal.

#### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

YANQ has had little feedback from members concerning the community consultation undertaken by the Project. However, the few reports we have received have raised some concerns about the methodology employed.

**In order to get a fuller picture, we are asking members who have comments about the consultation to phone or fax us prior to the next Reference Group meeting on 20 August.**

#### PUBLIC ACCESS TO DRAFT YOUTH POLICY

None of the documents released so far by the Youth Policy Project give any real indication of the direction the Government's Youth Policy will take. The Discussion Paper and the Consultation Report are only resource documents for use by the JOG, which is under no obligation to include their contents or community feedback in the final policy.

YANQ is therefore arguing that a draft of the policy developed by the JOG should be released for public comment prior to its presentation to Cabinet for endorsement. The draft policy will be the first real indication of the direction Government intends to take on youth affairs.

#### ONGOING CONSULTATION ON YOUTH AFFAIRS

Chapter 15 of the Project Discussion Paper notes the need for ongoing structures for consultation around youth issues. Possible models are suggested, including a Youth Policy Advisory Council or Youth Advisory Committee.

During the community consultations this issue was discussed in fairly vague terms with participants. Only those reading the full Discussion Paper would be aware of the details of the proposed structures. There is a need for a broader consultation on specific models.

Therefore, YANQ is requesting that proposed models for ongoing consultation on youth policy be publicised for comment. It may be necessary to separate the development of a new consultative structure from the timeline for the production of the Youth Policy. It would be a tragedy if some body were hurriedly established, without either sufficient thought or real community endorsement, and then failed to effectively function in the best interests of Queensland's young people.

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from

**the Secretariat:**

**PO Box 519  
Dickson ACT 2602**

Tel: (06) 241 8055  
Fax: (06) 241 8066

## Annual General Meeting

**6pm - 7.30pm  
Tuesday, 29 September  
1992  
in Canberra**

The AYPAC National Representative Board (NRB) is elected from National Youth Organisations at the Annual General meeting (AGM).

National Youth Organisations must be nominated and seconded by AYPAC members. Nominations for the NRB must be in writing and must reach the AYPAC Secretariat prior to the AGM.

**For further information  
contact the AYPAC  
Secretariat**

# REGIONAL NETWORK DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

## - A Continuing YANQ Initiative -

As the umbrella body for the non-government youth sector in Queensland YANQ has to be able to maintain close contact with the sector across the state. We believe that the most effective way of linking the sector across Queensland is through regional networks or interagencies.

Earlier this year YANQ advertised its program of Regional Network Development Grants which were intended to promote and strengthen regional interagencies across the state and to develop clearer lines of communication between these regional networks and YANQ.

Successful applicants for these grants so far include the Mackay and Inala youth interagency groups and their projects are indicative of the type which YANQ is keen to support.

"Mackay Youth Connections" is the interagency for youthworkers in Mackay. They applied for a grant of \$682 to organise a Regional Youth Forum for youthworkers throughout their region, including isolated workers in the Central Highlands and Whitsunday areas. This forum will identify the role of a regional network, its boundaries and a structure for the maintenance of the network.

A grant of \$500 to the Inala Interagency "LARGEFLY" will resource them to define a regional structure which could represent a number of local youthwork interagencies in the area between Brisbane's western suburbs and Ipswich. (See box).

These projects show YANQ's preference for modest proposals which have clear potential for developing the voice of the youth sector at a regional level.

### Changes to 1992/1993 Guidelines

YANQ will continue to offer Regional Network Development Grants throughout the 1992/1993 financial year. However, guideline changes have been made.

YANQ is no longer calling for "Expressions of Interest" by a certain date. Applications can now be made at any time. While there is no standard application form applications should address the following criteria:

- purpose for which the grant is requested
- proposed budget
- how outcomes will assist in both regional development of the youth sector and the links between the region and YANQ.

### Commitment to Youth Sector Development

This project is not funded through any specific grant allocation. The money is drawn from YANQ's core funding and indicates YANQ's commitment to the sector, and especially to the operation and coordination of the sector at a regional level. Successful applications will therefore be relatively small (mostly less than \$1,000) but will hopefully meet a need for planning and infrastructure development at a regional level.

If the Regional Network Development Grant could assist in the development of your network or interagency please send us an application or ring Lindsay Granger on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899 to discuss how this program could be of assistance.

### LARGEFLY

(Leisure and Recreation Group  
Especially for Local Youth)

### REGIONAL WORKSHOP

'YANQ' Sponsored (eg. FREE).

Thursday, 20 August

9.00am - 4.00pm

HUB Neighbourhood Centre  
Cnr Wirraway Pde & Corsair  
Street, Inala

(Sorry, no child care)

### AGENDA

9.00am

#### MODELS OF INTERAGENCY

- Explore different models
- Philosophies (eg. to make explicit our philosophical approach, doing things and preparing documents for submission, not just sharing information)

\*•What is the potential and purpose of LARGEFLY?

12.30pm: LUNCH

1.30pm

#### REGIONAL NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

- Define the region

#### REGIONAL ISSUES

\*•Looking for commonality: a  
brainstorm

#### REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

3.30pm: WINE AND CHEESE

Further exploration of these issues  
is expected to follow

Please let Chi Nguyen know if  
you are intending to come

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or phone 372 9263.

tell the world how  
Queensland treats  
young people!

Report on the Convention on the  
Rights of the Child

**YANQ has joined with the Youth Advocacy Centre and CAFWAQ (the Child, Adolescent and Family Welfare Association of Queensland) to coordinate a non-government report on the implementation of CROC in Queensland. Readers are invited to contribute to the Report.**

In 1990 Australia committed itself to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CROC).

CROC contains 52 numbered paragraphs (known as "Articles") which set out the rights of children and young people as decided by the countries participating in the United Nations.

Governments which have ratified CROC - like Australia - are supposed to make efforts to ensure that children and young people in their countries have these rights respected.

In January 1993 the Federal Government has to report to the United Nations on what it has done to help Australia's children and young people obtain their rights under the Convention.

YANQ IS CONCERNED THAT THE RIGHTS OF MANY  
YOUNG PEOPLE IN QUEENSLAND  
ARE NOT BEING RESPECTED.

Therefore we are collaborating with other non-government agencies to prepare a Queensland report which can be presented to the UN in 1993.

We need input from you and the young people you know. All YANQ members have been sent a copy of CROC along with comments gathered at last year's CAFWAQ conference on the Convention. If others would like to participate, please contact us and we will provide you with the resource material.

We need your comments by Friday, 21 August 1992.

For further info contact Corrie Macdonald at YANQ.

# Are you coming to the 1992 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference?

- don't miss out! -

6-9 October on the  
Sunshine Coast

Planning for the 1992 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference is well underway. If you haven't already sent in your expression of interest postcard then mail it today otherwise you could miss out. Numbers are strictly limited. (If you haven't received the first information mailout give us a call.)

An interesting and challenging array of Keynote Speakers has been engaged to present their ideas at the Conference and workshop planning has also begun. A mailout seeking workshop planners and facilitators will be going out soon to all those who sent in their postcards.

Surfair Hotel on the Sunshine Coast presents an inviting venue for this year's Conference. Located right on the beachfront at Marcoola, the Hotel is being renovated after a change of ownership. The range of accommodation options available enables us to offer registration fees which cater for most budgets. Further discounts may also be negotiated by non-waged workers or students. Of course if you're a YANQ member the benefits are substantial. It is hoped that the single-venue residential Conference will provide greater opportunities for networking and involvement, but we encourage you to respond quickly to all Conference information mailouts as numbers are strictly limited.

