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YOUTH AFFAIRS

CONFERENCE,

YANQ

POLICY FORUM

AND YANQ AGM

UNDERWAY

Planning has proceeded apace for the State Youth Affairs Conference, the YANQ Policy Forum and the YANQ AGM for 1992. As you read this article, members will be heading off to the Policy Forum, Conference and AGM on the Sunshine Coast.

The organisation of these events has been...interesting, to say the least. With an unscheduled venue change from Surfair to Stewart's Alexandra Hotel, Rita falling victim to the foul flu, our conference administrator's husband requiring hospitalisation, and as many registrations seeming to come in after the closing date as before it, YANQ staff have known what it is to "live on the edge" in the last fortnight.

Nevertheless, all is under control and an interesting time is planned for participants. The week commences with the YANQ Policy Forum on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 October where more than 30 delegates from throughout

Queensland will discuss past and future youth policy in Queensland with YANQ Staff and Committee members.

The State Youth Affairs Conference commences with a bar-b-que on Tuesday evening and promises three days of lively debate and learning with eight keynote addresses, a controversial panel discussion and over forty workshops from which to choose. Entertainment will be provided each evening, and of course the beach will always be available.

The YANQ AGM takes place on Wednesday evening and will see a new Coordinating Committee elected, substantial Constitutional amendments put to the vote and a farewell to our Chairperson of two years, Jane Folliott.

All in all, a time of excitement and change. For those who attend, we hope it will be both fun and rewarding. For those who cannot, we will be distributing proceedings of all events and look forward to exchanging ideas with you in other settings during the 1992-93 year.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE STATE YOUTH AFFAIRS CONFERENCE, YANQ POLICY FORUM
AND YANQ AGM ARE BEING HELD AT
STEWART'S ALEXANDRA HOTEL, ALEXANDRA PARADE,
ALEXANDRA HEADLAND, SUNSHINE COAST
(NOT AT SURFAIR AS ORIGINALLY ADVERTISED)



Coordinating Committee Update Sept-Oct 1992

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

Vote of Thanks to 1991/1992 Committee Members

YANQ staff would like to extend a special vote of thanks to those Committee members who will not be rejoining in the 1992/1993 year. These include:

- Jane Folliott
- Joan Hendriks
- Tracey Mutze
- Helen Ferguson

Your assistance, guidance and support throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.

A special thank you also goes to those members renominating:

- Phil Crane
- Donna Densley
- Michael Doneman
- Colleen Kelly
- Sally Watson
- Wallis Westbrook

We look forward to continuing a working relationship which has been both productive and inspiring.

Decisions Made Sept - Oct 92

- That the CC authorise staff to seek professional advice re management of funds and streamlining of accounting systems.
- That the CC authorise staff to seek assistance in reapplying for sales tax exemption.
- That for decision-making between Committee meetings decisions other than those already allocated to the Executive be taken to the whole Committee wherever possible using a flying minute as outlined in the constitution, and where this is not possible, an Executive decision be made to be reported to the following Committee meeting.
- That staff contact all Committee members and target specific experts to workshop YANQ's response to the draft Youth Policy Paper.
- That a QUT Youthwork Student be accepted on placement. She could assist on the NESB "Racism as a barrier to the employment of young people from non-English speaking backgrounds" project.
- That staff pursue regular meetings with the Youth Bureau and that a summary of meetings be reported in Committee Meeting Agenda Information Sheets.
- That the CC authorise the Policy and Research Officer to attend the AAAH National Conference and the Heart Politics Conference and the Network Development Coordinator attend the NSW State Youth Affairs Conference as requested.
- That the CC support the Network Development Coordinator's nomination for the AYPAC Executive.
- That the Policy and Research Officer accept the invitation to join the MWESS Steering Group, on the understanding that her involvement may need to be reconsidered from time to time in light of her workload.
- That YANQ asupice WAYWARD for the three grant applications it is currently seeking, on the understanding that appropriate administrative charges will be recuperated by YANQ where possible.

NATIONAL INCOME SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

Phase 2 Wins Senate Inquiry
Phase 3 Tackles Youth Wages

As the Senate Inquiry generated by the Income Support Campaign proceeds throughout Australia, youth peaks are joining together once more to tackle income issues for young people - this time targeting controversial "youth wage" proposals.

SENATE INQUIRY

Phase 2 of the Income Support Campaign produced "A Living Income" and successfully lobbied the Senate Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training to examine the issues raised by the report.

The Standing Committee is currently conducting an Inquiry into the "Implications of Sustained High Levels of Unemployment among Young People (15-24 years olds)". As a part of this process it is holding public hearings in most states, including Queensland. The Queensland hearing is likely to take place in late November but a date has not yet been confirmed. Written submissions to the Inquiry were due by 30 September, but late submissions may be negotiated.

TRAINING WAGES, JUNIOR AWARDS AND POVERTY WAGES

Youth affairs networks and councils in conjunction with national youth peak AYPAC are now embarking on Phase 3 of the Income Support Project, examining the critical issue of youth wages.

Recent policy proposals concerning wages and training wages by the Federal Government and the Opposition are based on that assumption that young people's living costs are lower than adults. This is also the assumption underlying junior awards. It has further been suggested that lowering wages will improve young people's prospects of getting a job and that this is appropriate as young people are, after all, necessarily less productive than adults. This line of thinking has culminated in John Hewson's proposal of a \$3 an hour wage.

These claims need to be researched and debated openly by organizations with a commitment to economic justice for young people. Thus youth peaks have joined to engage Colin Robinson to compile a report investigating these issues.

It is anticipated that this report, similar in style to "A Living Income" will be launched in late 1992 and a campaign for "a living wage" will follow its release.

Youth Policy Project Continues

DRAFT POLICY DUE IN EARLY OCTOBER

Stalled by the calling of a State Government election, it now appears that a draft Government Youth Policy may emerge around October 8th for scrutiny by community representatives on the Youth Policy Reference Group, including YANQ.

The Reference Group no longer meets, the consultations are all over and things have been strangely quiet except for the sounds of pens scribbling furiously as the members of the Joint Officers Group (JOG) draft and re-draft and nails being gnawed as the non-government sector awaits the outcome of their deliberations.

Community members are yet to see the results of consultations in the form of a consultation report and could be forgiven for feeling somewhat impatient (neglected?) at this stage. It also remains to be seen whether any of the information gathered by the community consultations will be reflected in the draft that finally emerges from the JOG.

YANQ, like other community representatives on the Youth Policy Reference Group, was successful in negotiating the right to view the policy in draft stage so that we could comment on a document which gives some indication of final policy directions. We consider this appropriate, having commented at length on many documents which, it now appears, did not give much away at all.

We are currently attempting to obtain the draft policy a little ahead of its scheduled release date so that it can be taken to the YANQ Policy Forum for discussion and the development of a response informed by a broad cross-section of members. It remains to be seen whether we will be successful, although prospects seem promising, given that YANQ is specifically funded by the Youth Bureau to provide youth sector perspectives on the very kinds of policy issues likely to be raised by this document.

In the event that we cannot obtain the draft policy prior to the Policy Forum, we will have to consider other means of developing our response to the draft policy. We'll keep you posted!

NGO Report On CROC Implementation

Queensland's youth sector has the chance to input to a national non-government report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Australia. This report will be forwarded to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in early 1993.

Regular readers will remember that last issue we called for interested parties to contribute to a Queensland-based non-government report being coordinated by YANQ, the Youth Advocacy Centre and CAFWAQ (the Child, Adolescent and Family Welfare Association of Queensland).

Response to our call has been underwhelming, to say the least. It appears impossible to put together a comprehensive report on the basis of the submissions received so far, and YANQ, YAC and CAFWAQ workers do not have the resources to write the report from scratch.

Luckily, Queenslanders can still be part of a national process. Consultants Philip Swain and Graeme Brewer have been contracted by the national Children's Rights Coalition to research and write an Australian NGO report. The Coalition formed following a conference on CROC in Adelaide earlier this year.

At this stage it is expected that the consultants will visit Queensland but dates are not confirmed. All input received so far by YANQ, YAC and CAFWAQ will be fed into the national process and we will do our best to keep you up to date on the progress (and movements) of the national consultants.

For further info contact Janet Wight at YAC on (07)857 1155 or Corrie Macdonald at YANQ on (07)852 1800 or (008) 177 899.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

YOUTH HEALTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Queensland Health is embarking upon the development of a Youth Health Policy for the State. The participation of the youth sector is welcomed and strongly encouraged.

