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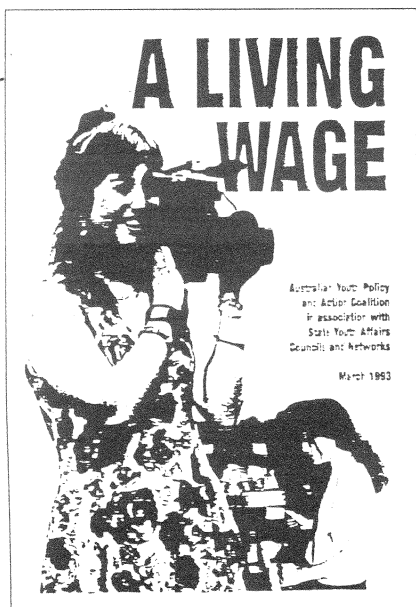
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YOUNG PEOPLE NEED A LIVING WAGE

Youth Peaks Campaign for Fair Payments

Youth peaks around Australia are launching a campaign to win living wages for all young people in employment and training.



This is in response to Federal Government proposals for low level training wages and Coalition suggestions that young people should be paid \$3/hour.

Youth peaks have produced *A Living Wage*, a report which argues against the three assumptions commonly used to justify youth wages.

- The first assumption is that escalating youth wages have priced young people out of the labour market. The report points out that the average wage for a young person has remained around 50 percent of the adult wage over the last ten years. However, youth unemployment has continued to soar and this can be attributed to structural change in the workforce and the economy rather than high youth wages.

- The second assumption is that young people have a lower cost of living than adults and therefore do not need to earn as much. However a number of studies have proved that young people living independently do not face lower

costs than adults, while young people living at home are frequently expected to support themselves and/or contribute to household expenses.

- Finally, it is often suggested that young people are necessarily less productive than older workers and therefore should be paid less. However, productivity relates to competency, not age, and in some industries young people are actually more efficient than older workers.

Youth affairs councils, coalitions and networks therefore call for an end to discriminatory youth wages and a move to a competency based payment and training system.

A Living Wage was launched in Canberra on 4 March.
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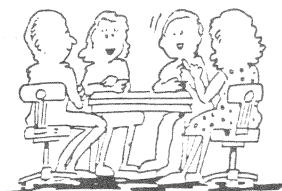
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Coordinating Committee Update Feb-Mar 93

Changes to YANQ Constitution Approved

Amendments to the YANQ constitution passed at the 1992 AGM have now been approved by the Minister for Justice. Changes mean that an election for Policy Forum members will now be held by postal ballot. (See centre insert for more info). For a copy of the new constitution contact YANQ.

Nominations Now Open for 92-93 Policy Forum

Get your form to YANQ
by 30 April 1993

*(See insert in centre of this
issue for further info)*

FAREWELL TO CORRIE AND ALBERT

It is with sadness that we say farewell to our Policy and Research Officer of two years, Corrie Macdonald. Corrie has submitted her resignation to pursue studies in journalism. We wish her all the best for the future.

It is also with regret that we say farewell to Albert Hegarty who has tendered his resignation from the YANQ Coordinating Committee. Albert has accepted a position with ATSIC in Rockhampton and we wish him all the best for the future.

WELCOME ABOARD TIM AND SUE

We are pleased to welcome Tim Wilson, formerly Coordinator of the Youth Housing Project, to the position of Policy and Research Officer. Tim will begin work at YANQ on Monday, 5 April 1993.

Following a Committee decision in late 1992 Susan Towns has been appointed as a Clerical Trainee under the Jobskills Training Program. Sue's placement with YANQ commenced on 25 January and will conclude on 23 July 1993.

Decisions Made Dec-Feb 93

That following the resignation of Albert Hegarty from the Committee John Rigsby-Jones be appointed Secretary.

That an Employment Subcommittee, a Finance Subcommittee, a Policy Forum Subcommittee and a Regional Networking Subcommittee be established which are standing, and which will report back to the Committee through their convenors.

That the Finance Subcommittee review YANQ's membership fee structure for 1994 by the 1993 AGM and accordingly make a recommendation to the 1993/94 Committee.

That YANQ proceed in negotiations with Life Be In It to accept a Jobskills Clerical Trainee to commence at YANQ in January 1993.

That the Committee support the attendance of the Network Development Coordinator and one Committee member at the Rural Youth Conference being held in Wagga on 27-29 April and preference be given to regional Committee members over other Committee members.

That the Committee support the attendance of the Policy and Research Officer and one interested Committee member at the 'Rethinking Policies for Young People Conference' being held in Melbourne on 14-16 April.

That the Committee support the Network Development Coordinator's participation on the 'I Decide' drug awareness campaign Grants Review Committee.

Senate Standing Committee Releases Report on Youth Unemployment

Martin Attridge - AYPAC Executive Officer

"Youth unemployment is everybody's problem", according to the Senate Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training inquiry into youth unemployment.

Society has been slow to acknowledge the scale of the problem. The Standing Committee's report - "Wanted: Our Future" (December 1992) - should convince the most profound sceptics that youth unemployment is a problem of immense dimensions.

The inquiry received numerous submissions and conducted hearings throughout Australia. There is no doubt that members of the Standing committee were deeply affected by evidence presented to them of the scope of the problems confronting young unemployed people, particularly their inability to meet basic living costs.

The report accurately records the sheer desperation many young people are experiencing, and is unreservedly critical of current income support arrangements for young people. Unemployment benefits levels are described as "inadequate" and the report describes Department of Social Security administrative procedures as "complex and punitive" as well as "unnecessary and demeaning".

Many recommendations are consistent with reforms proposed by community groups throughout the past decade, and include: increasing youth income support payments to current Henderson poverty line levels, reducing waiting periods, enhancing housing assistance, countering poverty traps, and reconsidering eligibility criteria.

Employment is considered in some detail, and action is urged to stop the "exploitation and abuse of young people in the unregulated labour market". In an understatement (which could only emerge in a parliamentary report) the report concludes that: "It is clear for the foreseeable future, there will be a significant discrepancy between the amount of work available and the number of people available for work."

Youth wages were a major focus of the inquiry, and the report casts a real doubt on the notion that high youth wages cause unemployment. The Standing Committee contest the view that young people are less productive than adult employees; and the argument that young people face lower living costs is dismissed as "unsustainable". The report recommends that age based wages be replaced by skilled based wages in industrial awards.

The report also states that the Standing Committee would "regard as unacceptable a (youth training) wage which falls well below the poverty line and close to

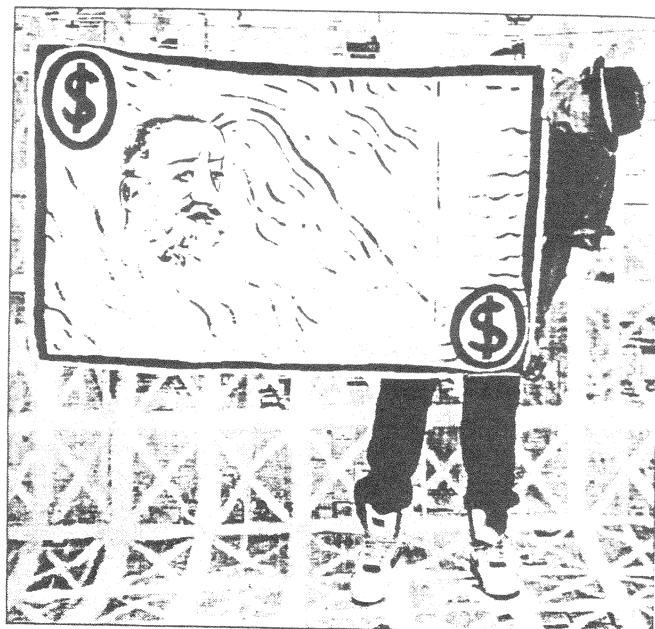
current income support entitlements". This assessment aptly describes both Coalition and Labour youth training wage proposals and, one hopes, will influence changes to those proposals.