The 1992 Conference will provide a great opportunity for workers in the youth sector to learn and to plan for the future. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more info contact YANQ on (07) 852 1800

# Campaign Fails to Keep Training Allowance for Under 21's.

Despite an intensive community campaign during April/May 1992, the Federal Government has passed legislation to exclude most 16-20 year olds from receiving the \$20-30 per week training component of Formal Training Assistance (FTA). Here Michael Gourlay of the Victorian Council of Social Service reports.

Formal Training Assistance (FTA) is a name used to refer to a range of assistance provided directly to, or on behalf of, people undertaking formal training under one of the labour market programs (eg Skillshare, Jobtrain) of the Department of Education, Employment and Training (DEET). FTA is provided in a range of ways, including a training component of \$20-30 per week paid in addition to unemployment payments, and a range of ancillary allowances such as book, equipment and fares allowances.

FTA is designed to cover the extra costs of training to ensure that nobody is financially worse off for having undertaken a training course.

In 1987 the Federal Government made under 21's ineligible for the training component of FTA. The Government argued that giving young people the FTA training component would provide an incentive for them to remain unemployed since they would receive \$20-30 per week more than if they were receiving Austudy.

This argument is nonsense. When a person becomes unemployed there is no certainty about when they might be eligible for FTA. Furthermore, most young people would prefer to access long-term education than short-term FTA courses but cannot do so.

In 1990 the Government once more extended eligibility for the FTA training component to sole parents under 21.

Prior to July 1991, FTA had not been included in Social Security legislation and was governed only by guidelines issued by the Minister for Employment, Education and Training. In July 1991, as part of the Newstart program, the CES and DSS entered into new administrative arrangements for payment of FTA. It was felt that certain FTA details should be included in the new "plain English" Social Security Act introduced to coincide with the beginning of Newstart on 1 July 1991.

The legislation relevant to FTA made no mention of the training component not being available to under 21's. However CES Guidelines continued to instruct officers that, apart from sole parents, young people were not eligible for the FTA training component.

The Sydney Welfare Rights Centre became aware that the CES was illegally withholding the FTA training component from under 21's. The issue was immediately raised with DEET, which claimed there was never an intention to provide the training component to under 21's.

The Welfare Rights Centre then proceeded with an appeal to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT). The SSAT found in favour of the Welfare Rights Centre but DEET then appealed to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The AAT agreed with the SSAT.

After the AAT decision the Government finally accepted what they called the "mistake" in the legislation by agreeing (on individual application by the young person) to pay the FTA training component to all under 21's who had wrongfully been denied payment between 1 July 1991 and 30 June 1992.

Since the AAT decision, the Federal Government - opposed only by the Democrats - has passed legislation to once more make under 21's ineligible for the FTA training component. Any young person entitled to FTA "back pay" must apply individually and should do so by 1 October 1992.



## Formal Training Assistance (FTA)

### Payment of Training Component to under 21 year olds

Unemployed jobseekers who undertook or commenced a Formal Training Assistance (FTA) approved training course between 1 July 1991 and 30 June 1992 and were under 21 years of age, may be eligible for all or part of the \$30 per week Training Component for the above period of training.

If you think you are eligible for payment of all or part of the allowance, check with your local CES office. Please apply before 1 October 1992.

Note: From 1 July 1992, under 21 year olds (with the exception of sole parents), are not eligible for the Training Component. Other allowances are available to provide assistance for any additional costs incurred by jobseekers while on a CES training course.

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# YOUNG PEOPLE AND SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS

How you can help young people  
get their payments

**If youthworkers understand a few simple but important Social Security processes, they can help young people to use the system to protect their rights. At the moment, young people are losing rights and money because they do not understand the DSS appeals process.**

Since the introduction of Jobsearch and Newstart allowances, the CES has the power to take action to halt social security payments if recipients are in breach of Government requirements. For example, if a young person doesn't turn up to an appointment at the CES, the CES can breach the young person, leading to the DSS halting payments for a two-week period.

If a young person is not happy with a decision to halt their payments, they can appeal to a Review Officer within the CES, to whom they explain their case. If the Review Officer refuses to reverse the decision, the young person can appeal to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT). Both kinds of appeals can be made by filling out a form at the CES or DSS or by ringing the SSAT on 008 011 140.

Cases come up before the SSAT quite quickly, usually within a month. However, after making an appeal, young people often don't bother to appear before the SSAT. Sometimes, if it is only a two week suspension, payments have been restored by the time the SSAT case comes up, and young people see little point in appearing before the Tribunal.

What they may not realise, however, is that the breach will be recorded on their DSS/CES record and will remain there for three years. The next time they are breached, their payments will be suspended for six weeks, because it is the second occasion. The third time they will lose their payments for eight to twelve weeks and then for eighteen weeks.

Furthermore, if the SSAT finds in a young person's favour, they will be backpaid the payments they had lost.

So youthworkers can do young people a favour by assisting them to appeal if they have a case, explaining why it is important to attend an SSAT hearing, and helping them prepare beforehand.

## Youth Theatre

### Tackles Sexual Harrassment

The Queensland Education Department has initiated strategies in schools to tackle the issue of sexual harassment. As part of this program, Brisbane's CONTACT Youth Theatre has been coordinating a youth drama project in a number of schools in the Brisbane area.

Initiated by the Gender Equity Unit of the Education Department, the project has been running for six months and involves more than one hundred students from four Brisbane high schools: Kelvin Grove, Cleveland, Craigslea and Corinda - as well as a group from CONTACT.

The project deals with issues of sexual harassment from the perspective of young people's experiences and focuses on options and skills needed to deal with sexual harassment. Students have worked with artists, musicians and teachers to devise performances which reflect their views and develop their theatrical skills.

At Cleveland High, students have also participated in producing a series of posters and developing sexual harassment grievance procedures.

#### Project Performances:

- "Call It What You Want" - by Cleveland High - 11 Aug
- "Shout" by Kelvin Grove High - 17-18 Aug
- "Sex, Lies and Stereotypes" by Craigslea High - 18 Aug
- "Sez Who" by CONTACT Youth Theatre - 21-22 Aug
- "The Power Not the Passion" by Craigslea High - 25 Aug



## AUSTRALIAN SERVICES UNION YOUTH COMMITTEE

There seems to be a lot happening in the media about youth right now. The largest unemployed group - maybe they should be paid lower rates to get jobs, maybe they should work for the dole, maybe there should be more training courses ... MAYBE.

Maybe it's time that youth got involved in just what should be happening to them ... involved in addressing these issues and the finding of suitable solutions. In order to bring this about the ASU has set up a youth committee. The role of this committee is to be a voice for youth in the Brisbane City Council area so that these issues can be addressed and resolved.

The committee is made up of Brisbane City Council employees who are approximately 25 years old and younger. The committee will be developing a number of strategies and initiatives for improving the service provided to young people by the Union, allowing a channel for grievances and issues that young people feel need to be looked at, and giving youth a voice both within the Union and within the Council.

The Youth Committee is still looking for any interested young people who may be interested in joining others in helping young people have more say about what happens to their future regarding pay, entitlements, leave etc. and also having some ideas about what we can do for youth recreation eg. restaurant concessions, rock concert concessions etc. All these issues and more are being looked at with a view to improving service to the young people of the Brisbane City Council.

If you can spare an hour or two once a month and would like to be involved in the Youth Committee, please contact Anna Herzog of the ASU on 844 5300.

## Directory of Ethnic Community Organisations in Queensland

Produced by Bureau of Ethnic Affairs

**T**HE *DIRECTORY of Ethnic Community Organisations in Queensland* lists contact names, telephone numbers, addresses and services of more than 100 ethnic community organisations.