Youth health service providers throughout the thirteen Regions of Queensland Health will be specifically targeted in the Statewide consultation process scheduled for October/November 1992.

Participation can also occur through individual submission of issues papers - details of the guidelines and process will be outlined in the next issue of *Network Noise*.

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NEW JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT

Last issue we promised readers a detailed analysis of Queensland's new Juvenile Justice Act in this *Network Noise*.

Unfortunately, delays at the Government Printer (apparently caused by the State Government elections) have meant that legal workers in the community have not had access to the Act for long enough to prepare a thorough analysis. A discussion of the Act's complexities will appear in the next *Network Noise* - we promise!



THUMBS UP

To the Family Planning Association of NSW which has launched the 1993 version of the Fact and Fantasy File diary for teenagers, and to the national censor who has cleared it for sale through newsagents wrapped in plastic. Sales of last year's diary were halted by Prime Minister Paul Keating after complaints by NSW Premier Nick Greiner.



THUMBS DOWN

To John Hewson who claimed during a North Queensland tour that, given the hours he worked, his own wage probably averaged about \$3 an hour. The office of the Treasurer responded by noting that if Mr Hewson worked every hour of every day in 1992 for \$3/hour, he would only earn \$26,352. He in fact receives \$121,434 including allowances.

SAAP funding

threat ...

Act now,

before it's

too late!

The Federal Department of Finance has proposed that organisations funded through the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) will in future be paid on a monthly rather than a quarterly basis. This proposal is part of a slow but steady move by the Commonwealth to make a few dollars on the short term money market at the community sector's expense. SAAP funding was originally provided annually, now it's quarterly and soon it will be monthly. Where is this ridiculous scenario likely to stop?

As the number of homeless young people rises the government has embarked on a penny-pinching exercise which will have serious effects on community housing services. Services will no longer be able to use the interest generated on quarterly payments. Whilst these amounts may be small, they allow cash-strapped agencies to provide better services to their clients.

At a time when the number of people seeking assistance from SAAP agencies is steadily increasing, this proposal also means a heavier workload in reporting and accounting for monthly payments. Community based housing services do not have the capacity to absorb these

losses without affecting client services.

And SAAP is just one of the Commonwealth's grants programs. Will these changes be extended into other community funding programs, such as Youth Activity Services, labour market training programs or Home and Community Care programs for the aged and disabled?

The community sector cannot accept these proposals without protest. Write to the Minister in question, Peter Staples, and express your concerns about these changes. A sample letter is provided here for you to use or adapt as required. Act now, before it's too late!

Mr Peter Staples: Minister for SAAP Funding
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

We regret that agencies within SAAP are to be funded on a monthly instead of a quarterly basis. This new financial arrangement will mean a cut in funding. Agencies depend on the accrual of interest on funds over 3 months to supplement their monies. This move will further stress the administrative burden of these agencies. If there are late payments on these monthly payments, as there often are in the quarterly payments, this could place increased pressure on services.

The feeling in the welfare community is that these financial arrangements may occur in the other areas eg. HACC, Youth Service Sector etc. This is a cut in funding and an increase in administrative duties at one shot. It is unacceptable in an area which is already grossly underfunded. In the SAAP area the proportion of homeless young people has been steadily growing. Is this new financing arrangement an exercise of taking from Peter to pay Paul? If young people lose their accommodation so that the government can pay for their new Youth Employment Package, this may undermine the program before it starts.

It is time that social justice issues are considered when changing financial arrangements. Most ideas for changing funding come from the Federal Treasury or Finance. These departments are not noted for their understanding of welfare economics. The costs and benefits to SAAP programs should have been considered before this change was taken. This cut is another step in marginalising a significant section of Australian society. The welfare community asks you, as a Federal Labor Minister, to reconsider this new arrangement and return funding arrangements to the status quo.

Yours sincerely



The Federal Budget

- AYPAC Comment -

Preliminary analysis and background on the implications for young people of the 1992-93 Federal Budget

OVERVIEW

A number of significant initiatives for young people were announced by the Prime Minister on 29 July 1992 in "The National Employment and Training Plan for Young Australians" the Youth Jobs Statement. The 1992 - 93 Budget statement formally incorporated those initiatives costing about \$770M over 3 years.

In light of the 27 July statement AYPAC did not have major expectations that significant further changes would be included on the Budget. However, AYPAC maintained its advocacy for enhanced income support and overall job creation. The Budget makes progress on these broad fronts but the overall outlook for the employment prospects of young people is very dark. AYPAC has argued that improvements to accredited education and training will enable young people to gain access to employment and secure better incomes through their working life. Considerably more work needs to urgently occur on the framework for such education and training. Linkages need to be strengthened to future arenas of employment growth.

A fundamental concern for AYPAC has been the low level of income provided to young people whilst they are engaged in training. AYPAC will monitor implementation of pilot projects arising from the Carmichael Report to en-

sure that learning and experience is swiftly recognised by increases in income. AYPAC will maintain its position that junior labour rates are inequitable.

About 15% of young people will not participate in formal education and training for various reasons. AYPAC has a key role in advocating on behalf of these young people and their right to a living income.

The main points arising from the Budget are outlined below. A preliminary analysis has been provided of specific initiatives in functional areas and the implications for young people. This brief is only a synopsis of major announcements. More detailed data is available from Commonwealth agencies and the Budget papers.

EMPLOYMENT

- \$345M for local capital works program through 411 local government councils in areas of higher unemployment. This will distribute between \$4M and \$20M to the 23 regions hardest hit by unemployment.
- New money has been allocated to construction activity in roads (\$60M), schools (\$154M) and universities (\$31M). Money has been brought forward from later years for the Building Better Cities and Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (total \$188M). AYPAC encouraged a significant stimulus

to local employment growth in its submission to the National Youth Meeting. Many of the jobs which emerge will flow to blue collar older males rather than young people. However, there is a multiplier effect, boosting economic activity in depressed regions and creating jobs further down the line. Young people should benefit from this multiplier effect.

LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMS

- Jobstart and linked assistance to adults (\$27M providing 12,000 places).
- Linked training and employment assistance for young people (\$28M providing 17,200 places).
- Additional accredited training places for adults (\$16.9M providing 2,800 places).
- Accredited training offer for young people including access to Formal Training Allowance (\$101.4M providing 19,500 places).
- Jobskills (for over 21 years) expanded (\$78.4M providing 6,000 places).
- Assistance to jobseekers with English as a second language needs (\$47.3M for 6,000).
- Landcare and Environment Program (LEAP) offers young people aged 15 to 20 employment experience involving 26 weeks of vocational training, workfield experience and income support (\$47.3M for 6,000 places).
- Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Program will be expanded particularly for ATSIC people and those in rural and remote areas (\$0.1M for 404 places).

- Support for employment of people with disabilities will be increased (\$2.3M for 1,470 places).
- Skillshare participation will be increased, including the establishment of youth units (\$22.5M for 8,200 places).
- \$7M has been allocated to the Workplace Literacy Program.
- Funding for the new Enterprise Incentive Scheme for unemployed people will increase by \$1.35M in 1992-93.
- Further increases to regions facing structural change will be available (\$18.5M in 1992-93).

AYPAC should consider advocating the extension of Jobskills to young people under 21. LEAP will be monitored to ensure participants receive genuine vocational training, experience, work levels and pathways to secure employment. Funding for specific programs for disadvantaged job seekers has been maintained, but should have increased.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE

• Pensions and JSA allowance increases

The budget includes increases of \$6 per fortnight (\$10 for married couples) on 28 January 1993 for unemployed single people with dependants, married unemployed couples over 21 years and long term unemployed people 60 years and over. This reflects a real increase of \$2 per fortnight plus a move forward of the anticipated March 1993 \$4 indexed increase. Outlays are \$134M for 1992-93, rising to \$214.7M in 1995-96.

AYPAC believes these marginal increases discriminate against unemployed young people who do not fit into these categories yet have the same living costs and therefore have the same justification for a benefit increase.

• Education Leaver Deferment Period (ELDP)

The period will be 13 weeks from leaving education or 15 February, whichever is earlier. It will be waived for anyone who was on an income support program within the last 12 months as well as for people who would otherwise qualify for Special Benefit payment due to financial hardship. The deferment period will also be reduced for young people who were in part-

time or casual employment since leaving education and prior to the start of the waiting period. Outlays are \$3M for 1992-93, decreasing to \$2.9M in subsequent years.

• Waiting period for independent payment rate eligibility

The Budget reduces the "living away from home" period for access to income support at the independent payment rate for under 18 year olds from 26 to 18 weeks. Outlays are \$0.4M in 1992-93, increasing to \$0.8M by 1995-96.