The intent of the national training agenda is considered to be basically sound, although its structure is a "complex and rather overwhelming maze". The report cautions that Australia will not experience a training-led recovery. The inquiry was unable to locate any meaningful assessment of the jobs likely to emerge in the Australian economy; while the Carmichael training reform agenda assumes jobs will be available. The report notes the paradox for young people, that "failure to participate in integrated training structures means becoming totally disenfranchised from the world of work".

"Wanted: Our Future" is a valuable and timely report. It must not be allowed to gather dust in the parliamentary too-hard basket. As the Standing Committee concludes: "The likelihood of a major social disaster must be faced squarely and prompt preventative action taken. Or we shall reap a bitter harvest".

While youth unemployment is everybody's problem, the onus to provide national leadership lies squarely with the federal government.

This is an abridged version of an article which originally appeared in the January 93 issue of "AYPAC Up 2 Date".



STATE OF THE NATION FOR NESB YOUNG PEOPLE

HREOC Rep Visits Brisbane

Young people will be included in a State of the Nation Report on Australians from non-English speaking backgrounds to be prepared by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission at the request of the Federal Government.

Visiting Brisbane in February, Sue Zelinka of HREOC's Sydney office explained that the report represented the major response by the Federal Government to the National Inquiry into Racist Violence. It is to be prepared annually, presenting an overview of the major issues for NESB Australians and recommendations for change.

So far the major issues identified in relation to young people of NESB are: advocacy at local, state and national levels; racist attitudes and violence, especially in educational institutions; education and training, ESL classes, vocational training; and employment/unemployment.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the report or find out more about it should contact Sue on (02) 229 7600.

DILGEA FUNDS NESB YOUTH PROJECTS

Young people from non-English speaking backgrounds will benefit from the most recent round of community grants by the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs.

The Samoan Advisory Council and the Tongan Ethnic Association of Queensland both received specialist worker funding from DILGEA, part of which will go towards youth projects. The Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy received project funding to develop a model of support and information sharing involving families and the school community in a school with a high NESB population.

We would be happy to hear from any other DILGEA grant recipients planning to undertake youth projects.

The "Young Women as Parents" Research Project

Inala to Ipswich Corridor

The Inala Youth Service is conducting a Young Parents Research Project which will provide a voice for teenage parents in the Inala to Ipswich Corridor region. The project aims to examine young women's experiences and perceptions of pregnancy and parenthood.



Teenage parenthood is often portrayed as a social and individual problem. These negative attitudes have had direct impact on the ways in which young women perceive and experience pregnancy and parenthood. The correlation between these attitudes and the inadequacy of service provision for these women is apparent. Preliminary research suggests that:

- (1) the incidence of teenage pregnancy and parenthood through the Inala to Ipswich Corridor population is comparatively high; and
- (2) that current services are struggling to meet this demand, and /or do not address the specific needs of teenage parents.

The project intends to make recommendations for appropriate responses based upon an understanding of the issues and existing research. Working in consultation with the Social Work Department of the University of Queensland, it is envisaged that the project will span six months and will have equal geographical representation along the Corridor.

**The Young Parents Research Project
is interested in making contact with
young pregnant women and young mothers,
service providers and other interested parties
in the Inala to Ipswich Corridor.**

**For more info please phone Susan Kelly
at Inala Youth Service on (07) 372 7270**

YOUNG WOMEN'S POETRY BOOK

NOW AVAILABLE

"Just the Way It Is - Poetry by Young Women", produced by WAYWARD and published by YANQ, is now available free of charge.

The book, launched by feminist author Dale Spender at Women's Infolink on 10 March, is a compilation of writing and artwork by young women who use youth services. Their work presents powerful images of a world which for many has not been kind or easy. At the same time, pieces reveal great strength of spirit on the part of young women and a fierce determination to maintain dignity and self-respect in the face of often extreme odds. Printing and distribution of the book has been funded by the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs.

JUST THE WAY IT IS



Poetry by Young Women

For your free copy of *Just the Way It Is* please fill in the order form enclosed with this issue. Phone orders will not be taken.

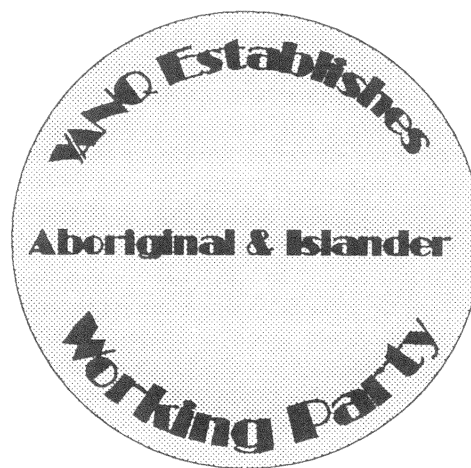
WAYWARD

*Receives Grant from
National Agenda for Women
Grants Program*

A second young women's gathering will be held in 1993 following a decision by the National Agenda for Women Grants Program to approve a \$2500 grant to WAYWARD (Women Alongside Young Women for Action, Research & Development).

WAYWARD successfully held a Young Women's Speakout during Youth Week '92 and hopes the '93 gathering will once more provide a forum where young women can speak their minds about issues affecting them and help develop strategies for change.

The Illoura Centre at Beaudesert also received \$3000 for a parenting program for young women who are sole parents. These are the only Queensland projects funded which specifically address the needs of young women, although other projects may include young women as part of their target group.



Following the identification of Aboriginal and Islander issues as the priority area for YANQ action in 1993 a YANQ A&I Working Party has been established.

Consisting of members from throughout Queensland the Working Party meets regularly to discuss ATSI issues and make recommendations to the YANQ Coordinating Committee. The Working Party has taken over the role of the Aboriginal and Islander Interim Reference Group formed at the 1992 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference and is currently investigating the possibility of a staffed ATSI project for YANQ for the next twelve months.



AYPAC
Urges Young People
To Register To Vote

OPPOSITION UNDER FIRE

The Federal Opposition's proposed changes to Medicare have come under fire from AYPAC recently. The removal of bulk billing for everyone except those on Social Security benefits will impact severely on many young people. Youth wages in some occupations are so low that many young working people will not be able to afford decent health care. AYPAC is urging the Coalition to rethink its approach to health care for young people at the forthcoming election

CHANGES TO BICENTENNIAL YOUTH FOUNDATION

AYPAC is helping to set new directions for the Australian Youth Foundation, previously known as the Bicentennial Youth Foundation. AYPAC staff worked in conjunction with AYF director, John Cornwall, to design and run a pilot workshop with young people and youthworkers in South Australia. It is intended that workshops will run in each state to guide the role of the AYF which is a major funding body in the national youth sector.

SUPPORT FOR AYPAC YOUTH DELEGATES

Young People's Organisations which are represented on the AYPAC Board (National Union of Students, Environmental Youth Alliance, Rural Youth) will in future be funded for their delegates to meet the day before board meetings to discuss issues and develop policy. AYPAC staff will resource these meetings which will also serve as a training venue for youth delegates.