It is a quick and easy reference to -

- Ethnic Community organisations
- Grant-in-Aid agencies and migrant resource centres
- Support agencies and services for people from non-English speaking backgrounds
- Religious organisations

- Ethnic broadcasting and media
- Cultural organisations

People and organisations who need to contact migrant and ethnic groups or service providers will find the *Directory* a helpful resource.

The current edition of the *Directory* is available at \$4 per copy from -

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## New Juvenile Justice Bill Changes Little

**Workers at Brisbane's Youth Advocacy Centre say the State Government's new Juvenile Justice legislation will do little to improve the situation for young people in Queensland.**

Lawyer Janet Wight says the new Bill, passed by Parliament on 4 August, is an effort to move from a "welfare" model of juvenile justice to a "justice" model. However it does not contain the safeguards necessary to ensure that a justice model will function effectively.

"The Bill relies very heavily on young people having access to good quality legal representation," said Ms Wight. "At present that just isn't available to most young people."

Ms Wight went on to say that outmoded provisions relating to Care and Control

would still exist after the introduction of the legislation. "The new act will repeal those sections of the *Children's Services Act* which relate to juvenile justice. However other provisions of the old Act will remain in force - including sections relating to care and control."

YAC and other community groups have also been critical of the Government's consultation process around the new legislation. Stakeholders had less than a week to prepare responses to the lengthy draft Bill.

A more detailed analysis of the new Juvenile Justice legislation will appear in the next issue of *Network Noise*.

## YOUTH AGAINST RACISM

### HREOC CAMPAIGN

**Musicians, radio and TV personalities, sports stars and other youth heroes have joined the Youth Against Racism campaign currently being undertaken by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC).**

Among the stars are Yothu Yindi, Andrew Denton, Rhoda Roberts, Archie Roach, Deb Conway, Crowded House, Ernie Dingo, Monica Trapaga and Jimmy Barnes. These people say "Racism is out; racism is stupid."

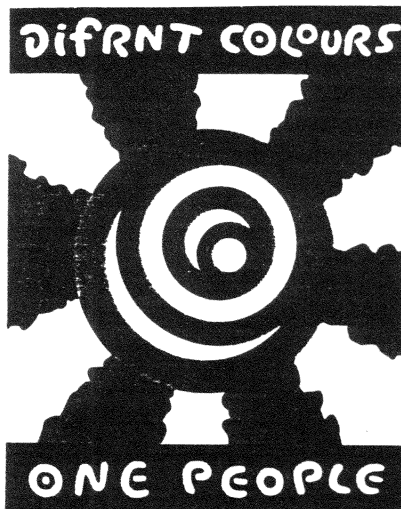
The campaign aims to assist people to learn the skills and courage to stand up and oppose racism in their own lives. Young people will be encouraged to display the Different Colours One People logo as a silent anti-racist sign and youthworkers and teachers will be asked to help them develop the skills and courage to speak out.

Young people can join in the campaign by collecting a sticker which will be distributed by HREOC and other outlets later this year. Workers can order campaign material using the order form below.

## Different Colours, One People Week

August 10-15 is the week for schools and youth groups to focus young people on working together to make their community a better place. Helping to spread the message and share ideas will be the Different Colours, One People newsletter and media strategy. Please write and tell us about your activity (600 words), including when and where it was, who was involved, and some evaluation of how effective you think it was, including photographs if possible.

Contact **Debbie Stothard** for ideas on your Different Colours One People Week activity, copies of campaign logo and publicity support. Tel: (02) 229 7600 or Fax: (02) 229 7611.



## Youth Against Racism Awards

As part of the campaign, HREOC will present three prizes of \$1000 to schools in appreciation of their work against racism. One winner will also receive the inaugural Gamarada trophy.

The Gamarada Awards are open to students, teachers and staff members who can submit joint entries on any activity designed to reduce racism. This can be in the form of a debate, a mural, sticker, flag, story, poem, play, international sports day, poster or essay competition, or a video.

Application forms available from GPO Box 5218, SYDNEY 2001 or phone Debbie Stothard on (02) 229 7600.

## YANQ PROJECT

As regular readers will recall, YANQ has received funding from the Commonwealth Youth Bureau for a three month project around the theme "Racism as a Barrier to the Employment of Young People from non-English Speaking Backgrounds."

We are currently in the process of employing a worker for the project. More news next issue.



## DIFFERENT COLOURS ONE PEOPLE

I would like the following campaign materials sent to me (Please mark quantities in box provided):

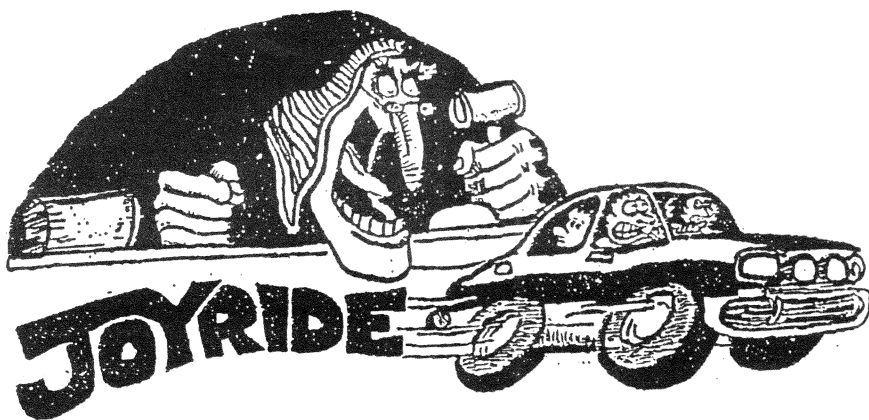
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| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts ..... | \$12 each | <input type="checkbox"/> Different Colours Magazine                | While stocks last |

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GPO Box 5218,  
Sydney 2001



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## JOYRIDE

### WHAT IS THE LAW?

In both city and country areas there is an alarming rate of youth drug and alcohol abuse, violent and sexual abuse, vandalism, car-stealing, petty theft and homelessness.

- What laws pertain to these incidents and circumstances?
- What steps is the Police Service taking to control or prevent them?
- What should the community do to help?
- What rights do the perpetrators, victims and parents have?

WHAT IS BEING DONE?  
WHAT CAN BE DONE?

"JOYRIDE" IS A SHOW ABOUT YOUTH  
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Follow a stolen car, speeding through the streets, the courts, the detention centres and the squats, leaving a trail of music, drama, movement and comedy. You're the witness - what will you do?

- A must for Drama, English, Legal Studies, Social Studies, Society & Culture and Personal Development students.

**Wednesday, 12 August 1992**

**7.30pm**

**Metro Arts Centre**

**109 Edward Street, Brisbane**

**TICKETS: \$8 / \$6 (concession)**

For more info phone Contact Youth  
Theatre on (07) 221 5443

## STATE SCHOOLS TO ABOLISH CORPORAL PUNISHMENT BY 1995

State Cabinet has approved changes to education regulations which mean corporal punishment will be formally abolished in Queensland State Schools by 1995.

The decision to ban the use of corporal punishment in State schools follows widespread consultations with teachers, parent groups, union representatives and school communities throughout the State. It has attracted widespread support from parent groups and the Queensland Teachers Union.

Minister for Education, Paul Braddy, said the new behaviour management initiatives involved much more than the abolition of the cane.

"We are talking about a positive approach to managing student behaviour, where we actively encourage better behaviour."

Mr Braddy said Queensland had lagged behind most other Western nations and other major States by using a form of punishment which was no longer accepted in our criminal justice system.

"The latest steps taken by Cabinet and the Department of Education seek to rectify this situation."