AYPAC is opposed to waiting periods for income support programs. Any length of time a young person must wait for assistance means they may have no income on which to live.

* Parental asset change

Starting June 1994, the value of certain employer provided benefits will be included in parental income tests for JSA for 16 and 17 year olds and AUSTUDY (among other programs). These benefits include employer provided cars, low interest loans, housing, school fees and private health insurance. Only the value of these benefits over \$1,000 will affect entitlements. Anticipated savings are \$38.4M by 1995-96 (across all affected programs).

AYPAC believes this could make young people ineligible for crucial benefits and programs. It is unreasonable to consider a company car as something that can be "cashed-out" for a young person's living expenses.

• Administration of DSS

Further funds and measures are included in the Budget to enable the DSS system to be more intrusive and punitive. In particular, the denial of DSS Benefits to newly arrived migrants for 6 months (except in hardship cases) is particularly harsh.

• The Supported Assistance Accommodation Program (SAAP)

This program will be provided with additional growth funds of \$3.5M.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Clear national housing goals were announced.
- \$4B will be provided to the states over the next 4 years through the Com-

monwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA). \$75M of CSHA funds will be brought forward to 1992-93 to boost construction activity. Public housing stock will increase to 400,000 units by 1996 (340,00 at present).

- A Community Housing Program incorporating the Local Government and Community Housing Program will be established (cost \$220.9M over 4 years) to develop a "broader and more viable community housing sector". It is projected that the community housing sector will comprise 25,000 dwellings by year 2,000.

- A Social Housing Subsidy Program will be established in 1993-94 at a \$48M cost over 3 years. This program will be geared towards shared home ownership and housing arrangements for low income earners.

- There are a number of changes to rent assistance with the intention to adopt a benchmark that all people on low incomes paying more than 20% of their income on rent will be assisted by the year 2000. Different eligibility thresholds will apply to different types of households and rent assistance will be increased from 50 cents to 75 cents for every dollar paid over the threshold. The maximum rate of rent assistance to single people without children will be raised by \$2 a week.

- Urban reform accelerates the Building Better Cities program, faster release of surplus Commonwealth land and a greater role for local government.

NYCH has welcomed increased expenditure on community housing but cautioned that the success of new programs and their relevance to young people would depend wholly on how initiatives were implemented. NYCH expressed great disappointment that CSHA funds are in real terms, well below 1980s levels.

EDUCATION

- Introduction of a loans component to AUSTUDY, whereby students can trade in all or part of their grant up to \$2,000 for an advance of up to \$4,000. This advance is repayable when established in the workforce.
- Lowering of AUSTUDY age of independence progressively from 25 years

to 22 years by 1995.

- A 20% increase in the personal income threshold to \$6,000.

NUS has welcomed the lowering of the independence age and increase to the personal income threshold. NUS acknowledged that the "loan scheme is the product of a government presiding over a recessed economy. It was not students who caused the recession ... but it is the students who will be paying." The Higher Education Round table has said that the government has made a serious mistake and that while students might be better off in the short term they would be paying for the cost of the recession.

COMMONWEALTH / STATE HOUSING RELATIONS

- Commonwealth General Purpose Payments to the states will increase by 4.4% in 1992-93.
- Commonwealth Specific Purpose Payments will increase by 10.1% (Education payments will increase by 11.2%, health payments by 6.8%, social security and welfare by 26.6% etc).

These outlays are in excess of the CPI and, to some extent, compensate for financial pressure on the states in the last decade. The increase in social security and welfare by 26.6% is especially important in stopping the erosion of state based community services.

HEALTH

- **National Mental Health Policy**
There is a shift in emphasis from institutional care to community based care, better integration of mental health service with other health services and linking mental health services with other community services like housing, employment and income support. Outlays are \$135 million over six years. Of this \$107 million will go to States and Territories to establish a wider range of community services for mental health. There is targeting of mental health services to children and adolescents. As well, there is a focus on improving mental health services in rural and remote areas, particularly for young people,

with an emphasis on identifying and treating depression. These funds also include \$5 million to be spent on public education on mental health and innovative service models.

AYPAC supports increased funding for mental health with an emphasis on young people. One in six teen deaths is attributed to suicide and one in three of these deaths happen in rural and remote areas. Increased funding will help to better understand mental illness in young people and help to prevent youth suicides.

- **Medicare levy**

For 1992-93 the levy will apply at the rate of 1.25% of taxable income and will increase to 1.4% in 1993-94 and is applied subject to taxable income above specific thresholds for individuals and married couples.

AYPAC supports improvements to the public health system financed through increase Medicare revenue. However, the Medicare thresholds are too low and AYPAC would prefer that such revenue be collected through a more progressive tax system.

DISABILITIES

- **Disability Support Payment**

The Budget increases payments by \$6 per fortnight. This reflects a real increase of \$2 per fortnight plus a move forward of the anticipated March 1993 \$4 indexed increase.

- **Employment Entry Payment extended**

Disability Support Pensioners who start/continue study and are eligible for an AUSTUDY Scheme education supplement will receive a \$200 payment from 1 January 1993. They may also receive a \$30 per week AUSTUDY education supplement.

- **Employment Entry Payment increased**

Payments received by Disability Support Pensioners starting work at a award wages will increase from \$200 to \$300 from 20 March 1993. The requirement that people must receive the pension for 12 months before they can qualify for this payment is abolished.

- **Work Experience Program expanded**

The Budget provides 600 fully subsidised places in the private sector and

another 2,000 places under the Support for People with Disabilities Program to provide support during training and job placement.

- **On-the-job support for young people**

A new service is established to provide longer and more extensive support for 700 young people with severe disabilities to help them adjust more easily in their jobs.

- **Disability Employment Support Officers**

To improve access to employment in major corporations, 15 officers will begin work to raise the awareness of the capabilities of people with disabilities and increase their participation in mainstream employment.

- **Rent Assistance improved**

Changes in rent assistance will provide more help to Disability Support Pensioners with private rent. Depending on the rent paid, Pensioners may receive up to an additional \$16 per fortnight.

- **Mobility Allowance payment increased**

The rate will rise by \$10.50 per fortnight from 1 January 1993 and indexed each following January. A six-month lump-sum advance per year may be requested from 20 March 1993.

Disability organisations have broadly welcomed these proposals.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

Overall, the 1992 Budget is a political budget framed with an aspiration to address unemployment but within parameters set by the invisible hand of the finance market. A reasonable political judgement would be that the election is in April 1993. In the immediate future AYPAC will be working to influence the inevitable February Economic Statement.

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STATE BUDGET

YANQ Comment

Queensland's Budget, brought down on August 25, contained few surprises. It was, predictably enough, a pre-election budget containing a smattering of good things across program areas with few unexpected initiatives. Nevertheless, it will direct funds into areas significant to the youth sector.

Central to the Budget is an employment package aimed at generating jobs. A 19% increase to Capital Works funding is calculated to create 8,000 jobs and a "broadly equivalent number of indirect jobs", some of which we can only hope will flow to young people.

More directly, payroll tax rebates will be extended to some 2000 apprentices and trainees assisted under the Federal Government's National Employment and Training Plan for Young Australians, bringing the total number of Queensland apprentices and trainees for which a full rebate of payroll tax is



available to around 10,000. This is to be welcomed, providing as it does a financial incentive for the employment of young people without eroding their incomes or conditions of work.

Youth Conservation Corps initiatives were re-announced but contained little not already revealed in Conservation Corps brochures and Government releases. The Conservation Corps aims to provide on and off the job training for young unemployed people using a combination of work experience and TAFE

classes. The Budget Related Paper on Employment and Training reveals that 280 Conservation Corps positions in 1992-93 will cost the Government \$2.4 million overall. This means it costs \$714 per week per participant for young people to participate in the program. We are still waiting to see what the quality of Conservation Corps programs will be (particularly the standard of on-site "training") and what long-term difference the Conservation Corps will make to participants' job prospects or to job creation. It is interesting to consider what kinds of ongoing local employment initiatives might have been funded for the cost of the Conservation Corps positions.

Additional funding for the State's TAFE system is predicted to increase student contact hours by between 12% and 18% in various TAFE streams, and increase the number of training places in TAFE by 6,500. This is an appropriate response, given the huge demands being made on the TAFE system by large numbers of young people unable to find work and the promise in 1991 that the introduction of TAFE fees across courses would result in increased availability of places. The injustice of up-front fees remains, however, and it will be interesting to see how close the TAFE system will come to meeting the demand for places in the coming year.