NYCH PROTOCOL

Discussions between AYPAC and the National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH) have begun with a view to developing a closer relationship and a formal protocol between these two peak organisations.

AYPAC ATTENDS WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

AYPAC has been able to secure funding to send a four person delegation to the World Assembly of Youth in Malaysia (April 3-8). There is a wide agenda for this assembly covering youth issues relating to Human Rights, the European democracy movement, apartheid, the environment and many others.

The Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC) recently urged young people to act quickly if they were not registered to vote in the 13 March federal election.

AYPAC is concerned that large numbers of young people are not registered on electoral rolls. A 1992 National Union of Students survey of 4437 tertiary students found that over six per cent of students did not intend to vote at the next federal election.

In the two weeks before the electoral rolls closed prior to the 1990 federal election almost 90,000 young people under 25 years of age registered to vote. About 60,000 of the registrations occurred in the second week. The snap 1993 election left less time for young people to register to vote.

"AYPAC is concerned that many young people probably will not participate in the 1993 federal election. It is vital that young people exercise their democratic rights to vote and consider their options closely. AYPAC will not favour any political party in the lead up to the election. We will evaluate all party policies for their impact on young people and will critique all party policies fairly." said AYPAC chairperson, Paul Turley.

"Unemployment, wages, income support and government services will be major issues for young people in this election", Mr Turley said.

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Second World Indigenous Youth Conference

5-11 July 1993, Darwin, Northern Territory

The main purpose of this historical conference is to once again unite over 2,000 grass-root young people and elders from world-wide populations of Indigenous peoples. The conference will allow Indigenous young people to speak out about their past and present situations and lifestyles in their homeland. Elders are invited to give direction with their wisdom and knowledge as passed on from the dreamtime. Leaders as well as others interested are welcome to observe this gathering.

The Objectives

Indigenous young people understand the challenges facing all humanity. We must educate and empower ourselves through forums like this to meet those challenges and prepare solutions for the future.

The Second World Indigenous Youth conference has set broad objectives:

- to bring together over 2,000 Indigenous young people, with Elders, to examine the effects of cultural, social, economic and environmental problems on our lives, and determine a course of action for the future;
- to review the recommendations of the First World Indigenous Youth Conference;
- to establish a permanent world network of Indigenous young people;
- to develop more peaceful relationships between Indigenous people and our non-Indigenous neighbours;

- to encourage Indigenous youth involvement in activities which will have future implications for all people;
- to provide a setting for young people to share views and find ways to enhance traditions and values in a more peaceful and cooperative environment;
- to present the recommendations of the conference to the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

The Conference Program

The conference program will address the six broad issues raised at the First World Indigenous Youth Conference:

- Social Issues
- Women and Society
- Culture and Education
- Environment and Development
- Indigenous People's Rights
- International Indigenous Youth Council

General Information

This conference is open to Indigenous young people aged up to 30 years. Those aged 17 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Elders are an important part of the Indigenous Community, therefore their participation as delegates is also welcome. Leaders are welcome and can participate as Auditors, but will not be delegates to the conference.

Representatives of non-Indigenous youth organisations, groups and the general public will have "Observer" designation.

Registration

The registration fee per delegate is \$125. Auditors and Observers are required to pay same. These fees are negotiable, and group discounts are available.

Applications for registration should be received no later than 28 May 1993.



Application forms are available
by contacting:

**Second World Indigenous Youth
Conference
Organising Committee**
PO Box 40133
Casuarina NT 0811

Tel: (089) 482 155
or (089) 482 156
Fax: (089) 854 508

CHOICES AND CHANCES

The National Rural and Remote Youth Affairs Conference

Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga NSW
27-29 April 1993

This is your chance to participate in the most significant youth affairs event of 1993.

Young people and youth workers of regional, rural and remote Australia are putting their concerns firmly on the youth agenda, as we move towards the 21st century in a climate of rapid and substantial change.

Choices and Chances celebrates being a young person in non-metropolitan Australia. It's about:

- talking politics, policy, programs, problems, potential;
- exploring education, training, unemployment, income support, health, sexuality, gender, Aboriginality, arts, environment, housing, transport, isolation and fun;
- generating, sharing and passing on skills in research, lobbying, fundraising, developing programs, publicity;
- producing resource materials that you just can't get anywhere else;
- celebrating, partying, playacting, painting, dancing, eating, drinking and laughing;
- capturing it all on video and telling the world.

To be a part of all this, join us at Wagga in April 1993!

S250 covers everything: registration, accommodations, food, conference materials. Child care if you need it.

Closing date for Registration Forms 27 March 1993

For more info write to Choices and Chances,
Locked Bag 678, Wagga Wagga 2678.
Ph: (069) 222 612 or fax: (069) 222 792

HAVE YOUR SAY

On the 1993 State Budget

If you believe that the state government's spending priorities could improve the lives of young people then come to a meeting at YANQ to develop a submission to the Queensland Government on the 1993 State Budget.

This submission is being developed by QCOSS, YANQ and a range of community sector organisations.

WHEN

Thursday, 25 March 1993
from
9.00am to 12.00pm

WHERE

YANQ, 36 Baxter Street, Fortitude Valley 4006

For further info contact Lindsay Granger
on (07) 852 1800

Are You Interested in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme?

YANQ has been associated with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for a number of years and is presently reviewing its involvement.

If you, as a YANQ member, have an interest in the scheme and the role YANQ could play in it please contact Lindsay Granger on (07) 852 1800.

Guy Williams is an ex-body builder who experienced first hand the ups and then the downs of steroid drug abuse. As a young person he is aware of the temptation that drugs present to young people. However, he is also aware of the dangerous side-effects that drugs can have. While many of his friends are still addicted Guy was able to "come clean". He is now seeking to inform and educate other young people of the down side of drugs.

THE DOWN SIDE OF DRUGS: Young People and Steroid Abuse

Young people today are faced with an ever changing world where it is sometimes difficult to distinguish right from wrong, or to distinguish healthy choices from harmful ones. Young people are provided with conflicting opinions and information which can lead to confusion, indecision and misdirection.

In the sporting world today there are ever increasing rewards and incentives for young people to reach high levels of performance. Sadly, the presence of anabolic steroids is becoming more and more common amongst young people

who feel the desire to win and thereby receive the accolades which accompany success.

These drugs are perceived to be in a category all of their own, for many feel that their unique properties which can enhance performance make them the "upwardly mobile, success oriented drugs".

However, in reality all the success in monetary terms or adulation from the

masses which may be obtained will never compensate for the damaging side-effects of these noxious deadly drugs. Long after the crowds have stopped cheering and the sponsorship money has stopped flowing in the horrendous side effects of these drugs continue to persist. The damage that they can do to the body in the short term is well documented and include; liver function disorders, testicular atrophy, gynecomastia (male breast development), sterility, severe acne and the development of male secondary sex characteristics in females. As well as a whole host of other physical problems, significant mental and

behavioural disorders can develop. While the long term effects of these drugs remain unknown, a number of prominent ex-steroid users have died in recent times which highlights the very real danger these drugs present.