The three-year phasing out period allows schools time to develop alternatives and have them in place by 1995.

### VIETNAMESE YOUTH OFFICER

DEET has provided a grant to the Vietnamese Youth Club to assist young unemployed people in the Inala region. Ms Chi Nguyen has been appointed as the Youth Officer to carry out the project. The aims of the project are to upgrade English language skills and to provide access points to mainstream services, provision of information and counselling for disadvantaged young people.

For more information contact: Chi Nguyen, Shop 108, Inala Plaza,  
Inala Qld 4077. Phone (07) 372 9263

## INFORMATION ON YOUNG MEN AND SEXUAL ABUSE

In Victoria, Goulburn Valley Centre Against Sexual Assault has recently released a booklet entitled *Sexual Assault Information for Boys*.

Sexual assault of boys and young men is a difficult issue with which youth-workers often have to deal. Lack of useful material on the subject makes this even more harder.

*Sexual Assault Information for Boys* explains the nature of sexual assault and talks about the kinds of feelings young men may have in the aftermath of assault. It describes a series of options young men may like to consider if they have been assaulted.

Services listed at the rear of the booklet are located in Victoria. However, there is also a list of references which workers anywhere will find useful.

A poster has also been produced with the help of young men who are survivors of sexual assault.

For copies of the booklet phone (058) 312 343. For free posters, contact YANQ.



## "WITHOUT SAFE SHELTER"

Young Homeless Fund  
launches Report

On 11 May the Queensland Young Homeless Fund launched its report, "Without Safe Shelter" at Brisbane City Hall.

Researched and compiled by Lurline Comerford and Geoff Woolcock, the report is a study of homelessness among young people in South-East Queensland based on data gathered over the last twelve months.

Speaking at the launch, Father Wally Dethlefs called on community, Church and government to act together to tackle the problems outlined in the report.

Haydn Sargent, Chairperson of the Fund, commented on the progress already made on the recommendations of the report. The Education Department has responded enthusiastically to a proposal for pilot programs in schools to respond to the needs of "at risk" young people. The Fund has also received a grant from the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal & Islander Affairs to implement the second recommendation - a youthworker support program on domestic violence.

## PRINTERS TO GIVE AWAY

The Scout Association has two printers they are wanting to donate to a community organisation. These are:

- 1 Roneo RV 2000 Off Set Duplicator (useful for PARTS ONLY)
- 1 Ricoh AutoPrinter 26003 cylinder offset printer (working condition)

For more info contact  
Roy Brown  
Scout Association of Australia  
(07) 870 7000

## GET IT TOGETHER!

Queensland Multicultural  
Youth Conference  
14-16 August

Queensland's first non-English Speaking Youth Conference will be held from 14-16 August at Yungabah in Kangaroo Point, Brisbane.

The aim of the conference is to give young NESB people a chance to access information they need in order to make informed choices in their lives and deal with their concerns in constructive ways.

Topics for discussion will include health, the law, racism, cultural identity and self-esteem.

Workshops will be for young people only. However others can attend to hear guest speakers and panel discussions on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and come to the Conference dance on Saturday night at the Migrant Resource Centre. A small registration fee will apply.

**Travel subsidies are still available for young people to travel from areas throughout Queensland. For more information contact Jeannette or Robert on (07)844 8144.**

## THUMBS UP

To Natalie Barney who won Scholar of the Year as part of this year's NAIDOC (National Aborigines' and Islanders' Day Observance Committee) Week. Natalie attends Richlands State High School.

## THUMBS DOWN

To Director-General of Corrective Services, Keith Hamburger, for his ill-informed suggestion that "feral street kids" should be sent to live in bush camps. Young people, youthworkers, and Anne Warner, Minister for Family Services, all rejected Mr Hamburger's proposal.

# National Youth Sector Training

## Still on the Agenda

### Core Curriculum Project to go on

Many readers may be aware that the development of nationally accredited training for youth workers has been the focus of the Australian Federation of Youth Sector Training Councils for some time.

The future of the Federation's Core Curriculum Project has been in doubt over the past two months but now appears to have secured funding to continue.

After a highly successful campaign seeing youth services across the country express support for the project, the Commonwealth Youth Bureau is now negotiating continued funding for the project which would extend well into next year.

It is likely that the National Community Services and Health Industry Training Advisory Board (ITAB) will receive funding which will be channelled to the Federation of Youth Sector Training Councils to continue work on the National Youth Sector Training Strategy. The Strategy includes developing standards and nationally accredited training for youth workers.

The standards development phase was to have started in June this year, but was stalled pending negotiations on future funding arrangements. If all goes well in negotiations over the coming month, thousands of youth services across the country will receive a detailed information pack and an invitation to participate in national consultations. It is planned to send out the pack in early September.

### Thanks for support

The Federation of Youth Sector Training Councils would like to thank all those services, organisations and individuals who voiced their support for the project - by all accounts Minister Baldwin's fax machine ran hot for two days with messages of support for the continuation of the project.

### A new name and new lines of responsibility

The new funding arrangements mean that the project becomes a project of the National Community Services and Health ITAB.

Under proposed arrangements, the Federation of Youth Sector Training Councils will be sub-contracted by the ITAB to employ the project team (currently known as the Core Curriculum Development Project Secretariat - CCDP.) The national Steering Committee for the project (the Curriculum Development and Standards Advisory Committee or CDSAC) becomes a working party of the ITAB, rather than an independent body co-auspiced by the Federation and AYPAC.

There has been confusion in some quarters regarding the work of the CCDP Secretariat and it is proposed that the name of the project changes to reflect more accurately what the project aims to achieve.

The proposed new name is the National Youth Sector Training Unit (NYSTU). The previous name had led some to believe that the project was involved solely in literal curriculum development.

In fact, the Project team is to work on a range of policies and mechanisms including for example, those surrounding assessment and recognition of prior learning.

### From here.....

Negotiations are still underway on the final details of funding for and management of the project. The Federation feels confident that an appropriate arrangement will be in place by the end of the current project contract (Sept 2, 1992), and that a new contract will be signed the following day.

As part of the new arrangements, the Canberra based project team will be moving to new offices. The "new" NYSTU team will ensure their new address and contact numbers are widely distributed.

If you want any further information on the progress of the Project, please call the office. If we've moved, you can track us down through the QLD Youth Sector Training Council.

CCDP Secretariat:  
Chris Brown (Executive Officer)  
(06) 201 4440  
Michelle Regan  
(Research/Project Officer)  
(06) 201 4445  
PO Box 152 Civic Square  
CANBERRA ACT 2608

QLD Youth Sector Training  
Council:  
Contact Wallis Westbrook  
(07) 852 2311

## committee profiles

**Name:**

Wallis Westbrook

**Occupation:**

Training/Development  
Officer



**Employer:**

Youth Sector Training  
Council

**Star sign:**

Scorpio

**Committee Position**

Committee Member

### Brief Training and Work History

- 1986 Bachelor of Social Science
- 1986-89 Youth Housing Worker
- 1989-91 Youth Accommodation Coalition - Coordinator
- 1991 Trainee Father
- 1992 House Parent
- 1992 YSTC Training Development Officer

### Special Skills/Interests in the Youth Field

- Youth Housing
- Policy and Analysis
- Training and Development for Youth Sector

**Most loved food:**

Breakfast

**Most loved drink:**

Margaret River Wine

**Favourite movie:**

Educating Rita

**Favourite word/s:**

Egalitarian

**What is the best thing you've ever done:**

Watching my son born and helping when possible

**Who would you most like to meet:**

Katherine Hepburn

**What to do procrastinate most often about:**

Navigating around Brisbane

**What is the trait you most deplore in yourself:**

Procrastinating

**What is the trait you most deplore in others:**

Men that wink

**Which words or phrases do you most overuse:**

No no no - don't touch

**What one thing would improve the quality of your life:** Child Care

**How would you most like to be remembered:**

Any how, as long as it is often.