Additional funding has been provided for the Department of Family Services

and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs. An extra \$20 million will be provided in this budget, increasing DFSAIA's base funding by 13.5% this year, and further increases are planned for the next two years. This is a welcome move, given the PSMC's finding earlier this year that DFSAIA was the most under-resourced department of all the departments it had reviewed. However, as Peter Walsh, Director of the Queensland Council of Social Services, commented in QCOS News recently, "What this means is that this Department will now be able to fill



its own staff vacancies, something which it was not able to do previously ... This is really 'catch-up' budgeting". We will observe developments in the Department with interest and hope to see some flow-on benefits to young people as staffing numbers reach more appropriate levels.

Also within DFSAIA, the 1992-93 budget has provided \$4.5 million for what is called a "Juvenile Crime Strategy" (rather than a Juvenile Crime Prevention Strategy!). Law and order rhetoric notwithstanding, these funds are apparently to be directed towards preventative programs designed to "strengthen the relationship between young people and their communities by involving them in constructive and productive activities that offer alternatives to offending" and towards implementing the changes brought about by the recently released Juvenile Justice Act. We applaud funds being directed towards preventative programs but feel it is unfortunate that the Goss Government "sells" such socially responsible programs using "crime and terror" images. It also remains to be seen how much of the money earmarked for changes to the juvenile justice system will actually result in a more just or effective system for young people.

Corrie Macdonald
Policy & Research Officer

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN 1993

The United Nations has declared 1993 as the "International Year for the World's Indigenous People".

The purpose of the year is to increase awareness among the general public and indigenous groups of the rights and duties of indigenous peoples. It is also hoped that it will provide a focus for action on issues facing indigenous communities throughout the world.

Activities may include publications, meetings, conferences and support for the development and participation of indigenous people's organisations.

The UN has encouraged Governments able to do so to provide financial support for such activities. The Australian Government has expressed its support for the year in international forums including the 1991 United Nations General Assembly.

CURRICULUM WRITERS NEEDED

The National Youth Sector Training Unit is creating a register of potential curriculum writers.

We are looking for people with experience in the youth affairs sector who have the skills to design and write dynamic and original competency based curriculum modules for workers with young people. The modules will be accredited nationally as part of a National Youth Sector Training Curriculum.

All writers will be fully resourced with:

- A comprehensive manual describing the requirements for curriculum module writing and other requirements;
- The advice and support of the National Youth Sector Training Unit;
- National competency standards for youthwork. (Modules will be based on these standards).

Writers invited to develop modules will be paid a writing fee.

Registration Forms

If you are interested in being registered as a potential writer, please contact Wallis Westbrook, Youth Sector Training Council, for a registration form on (07) 852 2311, or write to:

National Youth Sector Training Unit
PO Box 152
Civic Square ACT 2608
Ph: (06) 201 4445

NATIONAL YOUTH AFFAIRS RESEARCH SCHEME

Tenders Invited for 1993 Research Program

The National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (NYARS) was established as a co-operative arrangement between the State, Territory and Commonwealth Governments to facilitate nationally based research into current social, political, and economic factors affecting young people.

Research findings are published in the NYARS series by the National Clearinghouse on Youth Studies.

In line with the NYARS Code of Ethics, all research is undertaken within an access and equity perspective taking account of the variables of gender, race, disability, class and geographic isolation.

Tenders are sought from suitably qualified individuals or organisations to undertake research in 1993 on the priority issues listed below:

• Participation of Young People in Education, Training and Employment.

This major research project (up to 50,000 words) will examine the implications of the changing participation rates of young people in education, training and employment in the context of the National Training Reform Agenda. It will identify the characteristics of young people who are most vulnerable in the restructuring of the labour market.

• Guardianship Issues and Young People with a Disability.

This major discussion paper (up to 35,000 words) will examine issues relating to guardianship and young people with a disability. It will include a review of current legislation and guardianship arrangements and will document the experience of guardianship for young people with a disability.

• Employment Development — Do Young People Benefit?

A major discussion paper (up to 35,000 words) will explore the impact of employment development programs on employment opportunities for young people, particularly those who are disadvantaged.

• The Position of Young People in the Family.

In preparation for International Year of the Family in 1994, a 35,000 word major discussion paper will review international family policy perspectives. It will examine the variety of family situations in which young people live and the extent to which family patterns are changing for young people in Australia. It will explore the impact of family policy perspectives on key policy and program areas affecting young people.

• Destinations for Young People Denied Higher Education Places.

This 20,000 word discussion paper will examine the current circumstances of young people not accepted into a course of tertiary study in 1992 and the consequences for them. It will involve an overview of the capacity of Higher Education systems to meet demands for places and a survey of eligible young people denied a tertiary place.

Detailed project briefs and application forms can be obtained from:

NYARS Steering Committee Secretariat
c/- Mr Nigel Hearn
Commonwealth Youth Bureau
DEET
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Phone (06) 276 8203

Applications are to be received by Friday 30th October, 1992.

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RACISM AS A BARRIER TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF NESB YOUNG PEOPLE

YANQ is running an innovative forum and workshop looking at the effect of racism on the employment prospects and working lives of young people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

These activities have grown from a three month project examining racism as a barrier to the employment of young NESB people.

Project officer Lorella Piazzetta has been at work since mid-August talking to young people, employment services, training bodies, employer groups and government agencies about discrimination in employment practices and in the workplace.

She has also been working with a group of young NESB people to find out what young people can do if they are confronted with racism in the workforce. Queensland's new Anti-Discrimination

legislation (proclaimed in June this year) has been highlighted as a means of overcoming unfair treatment.

Young people are collaborating in the research for the project, and the development and promotion of activities. Young NESB people will be responsible for a number of presentations at the forum which will also include addresses by the trade union movement, CES representatives and officers of the Anti-Discrimination Commission.

They will also be attending a workshop with CONTACT Youth Theatre where they will use drama and performance to consider their alternatives when confronted with racism.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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

YOU'RE INVITED!

Young people from non-English speaking backgrounds are invited to attend a free one-day workshop with CONTACT Youth Theatre where fun activities will be used to look at what young people can do if they are faced with racism in the workforce.

**SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER 1992
AT YANQ**

Contact: Lorella on 852 1800

YOU'RE INVITED!

Youthworkers, Skillshare employees, trainers, teachers, government workers, and anyone else interested is invited to a free one-day forum where young people, employers, unionists and government representatives will discuss the complex issue of racism and employment.

**THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1992
AT YANQ**

Contact: Lorella on 852 1800

RACISM

Know What It Is

Don't believe the hype! The truth is Australia has always had many voices and many colours.

Racism takes many forms, some very subtle. Look around and you will see it for what it is - a problem that feeds on ignorance.

Mean What You Do

Set a standard for your own behaviour and what you expect from others.

Silence can mean that you agree, so whenever you hear racist jokes, slurs or stereotypes - say something!

You don't have to be perfect, just consistent.

Do What It Takes

Share the knowledge you have. It's not just kids who need to become anti-racist ... it's everyone.

Give them a little push in the right direction if they need it - tell them to ...

Dig it out

Take it up

Push it on!

(Reprinted from "Act Against Racism: A Guide for Advocates" with permission from HEROC)



QUEA
YOUTH EXCHANGE TO
JAPAN

27 December 1992 - 16 January 1993

The Queensland Youth Exchange Association (QUEA) is hosting a 21 day Youth and Cultural Exchange to Japan. One of the highlights of the exchange is the opportunity to experience staying in the home of a Japanese family, learning something of their culture and they yours.

QYEA is a private organisation of about 150 families which provides, at no charge, our ability to share our homes, families, churches and way of life. Our host organisation in Japan is the World Youth Visit Exchange Association with whom we have exchanged since 1958. We receive their group of young people in February 1993, taking them around Brisbane, Roma, Maryborough and Fraser Island.

We invite members of your organisation to take this opportunity to experience life in Japan, their food, their traditions, their culture. Any young person over 16 years may apply.

For more information
contact

Evan Edwards
QYEA
PO BOX 220
Wynnum Central 4178

Ph: (07) 396 4349

Identifying Gaps in Rural and Remote Services for Young People

Young people living in rural and remote Australia often have difficulties gaining access to necessary youth services.

To combat this problem, DEET is conducting a project to identify gaps in services to rural young people and to help improve coordination among existing resources. Case studies will be done in selected areas in each State and Territory, including Mareeba in Queensland.

The project will look at services provided by all levels of government as well as community based services, with particular attention to how these services meet the needs of disadvantaged young people. There is an emphasis on employment and training, specifically what problems and barriers exist that will make it difficult to implement the new youth initiatives contained in the Prime Minister's "National Employment and Training for Young Aus-

tralians" package. Other services to be examined include income support, health and housing.