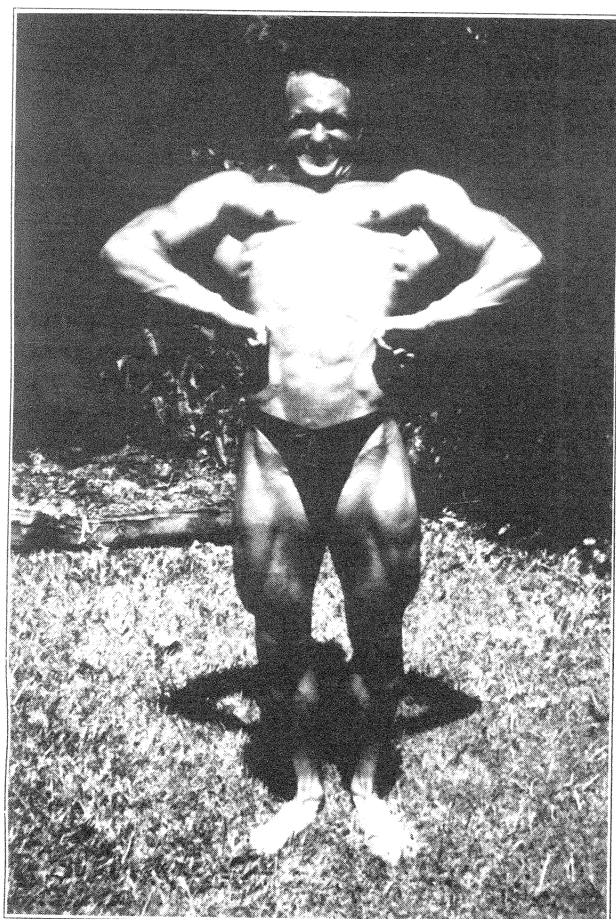
I personally experienced many of the damaging side effects of these drugs during my time as a competitive body builder. I watched friends inject themselves, and then in turn suffer from their drug abuse. I soon followed suit and became mentally and physically sick as the result of using steroids. I also saw the widespread and rampant use of drugs among athletes from a variety of sporting backgrounds.

I was very lucky in that I was able to break the cycle of abuse and come clean. I have since retired from bodybuilding because of the prolific drug abuse, and am now seeking to raise public awareness about this important issue.

At present I am visiting local high schools talking to students to educate them about the dangers of steroid abuse, as well as lecturing to groups of educators from various anti-drug organisations. I believe that the means to eradicating this problem lies in education, by making young people realise that the use of these drugs is totally unacceptable and extremely dangerous.

Guy Williams

For further info write to **Guy Williams**
C/- PO Box 958, Toowong 4066



YACCA PROGRAM

Gets Under Way

The YACCA Program is designed to help communities respond to the needs of local young people who may be at risk of becoming involved in offending. YACCA stands for Youth and Community Combined Action Program. As the name suggests, the program is designed to encourage both young people and the community to work together to develop responses to young people in disadvantaged areas.

The program is directed towards young people between the ages of 10-16 years including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, young people with disabilities, young people from non-English speaking backgrounds and young people who have become disconnected from family and school support.

YACCA represents a significant commitment to engaging young people in high need areas in a way which will address their needs by focusing on their interests. The YACCA approach is highlighted by the early and substantial involvement of young people in the design and implementation of activities. In so doing, YACCA will contribute to preventing anti-social behaviour including crime.

In addition, YACCA relies upon the gathering of support from a wide range of local community members including parents, teachers, police, local traders, sports coaches, church groups and youth organisations, to creatively and positively respond to young people.

Local responses may include skills development programs such as learning to drive, using computers, innovative employment projects such as gardening and property maintenance and recreational and sporting activities. In brief, YACCA will assist with the development of activities which will meet young people's interests and so meet their needs.

Twenty Queensland communities have now received funding from the

Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs in February under the YACCA (Youth and Community Combined Action) Program.

Community Activity Projects (CAP) or Neighbourhood Youth Projects (NYP) will be established in selected communities across the State.

A total of sixteen Community Activity Projects will be established to encourage the development of innovative responses to the needs of disadvantaged local young people and strengthen the bond between young people and their community.

Four Neighbourhood Youth Projects will be established in communities where little or no infrastructure or support exists for young people. In addition to youth crime prevention activities, NYPs will be able to provide a level of direct services to young people, such as individual and family counselling, information and referral.

YACCA projects commenced in February 1993 in:

Brisbane North
Redcliffe (CAP)
Deception Bay (NYP)
Nambour (CAP)
Zillmere (CAP)

Brisbane South
Inner Metropolitan area (NYP)
Logan City (CAP)
Gold Coast (CAP)
Beenleigh (CAP)
Bayside; Wynnum/Redlands (CAP)

South West Region
Inala (CAP)
Murgon/Cherbourg (CAP)
Toowoomba (CAP)
Ipswich (CAP)

Central Region
Rockhampton (CAP)
Bundaberg (CAP)
Mackay (NYP)

Northern Region
Thuringowa (NYP)
Aurukun (CAP)
Cairns (CAP)
Palm Island (CAP)

Street Arts Project on Young People and the Law

Young People and the Law will be the subject of a drama project to be conducted by Brisbane's Street Arts Community Theatre Company during 1993-94.

The project aims to inform young people about the way in which the law affects their everyday lives. Consumer rights, welfare rights, discrimination and contact with the justice system will be discussed, as well as information about support services available to young people.

The project will commence with a travelling workshop program where artworkers will use drama, music and circus skills to talk to young people about their experiences of the law, at the same time providing opportunities to gain skills in writing and performing.

Information gathered through workshops will be used to create a 30-40 minute performance available to tour to schools, youth services, etc to inform young people of their legal rights.

The project specifically aims to target young women, young Murriss and those from non-English speaking backgrounds.

If you or your organisation are interested in this project please contact Loani on (07)846 1060

The Projects have been funded to conduct an initial planning phase, involving consultation with local young people and a broad cross section of the community to identify real needs and issues of concern for the purpose of designing and implementing appropriate projects activities.

The planning phase is expected to last three to five months and will set priorities for the implementation of crime prevention activities and projects in targeted areas over the next two years.

During the planning phase, training events for members of CAPs and NYPs will be provided by an independent training body. The training program is being jointly co-ordinated by the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs and the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing.

In addition, a working group made up of statewide mainstream youth organisations has been formed to develop strategies to assist in the development of local YACCA projects.

The Mainstream Youth Organisations Task Force, with participants such as Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Outward Bound, Scouts Association, Girl Guides, Sports Federation of Qld, and Police Citizens Youth Clubs, is a statewide initiative designed to tap the resources of voluntary youth

organisations throughout the State and to facilitate their involvement in local crime prevention activities.

The Feral Arts Association Inc has also been funded to operate community participation projects through community arts activities with disadvantaged young people in Dajarra (North-West Queensland) and Logan City.

In order to gauge the impact on juvenile offending in targeted localities, and to inform future policy development, a formal evaluation component will be implemented to monitor the full initiative.

A specific data collection program will be established, and funded projects will be required to participate. The availability of data will be essential to the evaluation of the program.

A Joint Officers' Group (JOG) comprising representation from relevant government departments has been established to oversight the broad direction of the YACCA Program.

The role of the JOG will be to ensure that the various components of YACCA are coordinated, and that a whole of government approach is sustained.

The ultimate success of YACCA will depend very much on the continued and significant involvement of young people themselves in local projects.

Equally as important will be the development of a strong sense of community ownership of YACCA projects. This can only be achieved through the solid support of community members and organisations and government agencies.

Regional Workshops will be held in each region in March/April to bring together participants and interested community members from the target areas to share ideas and information and highlight key issues.

If you're interested in participating in these regional workshops, or wish to obtain more information about YACCA, contact your Regional Manager (Community Services Development) for workshop details.