## The Youth Sector Training Council of Queensland has a new Training and Development Officer

Greetings and salutations all, I'm Wallis Westbrook. I began working for YSTC on 9 June 1992 and was fortunate enough to work alongside our previous TDO, Pam Searle, as part of a three week induction and handover.

I am a relative newcomer to Queensland and only arrived here two days prior to beginning work. I come from WA where I have had six years experience working in the Youth Sector in various capacities, including management and worker at both the State and National level.

In addition, I have considerable experience in training issues, including participation at a management level in the YSTC-WA and the development of ongoing workshops for youthworkers in WA. I have also taught at the Youthwork Studies degree course at the Edith Cowan University in Perth.

Since working for YSTC I have visited a number of agencies and youth networks. I am hoping that by the end of the year I will have travelled quite a lot throughout Queensland, giving and collecting information on current training issues that are or will impact on the Youth Sector. Information that I will be taking with me on my travels relates to:

- the ongoing development of a national Youth Sector training program;
- the future planning and training that YSTC is developing;
- information about YSTC's push toward incorporation as an independent organisation and how services and regional networks will be able to continue their crucial participation in YSTC.

Apart from these issues YSTC is working on establishing itself further as a provider of quality information about current developments in the training arena. As part of this the next YSTC NEWSLETTER will be devoted to updating the Sector on issues like the:

- Core Curriculum Development Project;
- Community Services Industry Training Advisory Committee;
- changes brought on by the Training Reform Agenda.

as well as the usual features like current training available to youthworkers and training being proposed by YSTC.

Please feel free to contact me about any of this information or other training issues. You can contact me at  
36 Baxter Street, PO Box 459, Fortitude Valley 4006  
Phone (07) 852 2311 Fax (07) 852 1441

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## Youth Strategy Action Grants

The Department of Employment, Education and Training is seeking applications from incorporated non-government organisations, government agencies, local government authorities and youth interagency groups for the Youth Strategy Action Grants (YSAG) component of the Australian Youth Initiatives Grants Program.

The focus of the grants will be on assisting young people experiencing long periods of unemployment through both instigating innovative pilot programs and supporting longer term projects, primarily at the local level.

Within this overall priority further consideration will be given to those proposals which also address the specific issues of marginalised young homeless, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, young offenders and disadvantaged young people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Implicit in the provision of these grants is the recognition by Government of:

- the importance of building on successful programs and experience at the local level; and
- the need for any response to be undertaken as a partnership between the non-government sector and all levels of government as well as young people themselves.

All grants will be for proposals which are in accordance with the Government's policies in respect to equity and affirmative action.

Grants will be made for 12 months only and will normally be in the range of \$1,000 to \$50,000.

Information including application forms and guidelines are available from Youth Access Centres (YAC) throughout the State. However, if you have difficulty contacting YAC you may phone the Youth Section at DEET State Office on (07) 226 9535 or (07) 226 9240.

Applications must be made on the application form and close mid-September.



### ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LAW CENTRE

The Bicentennial Youth Foundation (BYF) was established to provide opportunities for disadvantaged young Australians. It funds programs of national significance for children and young people and enhances its proactive role through public advocacy on their behalf.

The Board intends to establish a National Children's and Youth Law Centre, with particular focus on the needs and rights of disadvantaged children and young people.

The Centre's Charter includes identifying major legal issues, running test cases, promoting application of the principles in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, conducting applied research and working with other organisations.

The BYF will contribute up to \$250,000 per year for 3 years. It is envisaged that the Centre will have alternative methods of funding by the end of this period.

The Board is calling for formal expressions of interest from individuals or organisations to establish and run the proposed centre. Closing date for submissions is 1 September 1992.

Please contact the BYF Secretariat for a copy of the tender brief, which includes the selection criteria, and any further information. (Telephone: (02) 564 2242, Fax: (02) 568 2832).

Brian Burdekin  
Chairman  
Bicentennial Youth Foundation

## YOUTH WEEK '92

Young People - Responsible  
Decision Makers

1st - 8th November, 1992

Youth Week is an annual event that provides a focal opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution young Queenslanders make to their communities.

To assist groups wishing to participate or register activities, a Youth Week information kit has been developed. A limited number of grants of up to \$1,000 are available to assist the staging of Youth Week activities. Applications of up to \$3,000 may be considered for significant regional events. Applications close at 5:00 pm on 28th August.

Information kits and grant applications may be obtained from:

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing,  
Marketing & Communications Unit,

GPO Box 354,  
Brisbane Qld 4001  
or by telephoning (07) 237 9826.



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# THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY EDUCATION GRANT

The grant is provided for Australian organisations which serve Australian young people, whether as voluntary associations or in institutional settings.

The grant will fund the travel cost for a visit by an American expert/ teacher/instructor who can contribute to the range and quality of activities undertaken by the applicant.



Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories

## Community Cultural, Recreation and Sporting Facilities Program

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

Over a three year period \$30 million was to be provided for the upgrading of existing facilities, addition to existing facilities or the development of new facilities. Funds are not 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).

Further applications for assistance through this Program in 1992/93 are now being sought.

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

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

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

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The applicant organisation needs to identify the American person it wants to bring to Australia and undertake to provide accommodation and meals plus incidental expenses for the visitor. Obviously, the greater the community involvement, the greater the cost-sharing. The grant will cover the cost of airfares and administration.

## GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO ASSIST MIGRANTS

The Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs invites ethnic and other community organisations to apply for a limited number of grants available to commence in 1993.

The grants will be in the form of a subsidy for a period of ONE year to assist organisations to:

- employ specialist workers
- undertake complex projects
- implement equipment-based projects.

The grants of up to \$50 000 cover salary and certain ancillary costs depending on the type of project, complexity of the work program, and experience and qualifications of the worker.

Grants-in-aid due to expire on 31 March 1993 will be automatically extended by 12 months and written offers are being forwarded to the relevant organisations.

Priority will be given to proposals which address the needs of the following groups of non-English speaking background:

- newly-arrived migrants and refugees
- women
- youth
- middle-aged men

with preference given to proposals which focus on the following needs identified through the Minister's community consultations:

- general settlement information
- employment-related needs resulting from industrial dislocation
- advocacy in the area of unemployment-related stress and the adverse effects it has on individuals and their families

and those which meet priority settlement needs identified locally.

Application forms and information on locally-identified settlement needs may be obtained from State and Regional Offices of the Department.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE LODGED BY 31 AUGUST 1992 WITH THE STATE OR REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS, IN THE NEAREST CAPITAL CITY.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS

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For application forms or further information contact the Australian-American Educational Foundation, GPO Box 1559, Canberra ACT 2601. Phone (06) 247 9331.



Local Government and Community Housing Program 1992/93

### Submissions

Submissions are invited from local government authorities and community organisations under the Local Government and Community Housing Program (LGCHP). This program is a specific purpose program under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement and is administered by the Queensland Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning. The major objectives of the Program are:

- to involve Local Government and community groups in the provision and management of long term housing for people on low incomes;
- to encourage and test the effectiveness of new housing models which may be adopted into mainstream housing;
- to encourage organisations to contribute additional resources to housing projects with the local community;
- to promote tenant involvement in decision making in the development and management of their housing.