The final documentation is designed to be "user friendly" to stimulate local discussion about improving young people's access to services. The analysis will also be used by State/Territory Youth Social Justice Strategy Committees when making decisions about resources at the State/Territory level; and by the National Youth Strategy Coordinating Committee to guide policy recommendations.

The project is on a fast track with a report due to the Prime Minister in November. The regional case studies will be completed by late September or early October.

If you are interested in participating in this project contact

**Adrian Fordham on (06) 276 9553 or
Jenny Heald on (06) 276 8210**

CHALLENGING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN SCHOOL

Cleveland State High School, in Brisbane's southern suburbs, has developed an innovative program to combat sexual harassment in the school. Students and teachers have worked together to produce a series of eight posters and a procedure for lodging complaints about sexual harassment.

Kay Boulden, driving force behind the program and a drama teacher at the school, said that the program had been a great success. "We are encouraging our students to recognise that sexual harassment is a serious issue and giving them permission to make complaints for the first time. We want them to realise that sexual harassment is not normal or appropriate."

"We have trained six female and three male staff members to handle complaints," she said. They use a conciliatory approach, talking to the people involved and trying to reach an agreement that the behaviour will cease. In many cases we find that the offender does not even realise that his or her behaviour is causing offence."

**For more info contact Kay Boulden, Cleveland State High School,
Russell St, Cleveland 4163. Ph: (07) 821 2947.**

VERTICAL TIMETABLING IN QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS

Runcorn High School has become the first Queensland State school to totally revamp its curriculum and timetable on the basis of vertical timetabling - also known as "multi-ageing" - where students take classes based on their ability not their age.

Runcorn has worked for three years to establish multi-level timetables, train teachers, identify potential problems and undertake a parent education program.

Vertical timetabling is based on a core curriculum, which every student must take, and a system of teaching units which allows students to advance at their own pace. The concept of "years" will be abandoned.

Students who study at a particular level for a couple of years will not simply repeat the same material. Students will take different units each semester until they are ready to move on to the next level.

The Queensland Education Department is encouraging schools to adopt the system but is not forcing the issue. Townsville High and Kawana Waters High have had integrated timetables since the mid 80's but Runcorn is the first Queensland school to totally review its programs using "multi-ageing" principles.

Social Justice Strategy for State Schools

The Queensland Education Department's first major Social Justice Strategy was recently endorsed by its Executive Management Committee and will be issued to schools in the near future.

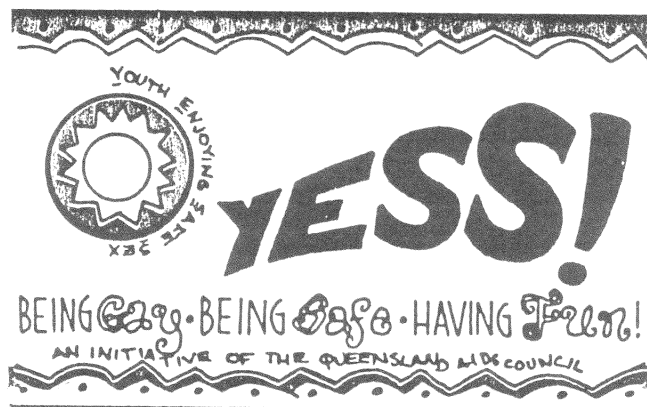
The Social Justice Strategy identifies 12 specific actions that are key priorities for action.

It was put together after widespread consultation with teachers, parents, community groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, people in geographically isolated areas, NESB communities and parents of students with disabilities.

Social Justice Strategy coordinator, Linda Apelt said that schools which paid attention to social justice issues became more supportive learning environments for all students and their communities.

The strategy and accompanying posters will be distributed to all schools, school support centres and parent organisations.

For more info phone (07)237 9983.



Hi! My name is Rodney Price, the Convenor of YESS!, a group of gay young men who are attached to the Queensland AIDS Council in Brisbane. We have an aim to help minimise the transmission of HIV / AIDS in Young Men Who Have Sex With Men (YMWHSWM), by educating them and supporting those YMWHSWM who are affected by HIV / AIDS.

We as a team are building on our skills and qualities to achieve the above aim, by conducting workshops and also projects by way of condom and leaflet distribution on safe sex. This may be at parties, going to other groups as guests or being a part of these groups, dance parties, venue and other places where there are YMWHSWM.

At the moment we are still building the group and are on a recruitment drive to bring in new ideas and skills etc. to be noticed in the gay community as a group who are trying to do something in the prevention of HIV / AIDS. Gay men, regardless of HIV status, who are 26 years or under, are quite welcome to join the group.

If for any reason you would like to contact us
please do by phoning (07) 844 1990 and ask for YESS!,
or you can write to
YESS! C/- PO Box 548, Woolloongabba 4102.

PLAYWRITING COMPETITION

The Brisbane Art Theatre is conducting a playwriting competition for works suitable for their Youth Theatre Programme.

Prizes offered for the competition are:

1st Prize \$1000 — 2nd Prize \$600 — 3rd Prize \$300.
Intending entrants should contact, in writing and including S.A.E.:

Mr Ashley Wilkie
Brisbane Arts Theatre
210 Petrie Terrace
BRISBANE QLD 4000
for entry forms and conditions.
Competition closes 31/12/92.

NYCH FORUM AT YANQ

Monica Wolfe from the National Youth Coalition on Housing will attend a SEQYAC Forum on youth housing at YANQ on Tuesday October 27.

Monica is currently travelling throughout Australia consulting on youth housing issues. The forum runs from 10.30am-3pm.

All workers are welcome.
Please contact SEQYAC on 252 2555 if you are interested in attending.



YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

Applications are now invited from young Australians with a sense of adventure and excitement to join Young Endeavour, Australia's national sail training ship, for the experience of a lifetime on a ten day voyage off the Australian Coast during 1993.

Young Endeavour is operated by the Royal Australian Navy on behalf of the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, a specially created organisation whose aim is to give a broad range of young Australians an opportunity to develop personal skills, initiative, teamwork and leadership qualities through participation in an "adventure under sail" on board the ship.

On each sail training voyage, there are berths for 24 young Australians (12 male/12 female). If you are between the ages of 16 - 23, are in good health and can swim at least 50 metres, you can apply. No previous sailing experience is necessary. In fact a lot of people who come aboard haven't been to sea before.


There is an all-inclusive voyage fee, but if money is a problem, financial assistance can be applied for through the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme. Inability to afford the voyage fee should not be a reason not to apply.

For further info and application forms contact

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme
Unit 7, Pyrmont Place
37-69 Union Street
Pyrmont NSW 2009

Ph: (02) 660 8933 or (008) 267 909

ENTRY FORM

 **THE AUSTRALIAN \$2000 FOR A YOUNG ARTIST**



BILL MITCHELL ART AWARD 1992 FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

Entries are invited from young artists for this prestigious award. The judges require three pieces of work either cartoon, humorous illustration or caricature and no larger than A3 in size. Artwork to be drawn in black & white suitable for newspaper reproduction.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

.....P/code.....

PHONE.....

Conditions of entry: Artists are to be under the age of 26 years. Artwork to be either original or good photocopies as originals will not be returned.

Send entries by either post, courier or deliver to

BILL MITCHELL ART AWARD

'THE AUSTRALIAN'

2 HOLT ST, SURRY HILLS 2010

ENTRIES CLOSE 31ST OCTOBER, 1992

Winner will be announced at **The Bulletin - Australian Black & White Artists Awards** Friday 13 November.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (HUMAN SERVICE)

The Bachelor of Social Science (Human Service) at QUT will enter its 4th year in 1993.

his program genuinely attempts to meet the needs and demands of the human service sector and to graduate students who have skill, knowledge and the ethical commitment to work effectively on behalf of the dependent, disadvantaged and disempowered.