Regional Managers - Community Services Development

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Brisbane South:
Pam Spall (07) 363 9500

South West Region:
Shane Ryan (07) 280 1777

Central Region:
Lex Burgess (079) 31 9699

Northern Region:
Majella Ryan (077) 22 1110

Rotary Australia

Funds Youth Health Research

Adolescent health will be the target for research grants from Rotary Australia's Health Research Fund over the next three years.

The triennium of funding for adolescent health projects commenced with the funding of an International Symposium on "Adolescent Health Behaviour - Identifying Vulnerability and Resilience" in Canberra in November 1992.

During 1993, 17 research projects have been funded at a cost of \$461,500, mostly in universities and hospitals.

The only Queensland project to be funded is located at Queensland Univer-

sity of Technology and concerns body image and weight control among young people.

Topics addressed by other projects include: asthma; youth health policy; coping skills; mental health; brain injury; depression; heart disease; sexually transmitted diseases; healthy lifestyles; and diabetes.

Rotary advertises its Health Research Fund annually and applications close on 31 August each year.

For more info contact the Rotary Health Research Fund on (02)633 4888



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION Issues Relating to Health and Health Services

The Sunshine Coast Regional Health Authority is in the process of reviewing its strategic plan and invites public comment on issues which will affect health services in the Region for the next five years.

Issues the Authority would like to examine include:

- the appropriateness of the goals, objectives and strategies of the current strategic plan;
- health issues not addressed in the current plan;
- improvements in the presentation of the plan.

This information will be used in the development of the strategic plan for health services in the Sunshine Coast Region 1993-1998, which is expected to be released in September 1993.

Individuals or organisations who wish to participate in the community consultation process should provide written submissions to:

**Senior Planning Officer
Sunshine Coast Regional Health Authority
PO Box 363
MAROOCHYDORE Q 4558**

Closing date for written submissions is 31 March, 1993. Copies of the current strategic plan are available from the Sunshine Coast Regional Health Authority, 27 Cornmeal Parade, (PO Box 363) Maroochydore Q 4558.

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AGENCY UPDATE

The Bicentennial Youth Foundation

has had a change of name and address as follows:

the Australian Youth Foundation
Suite 302,
134 William Street
East Sydney NSW 2011

Ph: (02) 357 2344
Fx: (02) 358 5635

The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland

has moved to

26 Merivale Street,
South Brisbane 4101

Ph: (07) 844 9166
Fx: (07) 846 4453

THUMBS UP



to the Sri Lankan Government for passing a Children's Charter which follows almost to the word the

articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, thus enshrining the Convention's principles in Sri Lankan law.

THUMBS DOWN



to the South Australian Government which in late 1992 abolished its Ministry of Youth Affairs in Premier

Arnold's new ministerial line-up. Youth Affairs is now a part of the SA Department of Employment, Education and Training, but is not included in its title.



PRESENTS

On The Line

Women's Performance Project

A Journey Through the Backyards of Brisbane Suburbia

Six young women move into a share house. All are feeling pretty hopeless about their current situation. No work, no money, no fun! All are asking the question: if this is my life, do I want it?

Despite their overwhelming pessimism about their future, in this new environment they uncover the spirit of Mary. At age 83 as the previous owner of the house, she has left gifts, objects from her own journey through life, which become symbols of possibility for this group of women who feel their lives are on the line.

WHEN: 18 - 25 April at Sunset

**WHERE: Backyards of numbers
9, 15 and 17 School St, Kelvin Grove**

SUITABLE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

For more info and bookings please call
Liz Pyle or Ludmila Doneman on
(07) 221 5443.

NESB Youth Issues Working Party

The NESB Youth Issues Working Party is a non-government group which works to improve services for young people from non-English Speaking Backgrounds. It meets on the **first Monday of each month** at YANQ.

Next Meeting

Monday, 5 April 1993
at 3.00pm

YANQ, 36 Baxter St, Fortitude Valley

For more info call Francine on (07) 221 5443

WAYWARD

Women Alongside Young Women for Action, Research and Development

WAYWARD is a group of women from non-government organisations who work to improve services for young women. They meet on the **third Thursday of each month** at different venues around Brisbane.

Next Meeting

Thursday, 18 March 1993
9.30am

Zig Zag, 575 Old Cleveland Rd, Camp Hill

For more info call Judith on (07) 843 1823

Youth Justice Coalition

The Youth Justice Coalition is a group of government and non-government workers which aims to ensure a consistently just response to the needs of disadvantaged young people in Queensland. It meets on the **second Thursday of each month** at YANQ.

Next Meeting

Thursday, 11 April 1993
at 3.00pm

YANQ, 36 Baxter St, Fortitude Valley

For more info contact Lawrie on (07) 208 8199

Plan to Reach Your Target

STRATEGIC PLANNING

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

STRATEGIC PLANNING

*Want to manage your Community Work better
and give it clearer direction?*

*Want to develop better funding submissions leading to
improved opportunities for increased funding?*

*Want to plan joint projects with other organisations
in your community or interagency?*

If so, plan to attend one of the following ...

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS ON DEVELOPMENT (STRATEGIC) PLANNING

*Led by Ron Adie, experienced facilitator of workshops in this field. Organised
by Ed Nixon, Youth Development Officer with the Department of Tourism,
Sport and Racing, Near North Coast Region.*

Monday, 19 April - 9.30am to 4.30pm at Caboolture
Caboolture Community Care, Old Shire Council Chambers, 41 King Street

OR

Wednesday, 21 April - 9.30am to 4.30pm at Strathpine
Pine Rivers Shire Council (Training Rm, Building Dept), 222 Gympie Road

OR

Tuesday, 27 April - 9.30am - 4.30pm at Bracken Ridge
Bracken Ridge Neighbourhood Centre, Bracken Street

OR

Wednesday, 28 April - 9.30am - 4.30pm at Albion Park
Albion Park Raceway (Pacesetters Room), Breakfast Creek

ENROL EARLY: There is a limit on numbers able to attend.

WORKSHOP FEES: \$20 includes, materials, lunch, morning/afternoon teas.

*For further info contact Ed Nixon, Youth Development Officer
Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, PO Box 160, Redcliffe 4020
Ph: (07) 883 2353*

Young Homeless People Trained As Mediators

*A youth mediation project in
Canberra has successfully
trained young homeless
people in mediation skills,
raising their self-esteem and
providing employment
opportunities.*

Resolve, part of the Conflict Resolution Service, received funding for the project under the Innovative Health Services for Homeless Youth program. Its aim was to train a group of young people in the mediation process and ultimately offer them employment as mediators. Other objectives included enhancing the health, work and living skills of participants and providing them with an empowering approach to conflict.

The training program followed the same format and standards as previous mediation training and consisted of a 72 hour training program over two months. Trainees were paid a travel allowance and a meal was provided at each session.

Twelve out of thirteen trainees finished the course, showing great skill and ability in mediation. A wide range of people involved with the trainees have given extremely positive feedback about the effects of the program and the young people themselves rated the training a very worthwhile experience. Some of the young people have already done several mediations, one has returned to school and others said they felt the course had improved their confidence and their skills.

**For more info contact Rhian
Williams on (06)257 5611**

Spinning the World's Story

A Six Week Storytelling Course For Youthworkers

Why Storytelling?

Story gives shape to our experience. We all tell stories each day. When we tell a story we take an event from our life, place it in a context, and share it with somebody else. In this way we evaluate and enrich our experiences. As youth workers we hear dozens of stories every week. These stories are both unique and similar. Storytelling shows us what we share as human beings. As workers in the community we are able to assist in the reweaving of the world's story, by drawing together, in a powerful process, the threads of that story.