All projects must meet these broad program guidelines. In addition, preference will be given to projects which:

- demonstrate a regional focus either with respect to their role in relation to other housing options in the region, or which respond to particular unmet needs;
- consolidate a long term plan for financial viability, or for further tenant participation;
- encourage innovative design for affordable housing;
- do not fit into the above priorities, but which clearly match the LGCHP guidelines. Up to 25% of the total capital funds will be allocated to this category.

Submissions will be assessed by the LGCHP State Advisory Committee and those that are approved to proceed will be subject to further development if necessary.

Information kits to assist local authorities and community groups in the development of their submissions are available from the Queensland Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning by telephoning Garick Hitchcock on:

Metropolitan Callers: (07) 227 7950  
Toll Free Country Callers: (006) 177 289

Closing Date: 5 September, 1992

Address Submissions to:

The Secretary  
Local Government and Community Housing Program  
Queensland Department of Housing  
Local Government and Planning  
GPO Box 690  
BRISBANE QLD 4001



Queensland Department of Housing  
Local Government and Planning

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## Regional Interagency Meetings



July / August 92

### Cairns Youth Forum

27 August 1992 at 3.45pm  
Dept Family Services  
130 McCloud St, Cairns

Contact *Julie Ramsbotham*  
C/- Youthlink  
PO Box 7479  
Cairns 4870  
PH: (070) 316 179

### Western Suburbs Interagency

8 September 1992 at 10.00am  
Social Work Practice Centre  
61 Swann Rd, Taringa

Contact *Andrew Haslem*  
C/- Kenmore Youth Access Proj  
PO Box 2121  
Chermside Centre 4032  
PH: (07) 878 2544

### Sunshine Coast Youth Forum

13 August 1992 at 10.00am  
(Venue to be determined)

Contact *Mary-Rose Adkins*  
C/- Youth Action  
PO Box 192  
Mooloolaba 4557  
PH: (074) 445 495

### Rockhampton Youth Interagency

7 August 1992 at 12.00pm  
Skillshare Capricornia

Contact *Cheryl Greene*  
C/- Skillshare Capricornia  
Customs House/Quay St  
Rockhampton 4700  
PH: (079) 222 352

### Mackay Youth Interagency

Next meeting date n/a

Contact *Jenny Scharer Smith*  
C/- Pioneer Shire Council  
PO Box 68,  
Mackay 4740  
PH: (079) 579 600

### Beenleigh Youth Interagency

7 August 1992 at 1.00pm  
Beenleigh Neighbourhood Centre  
Mansfield Walk, Beenleigh

Contact *Jon Kalkman*  
C/- Beenleigh School Suppt Cent  
PO Box 526, Beenleigh 4207  
PH: (07) 287 5533

### Gladstone Youth Alliance

Next meeting date n/a

Contact *Francis Jones*  
C/- Gladstone Youth Crisis Acc.  
PO Box 1439,  
Gladstone 4680  
PH: (079) 725 383

### Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

18 August 1992 at 10.00am  
DTSR, TNG Building  
Flinders St, Townsville

Contact *Leslie Mackay*  
C/- Open Youth Project  
PO Box 573, Townsville 4810  
PH: (077) 713 648

### Logan Youth Interagency

25 August 1992 at 3.00pm  
Conf Rm 1&2, Woodridge Plaza  
6 Ewing Rd, Woodridge

Contact *Pat Taylor*  
C/- YAC  
PO Box 645, Woodridge 4114  
PH: (07) 808 7242

### Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY (Leisure And Recreation Group Especially for Local Youth)

8 September 1992 at 1.30pm  
Inala Youth Service

Contact *Steve Mayers*  
C/- Inala Youth Service  
PO Box 265, Inala 4077  
PH: (07) 372 7270

### Gold Coast Youth Network

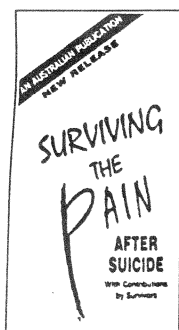
26 August 1992 at 11.00am  
Youth Access Centre  
Gold Coast Highway  
Mermaid Beach

Contact *Glenda Masson*  
C/- Stephens Community Centre  
PO Box 881, Burleigh Heads 4220  
PH: (075) 763 088

### Ipswich Youth Focus

9 September 1992 at 12.00pm  
Court House Conference Room  
Cnr Limestone and East Streets  
Ipswich

Contact *Thelma Atwell*  
C/- Youth Access Centre  
PO Box 555, Ipswich 4305  
PH: (07) 281 3155



**SURVIVING THE PAIN: AFTER SUICIDE**

This book provides simple and effective ways to help survivors of suicide. Chapters covered in the book include:

- how family and friends can help survivors
- caring for surviving children
- suicide prevention strategies for schools
- counselling survivors of suicide
- police and coroners caring for survivors
- survivors of suicide and media.

Copies are available for \$10.00 (plus \$2.50 postage) from ROSE Education, Training and Consultancy, 20 Northern Rd, Narellan NSW 2567. Phone (008) 606 685.

**SOLUTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR INCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS**

- Full guide to incorporating your association
- all Justice Department forms
- precedent agendas and minutes
- computer disk with precedent model rules
- how to obtain income tax and sales tax exemptions
- how to do the association's accounting
- how to do an audit
- how to employ staff
- what insurance do you need
- what are the duties of a President, Secretary, Treasurer or committee member?
- how to conduct your AGM
- how to resolve internal disputes
- a handy referenced copy of the Associations Incorporation Act
- annual report preparation
- does your association need to raise funds? Can you legally do so and how to maximise your donation dollars.

The cost of the manual is \$45.00 plus \$5.00 postage and is available from Faculty of Business, QUT, GPO Box 2434, Brisbane 4001.

**MELANIE - A YOUNG PERSPECTIVE ON YOUTH SUICIDE**

Edited and compiled by Fiona Giles (Picador) \$16.95. *Melanie* is the posthumously published writings of a teenage girl "suicidee" as she refers to herself.

Melanie Woss was an intelligent young woman from a well-off family in an upper-class Perth suburb. Drawn from writings discovered on Melanie's computer after her death, this book outlines the stresses Melanie felt, particularly the pressure to achieve what was expected of her. It describes in detail the thought processes which led Melanie to the decision to kill herself.

Profits from *Melanie* are going to the Young Insearch Foundation of Western Australia.



**FOR YOUR OWN GOOD: YOUNG PEOPLE AND STATE INTERVENTION IN AUSTRALIA**

*For Your Own Good* provides a valuable selection of contemporary studies of youth policy in Australia. Addressing the continuities and breaks in youth policy development through time and across different state boundaries, *For Your Own Good* also considers the chronic silences in areas such as gender and Aborigin-ality in the formulation and implement-ation of youth policy. The publication is a valuable text for youthwork students, welfare professionals and for administrators of social and welfare policy.

Copies are available for \$17.95 from La Trobe University Bookshop, La Trobe University, Bundoora VIC 3083. Phone (03) 479 1234.

**BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**



**The Fat and Juicy Place**

By Diana Kidd (Angus & Robertson) \$7.95:

This book tells a simple and accessible story of an

Aboriginal boy living in the city. Jack, the narrator, confides in his mate Lizard and enjoys the company of his dog, Fleabag. Episodes of home and school life are held together by the underlying sense of Jack's loss of his father. A strong sense of neighbourhood pervades. Great for young people from all backgrounds. Illustrated.

**Relative Strangers**

By Maureen Pople (University of Queensland Press) \$11.95: When his classmate Linda Cade is assaulted one night, 15 year old Henry Potter is determined to find out more. As Henry's investigations progress, he begins to understand the hidden worlds of both adults and adolescents in small-town Australia. Linda's departure for a Sydney women's refuge makes Henry realise that Linda has in fact been the victim of child abuse in her home.