Vocational Offerings

Youth Services
Multicultural Services
Disability Services
Child and Family Services
Corrective Services
Aged Services

For more info contact

The School of Social Science
Queensland University of Technology
PO Box 284
Zillmere 4034
Ph: (07) 864 461

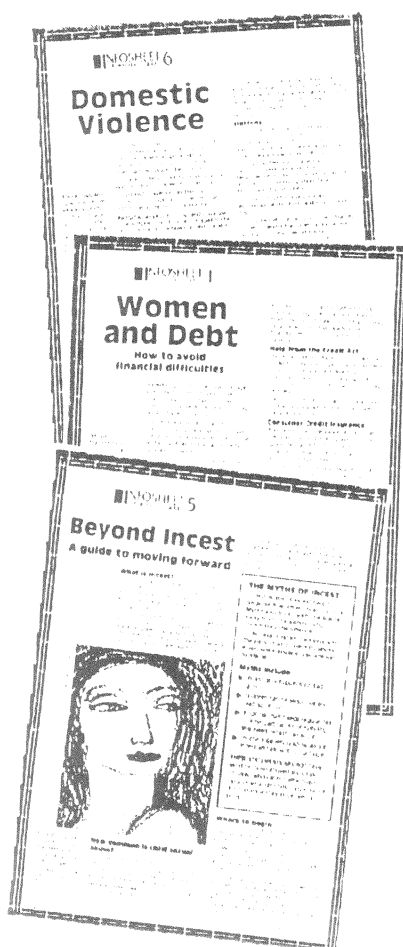
WOMEN'S INFO SHEETS

Women's Infolink celebrated its first birthday this year with the launching of the Infosheet series, a set of information sheets on topics of concern to Queensland women. The series was first produced by Women's Infolink Community Education Team in consultation with community agencies.

Titles current available include:

- Infosheet 1: Women and Debt
- Infosheet 4: Custody and Maintenance
- Infosheet 5: Beyond Incest
- Infosheet 6: Domestic Violence

Contact Women's Infolink on
(07) 229 1686 or (008) 177 1577



Youth Week, sponsored by the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, will be held 1-8 November 1992 and the whole Queensland community is invited to become involved in the week of activity focusing on young people aged 12 to 25.

This year's theme - Young People - Responsible Decision Makers - further builds on the emphasis placed on young people's participation in the recent State-wide youth policy consultations. During this process, hundreds of young people from around the State identified issues of concern to them. They also offered ideas on how to deal with those issues and how to increase their participation in the life of the community.

The Youth Week '92 theme highlights this capacity of young people to make responsible decisions and encourages the recognition of their attitudes and participation in the community.

For more information contact the
DTSR on (07) 237 9826

Queensland Representative Joins National Committee on Arts and Young People

Lafe Charlton, from Brisbane's CONTACT Youth Theatre, has been appointed to a national taskforce to advise the Australia Council on its youth and the arts advocacy and promotion project.

The project will be conducted in two stages. The aim of the first stage is to facilitate communication between youth arts and Commonwealth Government portfolios responsible for youth services, to promote youth arts activities as an effective means of realising the aims of various programs within such portfolios and to expand resources for youth arts.

The second stage is to assist youth arts in targeting the corporate sector.

It is intended that the first stage will culminate in a forum in Canberra to promote the benefits of supporting youth arts and to establish links between youth arts and relevant government portfolios.

Lafe will be attending a number of meetings as a member of the taskforce.

If you would like input to this project phone Lafe at CONTACT on (07) 221 5443.

WE HAVE MOVED!

Youth Bureau (Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing) has relocated to:

18th Floor, Mineral House
41-59 George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

The postal address remains as:

GPO Box 354
Brisbane Qld 4001

Telephone numbers:

Grazia Catalano	224 8861
John Dawkins	224 8528
Gay Messer	224 4650
Helen Rennie	224 8518
Janelle Wegener	224 8451

Fax number is (07) 225 8525

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Name:

Rita Riedel

Occupation:

Communications and
Administration Officer

Employer:

YANQ

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Libra



Brief Training and Work History

- 1984 State Rowing Team (SA), Shop Assistant
- 1985-86 Receptionist, Sales Assistant
- 1987-89 BA Library Studies
- 1990 Administrator SA Institute of Languages
- 1991 YANQ

Most loved food:

Mum's red cabbage

Favourite female:

Susan Sarandon

Favourite male:

River Phoenix

Favourite movie:

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

What is the best thing you've ever done:

Travelled central and northern Australia

What would you like to be doing 5 years from now:

Living on a farm, being self-sufficient

What books are you reading at the moment:

Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Who would you most like to meet:

Simone de Beauvoir, Richard Bach

What is your idea of perfect happiness:

Growing old with the ones I love

What makes you most depressed: That there's

so many abused, unloved people in the world

What do you procrastinate most often about:

Getting out of bed

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself:

Taking things too seriously

What is the trait you most deplore in others:

Chauvinism, racism

What one thing would improve the quality of your

life: An automatic sprinkling system

Which talent would you most like to have:

To be a dancer

How would you like to be remembered: Happily

Name:

Corrie Macdonald

Occupation:

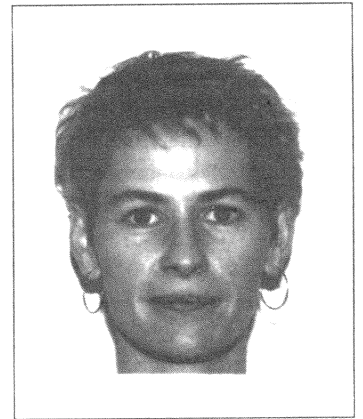
Policy and Research
Officer

Employer:

YANQ

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Brief Training and Work History

- First job writing singing telegrams in Melb '81
- Then to Qld Uni to study Philosophy and French
- 1988-89 Administrator at Prisoners' Legal Service
- 1989-90 lived in Darwin where I did various jobs, studied politics and helped establish the NT's first community legal centre
- 1991 YANQ

Most loved food:

Paw Paw

Favourite female:

Most women

Favourite male:

My nephews (still under 5)

Favourite movie:

Touch of Evil by Orson Wells

What is the best thing you've ever done:

Gone to Darwin without a clue why

What would you like to be doing 5 years from now:

Living for the moment

What books are you reading at the moment:

Backlash by Susan Faludi

What word/s might other people use to describe you:

Bigmouth, conscientious, funny

What word/s would you use to describe yourself:

Bigmouth, stressed, funny

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself:

Turning molehills into mountains

What is the trait you most deplore in others:

Humourlessness

What one thing would improve the quality of your life: Learning to drive

Which talent would you most like to have:

Tapdancing

How would you like to be remembered:

As a tapdancer with a drivers' licence who kept things in perspective



Regional Interagency Meetings

September / October 92



Cairns Youth Forum

29 October 1992 at 3.50pm
Dept Family Services
130 McCloud St, Cairns

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

Western Suburbs Interagency

27 October 1992 at 10.00am
Indooroopilly Skillshare
Station Rd, Indooroopilly

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

Sunshine Coast Youth Forum

8 October 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

2 October 1992 at 12.00pm
Skillshare Capricornia

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

Brisbane Youth Interagency

1 October 1991 at 9.30am
PCYC, Caxton St, Petrie Tce

Contact Eric Moes
C/- Brisbane Youth Service
PO Box 1389
Fortitude Valley 4006
PH: (07) 852 1335

Beenleigh Youth Interagency

30 October 1992 at 1.00pm
DFS, 100 George St
Beenleigh

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

Gladstone Youth Alliance

20 October 1992 at 12.00pm
Community Advisory Service

Contact Gail Law
C/- Community Advisory Service
Suncorp Bldg, 141 Goondoon St
Gladstone 4680
PH: (079) 724 855

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

20 October 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

27 Oct 1992 at 3.00pm
Conf Rm1&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

14 October 1992 at 1.30pm
Inala Youth Care Community

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

Gold Coast Youth Network

28 October 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) 937 006

Ipswich Youth Focus

21 October 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

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DEPARTMENT OF
EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION AND
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AUSTUDY and ABSTUDY

More Money for More Students

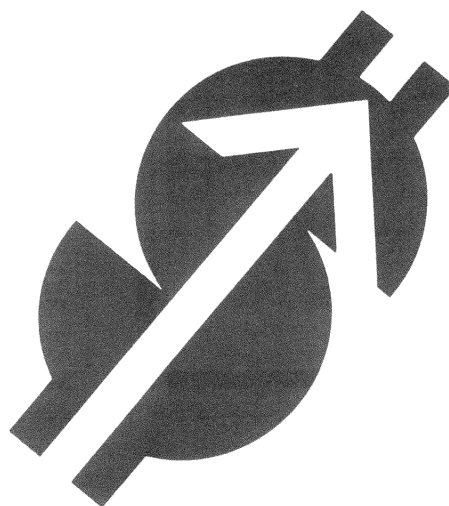
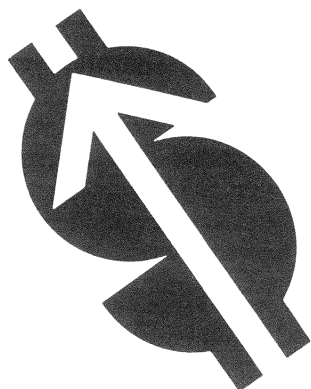
The Federal Government has announced a number of improvements to the AUSTUDY and ABSTUDY schemes in the Budget. The improvements give students more choice, more flexibility and a more generous system of income support. They include:

- New legislation to protect existing AUSTUDY and ABSTUDY grants. GRANTS ARE HERE TO STAY.
- Lowering the age of independence to 24 in 1993 and down to 22 by 1995 (once you are independent under AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY your eligibility is not affected by your parents' income).
- Increasing the amount of money a student can earn before his or her grant is reduced (now \$6,000, up from \$5,000 in 1992).
- The introduction of an AUSTUDY/ABSTUDY Supplement which will give students the option of getting more money in the form of a voluntary loan at no real rate of interest.
- Making the loan Supplement available to many students who can't get any AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY because of the parental income test.