Course Outline

- 22/4/93 What is Story telling? The role of story in our lives. the role of the story teller - past and present.
- 29/4/93 Story structure - using an ancient framework.
- 6/6/93 Creating our own stories - retelling the story of our community.
- 13/5/93 Story selection, sources and surprises.
- 20/5/93 Techniques of the trade - learning and telling.
- 27/5/93 Weaving it all together - developing your own style and a program for your workplace.

Where, When and How Much?

Metro Arts Building
Level 4, Seminar Room, 108 Edward Street, Brisbane.

22 April 22 - 27 May 1993
Thursday evenings 6.00pm-9.00pm

Cost is \$98. A 20% deposit must be paid with registration.
Mail your deposit to 33 Agincourt Street, Grange, 4051.

For more info phone Bettina on (07) 356 0778

QUIVVA Women's Project

A Health Needs Assessment of Injecting Drug Using Women

*Are you involved in
health service provision?*

*Are you interested in the needs
of those you are servicing?*

If you have answered yes to both of these we would like to talk with you further about the QUIVVA Women's Project.

We are interested in making contact with women who may wish to be involved in;

- Workshops on health issues
- Training seminars on injecting Drug Use issues for Health Service Providers
- Focus Groups
- Anonymous/Confidential Surveys
- Telephone interviews
- Face to face meetings

The aim of the project is to reach a diverse range of women, and in particular, women who feel isolated. By offering a variety of workshops, focus groups and informal meetings we hope to access women from many different backgrounds and lifestyles and talk with them about their current and future health needs.

The information gathered during the project will be documented in a report outlining recommendations for meeting the health needs of Injecting Drug Using women.

In addition, the project hopes to increase the awareness and understanding of injecting drug use and the needs of users amongst service providers. To this end, part of this project will be to create a package of providers to assist them in identifying and assessing the needs of IDU women.

**For more information please contact
Janine on phone (07) 844 7440**



Interagency Meetings

March / April 93



Far North Queensland Youth Forum Network

25 March 1993 at 3.50pm
Dept Family Services
130 McCloud St, Cairns

Contact *Phil Whish-Wilson*

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

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

20 April 1993 at 10.00am
(Venue to be determined)

Contact *Leslie Mackay*

C/- Open Youth Project
PO Box 573
Townsville 4810
PH: (077) 713 648

Rockhampton Youth Interagency

(Not available)

Contact *Cheryl Greene*

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

Mt Isa Youth Forum

5 April at 10.00am
Mt Isa Skillshare
Cnr East and Enid Streets

Contact *Tim Berryman*

C/- Community Dvpt Assn
PO Box 345
Mt Isa 4825
(077) 436 541

Regional Queensland Youth Interagency Meetings

Gladstone Youth Alliance

16 March 1993 at 2.00pm
Community Advisory Service

Contact *Gail Law*

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

Sunshine Coast Youthworkers Forum

8 April 1993 at 10.00am
One Stop Youth Shop
Collins Place, Duporth Ave

Contact *Kathy Brook*

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1174
Maroochydore 4558
PH: (074) 439 661

Gold Coast Youth Network

31 March 1993 at 11.00am
Gold Coast Youth Service
15 Oak Ave, Miami

Contact *Janette Green*

C/- Stephens Community Centre
PO Box 881
Burleigh Heads 4220
PH: (075) 937 006

Ipswich Youth Focus

17 March 1993 at 12.00pm
Family Resource Centre
Ipswich

Contact *Thelma Atwell*

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 555
Ipswich 4305
PH: (07) 281 8200



Interagency Meetings

March / April 93



Western Suburbs Interagency

30 March 1993 at 10.00am
(Venue to be determined)

Contact: Andrew Haslem

C/- Kenmore Youth
Access Project
PO Box 2121,
Chermside 4032
PH: (07) 878 2544

Brisbane Youth Interagency

8 April 1993 at 9.30am
Hare Krishna Food for Life
190 Brunswick S
Fortitude Valley

Contact Eric Moes

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

Logan Youth Interagency

30 March 1993 at 2.30pm
C'wealth Centre
Ewing and Carmody Sts
Woodridge

Contact Pat Taylor

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 645
Woodridge 4114
PH: (07) 808 7242

Wynnum Youth Interagency

1 April 1993 at 2.00pm
Community Corrections
Rosebay House, 71 Clara St

Contact Bev Cooper

C/- Youth Access Centre
7 Ross Court
Bloomfield St
Cleveland 4164
PH: (07) 821 2887

South East Queensland Youth Interagency Meetings

Annerley Youth Interagency

23 March 1993 at 2.30pm
Annerley CES

Contact Tracey Rimes

C/- Youth Access Centre
7 Ross Court
Bloomfield St
Cleveland 4164
PH: (07) 821 2917

Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY

15 April 1993 at 1.00pm
Inala Youth Access Centre
Inala Plaza

Contact Steve Mayers

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

Redlands Adolescent Program

(Not available)

Contact Lyn Ketter

C/- Youth Access Centre
7 Ross Court
Bloomfield St
Cleveland 4161
PH: (07) 821 1358

Beenleigh Youth Interagency

26 March 1993 at 1.30pm
DFSAIA
100 George St, Beenleigh

Contact Gary Bourke

C/- Beenleigh Community
Health Centre
PO Box 223
Beenleigh 4207
PH: (07) 287 5344

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NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAM COMMUNITY COMPONENT



Community Project Grant Applications 1993-94

The Community Component of the National Landcare Program (NLP) provides funding to encourage community groups and local governments to responsibly manage and conserve land, water and biological diversity in their local area. In the Murray-Darling Basin this is extended to include cultural heritage.

The NLP encourages an integrated, 'whole systems' approach to combating the degradation of Australia's land, water and vegetation resources. This Program brings together the community-based elements of One Billion Trees and Save the Bush programs, the Commonwealth's land and water conservation programs and the Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Strategy.

Grants are available for activities which help rural and urban communities solve natural resource management and nature conservation problems in their local area or region. These activities could for example include: community education and awareness; planning; resource inventory (surveying, mapping); investigations/trials; training; demonstration; monitoring; on-ground activities relating to vegetation and wildlife habitat; other on-ground activities in the Murray-Darling Basin.

Projects must tackle the causes of one or more local problems in the following areas:

- land management
- water management
- vegetation restoration
- cultural heritage (Murray-Darling Basin only)
- remnant vegetation protection and management

In **Queensland** Guidelines and Application Forms may be obtained from the Regional Director of the Queensland Department of Primary Industries in:

Nambour (074) 76 0277 Longreach (076) 58 4400
Rockhampton (079) 31 9016 Toowoomba (076) 31 4200
Townsville (007) 22 2688

or by contacting:

Greg Siepen (07) 225 1976 Hunter Brownscombe
Queensland National Parks and (07) 391 6655
Wildlife Service Greening Australia QLD

The closing date for new and continuing applications is 2 April 1993.

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MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY ORGANISATION FUNDING PROGRAM

The Mental Health Community Organisation Funding Program is a Queensland Health scheme administered by the Mental Health Branch.

Applications are invited from community organisations for financial assistance during the 1993/1994 financial year to support the provision of services in the mental health field.

The aim of the program is to assist community organisations to provide a range of services targeted toward meeting the needs of people with mental disorders and severe mental health problems, their families and carers through the provision of financial and developmental support.