**Beast**

By Margaret Wild (Omnibus) \$7.95:

This book focuses on 11 year old Jamie, caught in the grip of two secret fears. The first is Brendan, the school bully. The

second is the imaginary Beast which stalks his house each night. It is revealed that Jamie's happy homelife is not shared by Brendan, whose bullying is in fact a defence against his father's beatings. *Beast* employs powerful images to explore the ways in which children cope with anxiety and trauma.

### QUEENSLAND HOUSING CONFERENCE

"Housing is more than a housing policy. Just options for housing Queenslanders in the 90s and beyond".

DATE: 27-29 August 1992  
VENUE: Townsville Travelodge  
Flinders Mall, Townsville  
COST: \$130/\$100/\$80

For further info contact Lyn Luxford at Queensland Shelter on (07) 844 2326.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE - TOWNSVILLE

"Social Justice in Education: From Rhetoric to Reality", is the title of the conference to be held in Townsville in late August. Speakers, workshop sessions and forum panels will address all aspects of social justice issues.

DATE: 28-30 August 1992  
VENUE: Sheraton Hotel  
COST: \$50/\$45

For further info contact Royalie Walters on (077) 737 155.

### ISSUES IN WORK, WELFARE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A major conference with 12 specialised workshops exploring current issues in social welfare policy, practice and education.

DATE: 2-4 October 1992  
VENUE: Universities of Sydney  
and New South Wales  
COST: \$205-\$70

For more info contact The Secretary, Australian Association for Social Work and Welfare Education, Dept of Social Work, University of Queensland, QLD 4072. Phone (07) 365 2068.

### 7TH QUEENSLAND GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

DATE: 22-24 September  
VENUE: Ocean Blue Resort  
Surfers Paradise

For more info contact Jan Richards on (07) 896 5774.

### HANGING IN THERE: MOBILISING FORCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S HEALTH

The National Conference of the Australian Association of Adolescent Health.

DATE: 18-20 November 1992  
VENUE: Melbourne

For more info contact Andrew Gray on (03) 489 4968.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISABILITY, DISCRIMINATION AND JUSTICE

The relationship between disability, discrimination and justice is a topic of increasing concern. This conference will review the treatment of people with disabilities by the judicial system and explore a range of issues including: • implications of legislation for people with disabilities • people with disabilities and the police • Aborigines with disabilities and the justice system and a whole lot more.

DATE: 30 Nov - 2 Dec 1992

If you wish to present a paper at the Conference or participate in any way please contact Dick Roebuck, Faculty of Education, Griffith University, Qld 4111. Phone (07) 875 5813.

### 5TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS

The 5th National Conference on AIDS will be held in Sydney in November and approximately 2,000 delegates are expected to attend. The opening speakers, in line with the conference theme "Living with HIV - the next decade", will include three people with HIV. The Federal Government will provide registration and airfares for some PLWA's to attend.

DATE: 23-25 November 1992  
VENUE: Darling Harbour

For more information contact the Queensland AIDS Council, PO Box 548, Woolloongabba 4102. Phone (07) 844 1990.

### POWER, POLITICS AND PERFORMANCE: COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT IN THE 90S

Themes for this conference include:

- internal management and operations;
- interaction between community organisations and the environment; and
- the broader environment eg. new directions in policy fields, roles and functions of private, public and community sector and privatisation.

CALL FOR PAPERS: Papers are being invited within these themes which explore historical developments, current issues and future directions.

DATE: 14-16 April 1993

For registration forms and further info contact the Centre for Australian Community Organisations and Management (CACOM), University of Technology Sydney, PO Box 222, Lindfield NSW 2070. Phone (02) 330 5104.

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### CREATIVE WORKSHOPS FOR NESB YOUNG PEOPLE

Sponsored by the Brisbane Ethnic Music and Arts Centre (BEMAC) in association with Goodna Skillshare these workshops have been designed for NESB young people aged 17-25 years.

Using simple and effective techniques these workshops will help you to discover your own creative talents and improve your written and verbal communication skills in an exciting and fun atmosphere - no matter the level of your English or accent, no matter the level of your experience.

DATE: From 30 July - 1 October  
TIME: Thursdays 9.30am-12.00pm  
VENUE: Goodna Skillshare  
4 Albert St, Goodna

For more info contact Oscar Aliaga, Goodna Skillshare, on 818 1840.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

A range of activities based on theme *Social Justice, Equity and Dilemmas of Disability and Education* are planned for the week beginning Monday, 10 August 1992.

These activities will coincide with the Schools Council meeting in Brisbane, which will focus on social justice and disability and an international conference on disability to be held on the Gold Coast.

DATE: Week beg. 10 August 1992  
VENUE: David Muir Room  
Education House

For further info contact Linda Apelt on (07) 237 9983.

### MANAGEMENT IN COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

This workshop is the first in the **community issues** series and targets people who are involved in the management of community organisations.

The objective of the workshop is to introduce participants to a set of general management principles from the strategic to the specific levels, and to consider the application of these principles to the issues involved in running community organisations. The workshop aims to give participants new information, ideas and perspectives on issues, and the opportunity to discuss these issues with peers in similar positions.

DATE: 20 August 1992  
TIME: 9.30am - 4.30pm  
VENUE: The Roundhouse  
Griffith University  
Mount Gravatt campus  
COST: \$115

For more info phone (07) 875 5250

### WHAT'S ON THE STREET

A one day workshop offered twice a year which updates youthworkers and drug and alcohol workers about the types of substances that are being used.

The aim of the workshop is to keep workers aware of current trends so that appropriate decisions relating to treatment and prevention programs can be made.

DATE: 4 and 11 September 1992  
VENUE: ADFQ  
COST: \$60

For more info contact the Alcohol and Drug Foundation of Qld on (07) 832 3798.

### EFFECTIVE COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT IN COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

This is the second workshop in the **community issues** series. It targets people who work with management or executive committees in community organisations, and those who serve on the committees. Its aim is to inform participants about the nature of committee work and the formal structure and language of committees; the formal responsibilities of the roles of chair, secretary, treasurer and member, and strategies for performing effectively in those roles; and the issues involved specifically in working with committees of volunteers - the nature of voluntary work, and the relationship between the voluntary committee and the paid workers in the organisation.

DATE: 16 September 1992  
TIME: 9.30am - 4.30pm  
VENUE: The Roundhouse  
Griffith University  
Mount Gravatt campus  
COST: \$115

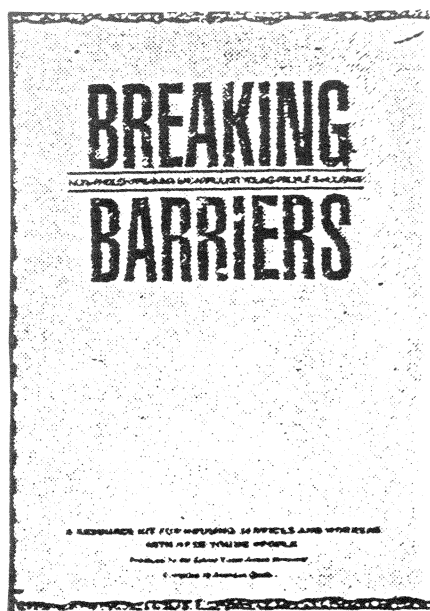
For more info phone (07) 875 5250

### HIV/AIDS AND ABORIGINAL YOUNG PEOPLE

A one day workshop for Aboriginal Health Workers focussing on HIV/Aids education, injecting drug issues, at risk behaviours and community issues. The workshop will enable Aboriginal Health Workers to effectively educate their adolescent clients and increase community awareness.