You can find out more about these improvements by calling our toll free hotline



**Student Assistance
Hotline**
(008) 806 963



DEPARTMENT OF
EMPLOYMENT
EDUCATION
AND TRAINING

LANDCARE AND ENVIRONMENT ACTION PROGRAM (LEAP)

*Invitations for EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
to be approved as*

Level 1 and 2 Brokers 1992/93

The objective of LEAP, as announced by the Prime Minister in the National Employment and Training Plan for Young Australians, is to assist young unemployed people aged 15-20 into full-time employment through a mix of formal training and practical application of these skills acquired on landcare, the environment, conservation and cultural heritage projects.

Expressions of interest are invited from organisations with the capacity and experience to act as LEAP Brokers and to arrange and/or provide the formal training and vocational placements for program participants. These could be Commonwealth or State Government agencies, local government bodies, regional bodies, or large community and/or environmental organisations providing they are companies or incorporated bodies limited by guarantee.

Funding will be provided to Brokers to cover the payment of the LEAP allowance to participants, as well as the costs of formal training and a contribution towards other project costs including supervision, materials and administration. It is essential that Brokers have the infrastructure and experience to carry out relevant management and supervision functions.

The two levels of LEAP Brokers are distinguished by the number of participants they contract for:

Level 2 Brokers will be contracted to supervise a minimum of 250 participants for 26 weeks each.

Level 1 Brokers will be contracted to supervise a minimum of 30 participants for 26 weeks each.

Contracts with both Level 1 and 2 Brokers will usually be for a period of 12 months eg. two intakes of approximately 15 participants each for a Level 1 Broker.

Guidelines, application forms and information brochure can be obtained by telephoning (008) 027 977 or writing to

State Director
Department of Employment, Education and Training
GPO Box 9880
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Attention: LEAP State Office Contact Officer

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The Australia Council, the Federal Government's arts funding and advisory body, invites applications for the following programs:

PERFORMING ARTS

Applications are invited under the following programs in Dance, Drama, Music, Puppetry, and Young People's Theatre:

Closing Date – 15 November

- Composer Commissions
- Composer Residencies
- Recording
- International Touring
- Improvement of Management

Closing Date – 30 November

- Creative Development Projects
- Performance Projects
- Masterclasses & Visiting Teachers
- Traineeships
- Training Artistic Directors (Drama)*

* Denotes new program.

Contact Number: (02) 950 9000

Please Note:

FROM 1993 THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL PERFORMING ARTS BOARD CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND SINGLE PERFORMANCE PROJECTS: 30 NOVEMBER.

COMMUNITY CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Community Cultural Development Board supports activities initiated in the community which reflect local needs and interests, and which demonstrate community support and participation in decision making.

Closing Date – 1 November

- Information Marketing & Promotion
- Applications up to \$15,000

Contact Number: (02) 950 9029

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ABORIGINAL ARTS

The Aboriginal Arts Committee assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to maintain traditional cultural practices and to promote and develop new arts activities in urban and country areas.

Closing Date – 15 November Performing Arts

- Dance • Drama • Music
- Promotions

Closing Date – 15 December Aboriginal Literature

- Writers' Grants • Promotions
- Research Grants
- Children's Literature
- Writers' Fellowships
- Publication Subsidies

Contact Number: (02) 950 9047

APPLICATIONS

Within the broad framework of the Australia Council Act and each Board or Committee's overall objectives, decision making is guided by a range of policy priorities.

These, together with detailed guidelines, program details and other information are contained in each Board or Committee's Programs of Assistance booklet.

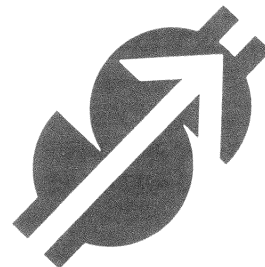
Professional artists of non-English speaking background are encouraged to apply.

As competition for the Council's limited funds is intense, all applicants are urged to read the relevant booklet prior to lodging an application.

For booklets, current application forms and further information contact the relevant Board or Committee on the contact number given above or toll free on (008) 22 6912 or by writing to:

AUSTRALIA COUNCIL
PO Box 788, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE (NCADA)

Grants for National Drug Education and Prevention Projects

The Commonwealth Government has reaffirmed its commitment to reducing the harm associated with drug and alcohol abuse by re-launching the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) as a new five year National Drug Strategy (NDS) and is seeking applications for grants under its National Education Program.

Funds are available for innovative drug prevention and education projects, of a short term (maximum 12-18 month) duration, which have the potential for national applicability and which accord with the priorities identified in the National Drug Strategic Plan. Examples include projects in the areas of alcohol and violence, cannabis, and psychostimulants; and projects aimed at specific target groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women and young people.

As a general rule, eligibility for grants will be restricted to non-profit organisations. Projects must be compatible with the aims and strategies of the NDS and the National Drug Strategic Plan.

Applications must be submitted on the designated application form.

Application forms and further information are available from:

The Director
Drug Abuse Research and Programs Section
Drugs of Dependence Branch
Department of Health, Housing and
Community Services
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

or by telephoning (06) 289 7977.

Applications close on Friday 9 October 1992. Late applications will not be considered.



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 with an annual budget of \$304,000 holds three meetings each year. Applications, on the Council's form, must be received by 16 October to be considered at the November meeting of Council. Applications received after this date will be considered at the April 1993 meeting. Please quote reference CRC 92-3WA1.

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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FOURTH AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: WRONGS AND REMEDIES

Conference discussion will focus not only on the child but also the family and community's response to the problem of child abuse and neglect. The conference will promote training and communication by a range of different sessions reflecting various sub-themes and working methods.

DATE: 11-15 July 1993
VENUE: Griffith University

For more info contact Conference Organisers, PO Box 1237, Milton 4064 or fax (07) 367 1471.

FAMILY PRESERVATION CON- FERENCE

DATE: 22 - 24 November 1992
VENUE: Ballarat University/lege
Mt Helen Campus
COST: \$395 (includes accomm)

For more info contact Carol Ryan on (053) 321 1434.

TURN UP THE HEAT

The 1992 YAPA conference is a residential conference offering participants an intensive program of workshops, forums and discussions. Participants will have the chance to get politically active and debate current government policies and directions.

DATE: 21-23 October 1992
VENUE: Bronte Inn
COST: \$280/\$180/\$90/\$60/\$30

For more info contact YAPA on (02) 281 2344.

INAUGURAL NATIONAL RURAL YOUTH AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

The conference will be committed to bringing young people and workers together in a national rural youth forum for the first time and will aim at the development of an ongoing national rural workers with youth network.

The conference will also be geared towards the use of technological resources so as to ensure that wide ranging participation occurs. (Organised by the Victorian Country Youth Affairs Network and the Bicentennial Youth Foundation).

DATE: April 1993
VENUE: To be determined

For more info contact Roger Pugh on (03) 417 4780.

COMMUNICATING THE HEALTH MESSAGE

Effective communication is the most essential skill for all workers in the drug and alcohol field. This one day workshop will explore a wide range of informationally based communication strategies.

The emphasis will be upon practical application for participants who will have the opportunity to practice and present information using a range of strategies.

DATE: 13 October 1992
VENUE: Qld Health
Development Centre
Costin St,
Fortitude Valley
COST: \$60

For more info contact ADFQ on (07) 832 3798

ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

A workshop on the creative use of money that will be of interest to community welfare groups, neighbourhood centres, youth groups, housing groups, housing cooperatives etc.

DATE: 10 October 1992
TIME: 9.00am - 4.00pm
VENUE: Golden Years Centre
Jenner St, Nundah

For more info contact Jenny on (07) 260 5075.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKSHOP

3 day professional skills conflict resolution workshop.