For guidelines, application forms and further information organisations should contact:

Ms Janelle Killick, Programs Officer,
Mental Health Branch, Ph: (07) 234 0863
Applications should be forwarded to:

Dr H. Whiteford
Director of Mental Health
Queensland Health
GPO Box 48 BRISBANE Q 4001
and close on Friday 23rd April, 1993.



Commonwealth Grants for Hostels for Rural Students

The Commonwealth Government now makes available up to \$2 million a year for building and refurbishment capital projects at non-government hostels and boarding schools which cater for rural students.

Applications may now be submitted for funding in 1994 under the Hostels for Rural Students: Non-government Element of the Commonwealth's Capital Grants Program for schools.

Non-government organisations such as parent groups, churches and other welfare agencies and boarding schools can apply. Under this Element, local government authorities are considered to be non-government bodies and can also apply.

Application forms and information on application requirements can be obtained from Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education and Training offices in the capital city of each State and Territory. Enquiries should be directed to:

New South Wales (02) 379 8357
Victoria (03) 666 7580
Queensland (07) 226 9264
Western Australia (09) 425 4583
South Australia (08) 224 6258
Tasmania (002) 35 7334
Northern Territory (089) 82 9247
Australian Capital Territory (06) 276 7241

Applications must be submitted by 31 March 1993 to:

The Assistant Secretary
Schools Programs Branch
Department of Employment, Education and Training
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601

DEPARTMENT OF
EMPLOYMENT
EDUCATION AND
TRAINING

Queensland Government Department Funding Calendar

DEPARTMENT: HOUSING, LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING
(DHLGP)**Funding Program:**Community Housing
Partnership Program (CHPP)**Closing Date:**

Advertised July 1993

Contact:

(07) 227 7950

Funding Program:Co-operative Housing
Program**Closing Date:**

Advertised July 1993

Contact:

(07) 227 7950

Funding Program:Youth Head Lease Transfer
Scheme**Closing Date:****Contact:**

(07) 227 7950

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM,
SPORT AND RACING (DTSR) -
YOUTH BUREAU**Funding Program:**Youth Services Development
Grant (includes Youth Week
1993, 9-17 October, Grants)**Closing Date:**

12 March 1993

Contact:

(07) 224 8861

Funding Program:Youth Services Development
Grant - 1994**Closing Date:**

November 1993

Contact:

(07) 224 8861

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT,
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION,
TRAINING & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS (DEVETIR)**Funding Program:**Community Jobs and Training
(Grants up to \$45,000 for
Community Groups for the
delivery of training and
placement programs)**Closing Date:**

Next round of offers July 1993

Contact:(07) 858 5158 (Employment
Extension Services Branch)DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION AND TRAINING
(DEET)**Funding Program:**Youth Strategy Action Grant
(YSAG)**Closing Date:**

September 1993

Contact:

Youth Access Centre

Funding Program:

National Youth Grants

Closing Date:

September 1993

Contact:

Youth Access Centre

Funding Program:Disadvantaged Youth
Program**Closing Date:**Advertised July 1993 (Close
September 1993)**Contact:**DEET
Area DirectorsDEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES (HHSC) AND
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY
SERVICES AND ABORIGINAL
AND ISLANDER AFFAIRS
(DFSIA) (Jointly funded)**Funding Program:**Supported Accommodation
Assistance Program (SAAP)**Closing Date:**

September 1993

Contact:

DFSIA Regional Office

DEPARTMENT: DFSIA

Funding Program:Youth and Community
Combined Action Program
(YACCA)**Closing Date:**

16 October 1993

Contact:

DFSIA Regional Office

DEPARTMENT: DHHCS AND
DEPARTMENT HOUSING LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING
(DHLGP)**Funding Program:**Crisis Accommodation
Program (CAP)**Closing Date:**

September 1993

Contact:

DFSIA Regional Office

Funding Program:Community Housing Program
(CHP)**Closing Date: ---****Contact:**(07) 360 2940 (DHHCS)
(07) 227 7950 (DHLGP)

Youth Studies Australia Symposium Series 2001

Youth Studies Australia is planning to host the first of a proposed biennial series of symposiums on Australian young people. The symposiums will provide an opportunity for researchers, practitioners and policymakers to gain insight into the wide range of issues that are affecting Australian young people now - and that will influence their lives into the next century. The interdisciplinary nature of the symposiums will afford a rare occasion for exchange of the latest information in research and program development among those working in a variety of youth-related fields, including: adolescent health, psychology, sociology, education, employment and training, sport and recreation, juvenile justice and youth policy.

DATE: 3-5 November 1993
VENUE: Hobart, Tasmania

For more info contact Youth Studies Australia, GPO Box 252C, Hobart 7001. Ph: (002) 202 591 or fax (002) 202 578.

Leisure and Employment Beyond 2000

The aim of this conference is to 1) highlight the changes in the workforce, leisure time and peoples everyday lifestyle; and 2) develop an alternative picture of employment and business options for conference participants to implement in the areas of leisure, recreation, sport and tourism.

DATE: 3-5 June 1993
VENUE: Kondari Resort,
Hervey Bay
COST: \$335/\$290

For more info contact Dept of Tourism, Sport and Racing, PO Box 259, Maryborough 4650. Ph: (071) 237 710.

Seize the Moment

SA Youth Affairs Conference on participation, politics and action.

DATE: 29-30 March 1993
VENUE: Adelaide Festival Centre
North Tce, Adelaide
COST: \$110/\$80/\$30

For more info contact Toni Schammer or Trish Hanlon on (08) 212 524. Fx: (08) 231 6042.

Beyond Childhood Sexual Abuse

Beyond Childhood Sexual Abuse - Working With And Supporting Women Survivors is a conference jointly sponsored by the Women's Health Centre and Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre. The conference aims to:

- enhance participant's understanding of child sexual abuse and incest and its subsequent impact on women survivors;
- increase workers' skills in support and counselling of child sexual abuse and incest survivors;
- provide information about a range of therapies and approaches currently in use;
- facilitate discussion around issues that impact on workers and survivors;
- facilitate an increased number of workers within organisations that offer services to do so with a greater understanding of women's needs in the areas of sexual abuse and incest.

DATE: 25-26 March 1993
VENUE: Bardon Professional
Development Centre
390 Simpsons Rd,
Bardon
COST: \$150/\$100/\$90

For more info contact Zig Zag on (07) 843 1823.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

This workshop will examine many fundraising opportunities and strategies in relation to using volunteers within your organisation.

DATE: 19 March 1993
VENUE: Volunteer Centre of Qld
4th Floor, Penny Bldg
155 Adelaide St, Brisbane
COST: \$80/\$40

For more info contact the Volunteer Centre on (07) 229 9700.

Communication and Negotiation Skills

This workshop covers principles of effective communication, conflict resolution, assertiveness, dispute handling and interviewing principles.

DATE: 5-6 May - Rockhampton
7-8 Sept - Brisbane
VENUE: To be determined

For more info contact the Australian Services Union, PO Box 3347, South Brisbane 4101. Ph: (07) 844 5300.

Self Esteem Course for Teenagers

The aim of this course is to give teenagers techniques to help them gain control and balance in their lives, to improve their relationships, reverse failure cycles and heal emotional scars from past experiences.

DATE: By arrangement
COST: \$40 per student

For more info contact Linda Miles, 19 Tamar Street, Annerley, 4103. Ph: (07) 391 6231.