DATE: 9 September 1992  
VENUE: TBA  
COST: \$70

For more info contact the Alcohol and Drug Foundation of Qld on (07) 832 3798.



"Breaking Barriers" is a resource kit compiled by the Ethnic Youth Issues Network (Victoria). The kit is designed to assist youth housing workers in providing a relevant service for NESB young people. It contains essential background information and practical strategies to assist services and access NESB young people. To complement the kit a poster was designed in conjunction with NESB young people.

The cost of the kit and poster is \$10.00 plus \$5 postage and is available from YACVIC on (03) 419 9122.

#### IT'S YOUR TURN

A new book on communication activities for people with an intellectual disability could prove to be an essential resource for teachers, therapists, assistants and carers. "It's Your Turn", by Melbourne Speech Pathologist Tracey Bode provides easy to follow step-by-step activities which encourage observation, listening and conversation and suit all ages of people with intellectual disability.

To obtain your copy write to Communigraphics, PO Box 190, South Melb VIC 3205. Phone (03) 690 8163.

#### ISSUES AND OPTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING DETENTION CENTRES

A comprehensive study recently undertaken by the Youth Advocacy Centre including:

- profile of young people in detention
- how young people come into contact with the juvenile justice system
- support needs, both in detention and upon release
- accommodation options
- broader social and political factors.

The report is available for \$8.00 (includes postage) from Robyn Williams, Youth Advocacy Centre, 217 Lutwyche Rd, Windsor 4030. Phone (07) 857 1155.

#### NATIONAL YOUTH AFFAIRS RESEARCH SCHEME

NYARS regularly commissions research into the social, political and economic factors affecting young people. The following current reports are now available through the National Clearing House for Youth Studies.

#### PERCEPTIONS OF THE TREATMENT OF JUVENILES IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM

By C Alder, I O'Connor, K Warner and R White, 1992, 83pp, \$15.00. In 1990 the NYARS commissioned this study of young people in the justice system, focussing on police/youth relations. The study examined four areas: legislation and policy; the relationship between young people and police; police/youth programs; and legal information services for young people. A total of 382 young people, 90 police and 69 youth legal advocates from Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia were interviewed.

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

By M Sawyer, D Meldrum, B Tonge and J Clark, 1992, 58pp, \$15.00. The aim of this study was to obtain information about the mental health problems experienced by young people and the services which may provide help. Information was sought about the terminology employed to describe the mental health problems, the nature and prevalence of the problems, the causes of problems and the availability of services to provide help for young people.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE AS VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

By B Halstead, 1992, 28pp, \$10.00. This discussion paper provides an overview of the situation of young Australians who are victims of violence. It reviews the range of factors which predispose particular groups of young people to violent victimisation, from the socioeconomic and environmental to the immediate stresses which precipitate violent action.

#### MONITORING STUDENT PROGRESS

By J Abbott-Chapman, P Hughes and C Wyld, 1991, 51pp, \$22.50. This research-based book establishes a framework within which universities may set up appropriate data bases and procedures for the monitoring of student progress. Issues of equity, access, excellence, student preparation, course choice, faculty differences and institutional policy are all addressed.

For copies of the reports contact the National Clearing House for Youth Studies, GPO Box 252C, Hobart TAS 7001. Phone (002) 202 591.

## WHAT IS YANQ?

The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) Inc. is the independent, non-government umbrella organisation of community based groups and individuals from Queensland's youth sector.

Operational since 1989, YANQ was incorporated in January 1991. The Network acts to promote the interests and well-being of young people in Queensland, especially disadvantaged young people. It advocates for them to government and the community and encourages the development of policies and programs responsive to the needs of young people.

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

*YANQ consists of over 300 individual and organisational members throughout Queensland, including youth services, advocacy groups, church groups and community organisations with interests in areas as diverse as juvenile justice, housing, health, rural issues, young people with disabilities, young women's issues and young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-English speaking backgrounds. Associate members are drawn from federal, state and local government bodies.*

## WHAT DOES YANQ DO?

YANQ employs three staff in its Brisbane-based secretariat. It undertakes a variety of activities designed to raise the profile of and encourage action on issues affecting young people. Activities include:

- submissions to government reviews;
- making representations to government/other influential bodies;
- undertaking campaigns and lobbying;
- consulting and liaising with members and the field;
- publishing newsletters and journals;
- initiating projects;
- disseminating information to members and the field;
- providing training; and
- cooperating with interstate and national youth affairs bodies.

## HOW DOES YANQ WORK?

YANQ is managed by a Coordinating Committee elected by the Ordinary (non-government) membership to oversee its day to day operation and supervision of staff.

YANQ holds a Policy Forum at least once a year at which delegates representing the membership give direction for YANQ's policy-making and activities for the next twelve months. Delegates to Policy Forum must be Ordinary members.

YANQ working parties on specific issues may be formed at any time during the year. Any interested member may participate in such working parties.

YANQ's decision making processes are based on a consensus model.

## YANQ PUBLICATIONS

### NEWSLETTER

Since 1989 the YANQ Newsletter has been published quarterly but from March 1992 *Network Noise* will be the bi-monthly YANQ newsletter. Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter which is ideal for communicating news on: • training events; • youth programs; • interagency or youth forum meetings; • publications and resources; • positions vacant; • changes of address. *Network Noise* will be distributed to subscribers and YANQ members only.

### JOURNAL

*transitions* is the YANQ journal published three times per year. It presents in-depth articles on research and topical issues of relevance to youth affairs, both in Queensland and nationally. It is an ideal forum for youth service providers to describe and analyse their work. *transitions* is distributed to subscribers and members only.

## WHO CAN JOIN?

*Membership of YANQ is open to anyone with a proven interest in youth affairs.*

### ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

Is available to individuals and organisations from the **non-government** sector and entitles you to: • nominate for the Coordinating Committee & Policy Forum; • full voting rights; • six newsletters and three journals per year; • information on campaigns and reviews; • opportunities to participate in YANQ workshops.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Is available to individuals, departments and services from local, state or federal **government** and entitles you to: • six newsletters and three journals per year; • information on campaigns and reviews; • opportunities to participate in YANQ workshops. Associate members do not have voting rights and cannot nominate for the Coordinating Committee or Policy Forum.

### SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers receive six newsletters and three journals per year.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES PER ANNUM

Individual	Income < \$16,000	\$5.00
	\$16,000 - \$50,000	\$20.00
	Income > \$50,000	\$30.00
Organisation	No funding	\$5.00
	Funding < \$100,000	\$35.00
	Funding > \$100,000	\$50.00
Government	Department or Service	\$70.00
<b>Subscribers</b>	<i>transitions &amp; Network Noise</i>	\$50.00

*Membership fees are due and payable on a calendar year basis (covering the period 1 January - 31 December)*

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If undeliverable return to:  
YANQ, PO Box 116  
Fortitude Valley 4006

**YANQ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

(Contact) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organisation / Dept: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ph: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY APPLIED FOR**

Individual	Income < \$16,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	Organisation	No Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00
	\$16,000 - \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00		Funding < \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00
	Income > \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00		Funding > \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
<b>Subscribers</b>	<i>Transitions &amp; Network Noise</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Government	Department or Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$70.00

I hereby subscribe to the aim and objectives of YANQ, enclose a copy of our constitution/annual report (organisations only) and cheque/money order for the prescribed membership/subscription fee.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership applications must be approved by the YANQ Coordinating Committee*

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Please return Membership Application form to: YANQ, PO Box 116, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006