DATE: 9-11 November 1992
VENUE: Bardon Professional
Development Centre
COST: \$400

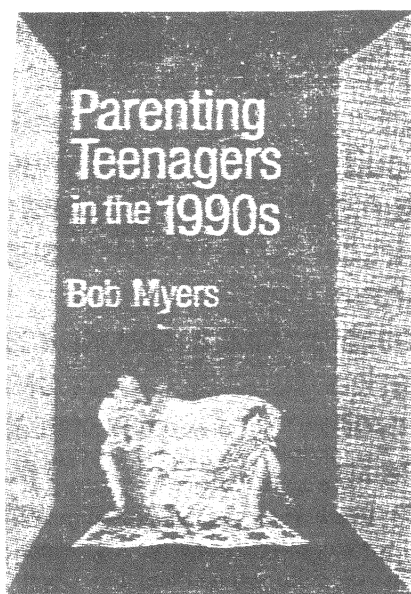
For more info contact Louise Hunter on (07) 288 3332.

DRUGS AND THE LAW

This workshop will investigate the relationship between drug use and the law. It will have significant input from the legal and health fields. The emphasis will be on being able to understand, educate and raise community awareness relating to drugs and the law.

DATE: 16 October 1992
VENUE: ADFQ, 1st Floor
119 Leichardt St
Spring Hill
COST: \$50

For more info contact ADFQ on (07) 832 3798.



PARENTING TEENAGERS IN THE 1990s

Parenting in the 1990s is intended as a guide to any adult who is acting in a parenting capacity to an adolescent. This may be a step parent, foster or adoptive parent, teacher, relative, residential care worker or youthworker.

Here is a clear and practical guide by an author who knows and works with adolescents. Bob Myers is concerned that parents feel more comfortable and confident during the period when the young person matures into adulthood and about giving the adolescents the on-going support and approval that they need. He believes that a parent already has the experience and skills necessary to cope with the problems of adolescence and that what is needed is the knowledge of how to put that wealth of experience into practice in what can sometimes be very trying situations.

This book contains good and refreshing ideas about discipline and about setting limits that are in line with the capabilities, rather than the age, of the teenager. The author discusses the adolescent's

right to question values, to take more responsibility, to experiment and to make mistakes. At the same time he helps parents to be assertive about their own rights and to avoid the trap of doing too much for their teenager. The advice given in this book supports parents in their main task at adolescence: that of preparing their adolescent to become independent and able to leave home.

Parenting in the 1990s is for parents, teachers, youthworkers, psychologists, social workers, doctors, family support workers, pastoral carers, libraries, and community health centres.

Copies are available for \$14.95 plus postage and handling from the Australian Council for Educational Research, PO Box 210, Hawthorn 3122 or phone (03) 819 1400.

GAMES TO DEVELOP GROUPS

Contained in this book are more than 125 games for use with any number of students. The size of the group which can use the game varies from 8-150 students. Each game comes with easy to follow instructions, aims, list of materials required and the level of threat which they could experience. All games take between 5 and 15 minutes to complete.

The games are presented in five categories: Getting To Know You; Energisers; Group Bonding; Trust; and Forming Small Groups.

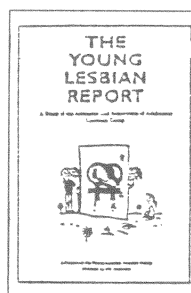
The section at the beginning is full of tips about how to use these games effectively when developing groups. A few of these games you may have seen before but most are brand new.

Copies of the categories are available from \$12 - \$45. Contact Student Leadership Books, PO Box 357, Toongabbie 2146.

IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY TO MIGRANTS

Improving Service Delivery to Migrants: The role of community development is a report on proceedings of a conference organised by ACOSS held in June 1992. A broad range of speakers from the community welfare and government sectors reported on initiatives to improve service delivery to migrants. The book includes an overview of issues, the 22 conference speeches, a summary of 29 workshops held and a list of participants. Topics focus on recent practical examples and include training approaches to improving services; strategies for identification; program planning essentials; cross cultural communication techniques; organisation change and combining research work and service delivery in community organisations.

Copies are available for \$15 (includes postage) from ACOSS, PO Box 45, Railway Square 2000.



THE YOUNG LESBIAN REPORT

The Young Lesbian Report: A study of the attitudes and behaviours of adolescent

lesbians today is a project report of the Young Lesbian Support Group in Sydney written by Vic Barbeler. The report includes findings of previous studies and highlights several areas of concern including drugs and alcohol, mental health, social supports, sexual activity, identity and coming out, discrimination, violence and motherhood.

Copies of the report are available for \$12.50 (includes postage) from Vic Barbeler, PO Box 707, Glebe 2037.

SPECIAL TREATMENT: LOCKING UP ABORIGINAL CHILDREN

Special Treatment: Locking Up Aboriginal Children, screened on ABC TV in January, is a film that deals with the daily reality of Aboriginal young people in the Juvenile Justice System in New South Wales.

With a background of music provided by Mixed Relations and Paul Kelly it documents the tragedy that sees so many young Aboriginal people behind bars for petty crimes.

Watching the film it is tempting to leap to the conclusion that there is still an active policy of apartheid in NSW, in that Aboriginal young people seem to get a much rougher form of justice than their white counterparts.

The film is sensitively made using detailed interviews with Aboriginal young people and would make a great discussion starter for youth groups interested in the issue.

Copies are available for \$79.95 per copy on VHS by contacting Lesna Thomas at Film Australia on (02) 413 8777.

YOUNG PEOPLE, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND MULTICULTURALISM

This is a manual to assist local service providers in making their services more accessible to NESB young people which includes discussion of the issues and practical activities.

Copies are available for \$11 (includes postage) from the Ethnic Youth Issues Network, 1/250 Gore St, Fitzroy 3065. Ph (03) 419 9122.



FREE HOLIDAY FUN GUIDE

Holiday Fun Spring/Summer is a handy contact guide for parents looking for low-cost day programs, camps and tours for their children. Fun activities listed range from arts and crafts, dance and cooking to water skiing, bushwalking, canoeing and much more. As well as being fun and exciting entertainment many activities are also highly educational. The guide is presented in an easy-to-access poster which can be unfolded and hung on the wall. More details on the individual programs are available by phoning the organisations listed.

Copies are available free of charge from the Dept of Tourism, Sport and Racing, GPO Box 354, Brisbane 4001. Ph (07) 224 8451

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING GUIDE

This 115 page guide is intended for use by trainers of Lifeline Telephone Counsellors. The program suggested is intended to provide trainees with information on the problem, an opportunity to examine and develop their attitudes about suicide, the knowledge and skills to identify when a caller might be suicidal, and the skills, strategies and confidence to handle suicide calls.

Copies are available for \$60 (includes postage) from Lifeline Bundaberg, PO Box 1473, Bundaberg 4670. Ph (071) 526 757.

AUSTRALIAN FILM INSTITUTE VIDEOS

ON COMMON GROUND

In Albury-Wodonga a group of Aboriginal people decided to produce a videotape to motivate their young people to seek employment. Their aim was to convince Aboriginal young people that their culture gives them the strength and courage to reach their goals. (Cost \$69 plus postage.)

MY SURVIVAL AS AN ABORIGINAL

This celebrated film is the story of Essie Coffey, a black activist and musician who discusses the struggle for land rights and the appalling living conditions her people must endure. The story is not without hope, however, as Essie strives to make her community proud of their black identity. (Cost \$59 plus postage.)

MIMI: AN EVENING WITH THE ABORIGINAL ISLANDER DANCE THEATRE

The Aboriginal Islander Dance Theatre present a blend of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal life. This video explores their respect for tribal elder teachers and their appreciation of dance as an expression of their culture. (Cost \$69 plus postage.)

These videos are available from the Australian Institute, 49 Eastern Rd, South Melbourne 3205. Ph (03) 696 1844.

YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK OF QUEENSLAND INC

WHAT IS YANQ?

The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) Inc. is the independent, non-government umbrella organisation of 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
Subscribers	<i>transitions & Network Noise</i>	\$50.00

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

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
Subscribers	<i>Transitions & 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 and enclose a cheque/money order for the prescribed membership/subscription fee.

Signed _____ Date _____

Membership applications must be approved by the YANQ Coordinating Committee

OFFICE USE ONLY

Letter/receipt sent ☐ Membership approved ☐ Kit Sent ☐ O1 ☐ O2 ☐ A1 ☐ A2 ☐ S ☐

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