THE HEALTH OF YOUNG ABORIGINES AGED 12 TO 25

The Full Report of *The Health of Young Aborigines Aged 12 to 25* draws on published data and new research and provides an overview of the current health issues affecting young Aboriginal people. It discusses major health issues, analyses current strategies for addressing these issues and recommends strategies to improve the health of Aboriginal young people.

Complementing the Full Report is a Short Report which is aimed at Aboriginal people living in communities, and community-based health professionals working with Aboriginal young people. It explores the many health issues raised in the Full Report and suggests points to think about. It is designed as a resource for group discussion or for anyone who wants to understand the Full Report more easily.

Both reports are available for \$15/\$10 from the National Clearinghouse for Youth Studies, GPO Box 252C, Hobart 7001. Ph (002) 202 591.

UNION AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The SA Trade Union Resource Centre has produced an issues paper, *Unions Can Survive - With a Little Help From Young People*. This clearly written paper explains why young people are not joining unions and gives statistics on union membership and suggestions for how unions could become more relevant to young people. It could be useful for anyone discussing union membership with young people. The report is free.

For more info write to Peter Anderson, Liaison Officer, Trade Union Resource Centre, United Trades and Labour Council of SA, 11-16 South Tce, Adelaide 5000. Ph: (08) 212 3155. Fx: (08) 231 9300.

HOMELESSNESS, WARDSHIP AND COMMONWEALTH-STATE RELATIONS

This report is concerned with homeless young people being in or having been in the care of the state.

During the 1980s the Commonwealth extended a number of its provisions to young people lacking parental support. The focus of this report has been on the responses of State Governments to these extensions of Commonwealth provision and the gaps in and barriers to the provision of support.

This study is concerned with four specific areas of interaction between Commonwealth and State Governments in the provision of income support and other services to young people subject to orders for guardianship and control, namely Income Support from DSS; Income Support from DEET; Youth Supported Accommodation Program Services; and the role of Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agencies.

After looking at national data on the use of orders for care, protection and control the report reviews developments in Commonwealth and State provisions respectively. The states of Queensland and South Australia are examined in greater depth, covering both protective care and juvenile justice.

Findings suggest that changing legal philosophies, in conjunction with increased fiscal constraints, have led to the reduction of legal orders for wardship by state welfare authorities in recent times. There is a particular problem in the case of wards under 16 years of age. The report also points to the fact that all dimensions of this study are largely unmeasured due to a lack of reliable and meaningful child welfare data.

The Report is available for \$9.00 (includes postage) from the Social Policy Research Centre, University of NSW, PO Box 1, Kensington 2033. Ph: (02) 697 3833.

Books For Young People

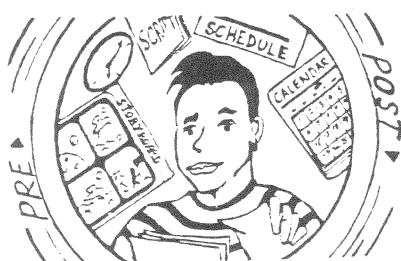
A Cage of Butterflies by Brian Caswell (University of Qld Press) \$10.95: This story is told by multiple narrators, characters who struggle to release the Babies - a group of children who communicate with mind speech and so are of great value to Larsen, a manipulative researcher. On the one hand a thriller, this is also a parable about the power of love, demonstrated not only by the adults who work to release the Babies but by the caring of the young occupants of "the farm" for each other.

Looking for Alibrandi by Melina Marchetta (Puffin) \$8.95: This book recounts the events of Josephine Alibrandi's final year at school. In conflict with nuns and prefects at her Catholic School and her Italian Nonna at home, Josephine's lively narration provides a clear insight into the challenges faced by a young woman who seeks individuality, not conformism.

Galax-Arena by Gillian Rubinstein (Hyland House) \$19.95: This story is told by Joella who, along with her brother and sister, is captured to perform in the Galax-Arena. Here homeless young people are forced to perfect their gymnastic skills to provide thrills for an alien race - or not so alien (there are surprises here and they are not comfortable surprises). With its theme of manipulation of the young by adults, this is a brilliant and powerful book.

Let's Do a Video

Written by community video makers this exciting new publication provides the first ever practical "how to" guide to making a community video, taking you through the process from the original brain wave, through planning, budgeting, organising participants, production and post production, to marketing and distribution. Written in a fun, "reader friendly" style, based around case studies of different community videos, with graphics, cartoons and flow charts, the book includes resource lists and information about sources of funding and legal issues.



"Let's Do a Video" is available for \$8.50 (includes postage and handling) from Northern Beaches CYSS, PO Box 23, Brookvale NSW 2100. Ph: (02) 949 3800.

Anti-Racist Training Distance Education Kit

The Action Pack is the first Anti-Racist Training distance education kit of its kind in Australia. It is an interactive, self-directed distance learning package made up of a workbook (which participants keep) and a compilation video. A team of people, including experienced workers with young people, wrote the Action Pack specifically to meet the needs of rural and isolated paid and voluntary workers.

"The Action Pack" is available for \$220 per kit from the WA Council for Youth Work Training, Unit 7 Wellington Fair, 4 Lord St, Perth 6000. Ph: (09) 221 4229 or fax (09) 221 4689.

The "Italo-Australian Girls Support Group Program" Kit

A kit outlining the *Italo-Australian Girls Support Program* is now available for youthworkers or community workers who are interested in running groups either in schools or in the community for NESB young people focussing on these issues.

The program aims to promote physical, social and emotional health while living in two cultures, to promote an individual's self-awareness and to create and encourage the understanding of other from different cultures. Its objectives are to nurture self-determination and self-awareness via personal development and self-esteem building, and to explore the dual culture conflict, identity and other issues arising from living in two cultures.

The kit contains detailed information on the six-week program, outlining activities to be used in each of the six lessons, and providing handouts that can also be used. The program content can be changed to suit the needs of the group.

The "Italo-Australian Girls Support Group Program" Kit is available for \$10.00 (includes postage and handling) from Rosanne Comisso, Youthworker, Italian Association of Assistance on (02) 796 7222.

Lifeline Community Resource Directory

When your consumer or staff member needs to be referred, your best information source is the Lifeline Community Resource Directory. The Directory lists more than 2,500 helping agencies, classified according to the needs they meet and their locality in South-East Queensland.

The Directory is easy to use and presents quickly the range of options available. It saves your time and that of your consumer by eliminating the need for numerous misdirected calls and the associated frustration.

The Lifeline Community Resource Directory is available for \$70 from the Community Resource Officer, Lifeline, PO Box 108, Fortitude Valley 4006. Ph: (07) 252 1213.

Why Crime? Video

This video is designed to be used by youthworkers, community and Government agencies and young people to create discussion, information sharing and to highlight the issues identified by young people in regard to Youth Crime and Youth Crime Prevention.

The video is informative and real and was produced by young people in Logan City.



"Why Crime?" Video costs \$17 for Community Organisations and \$25 for Government Organisations and is available from Youth and Family Service, PO Box 727, Woodridge 4114. Ph: (07) 208 8199.

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 400 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

Network Noise is the bi-monthly newsletter of YANQ. 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* is 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
<i>Membership fees are due and payable on a calendar year basis (covering the period 1 January - 31 December)</i>		

YANQ MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTION 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
	\$16,000 - \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00
	Income > \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00

Organisation	No Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00
	Funding < \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00
	Funding > \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00

Government Department or Service ☐ \$70.00

SUBSCRIBERS

Transitions & Network Noise only

☐ \$50.00

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

Please return Membership/Subscription Form to: YANQ, PO Box 116, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006