

# Network Noise

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## *Launch of Queensland Government Youth Policy ...*

Members of CONTACT Youth Theatre  
perform at the launch ...



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... and a whole lot more inside!

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of the Youth Affairs Network of  
Queensland (YANQ) Inc

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Ring, write or fax through  
your latest news on

- workshops
- youth programs
- training events
- projects
- positions vacant
- changes of address
- latest resources

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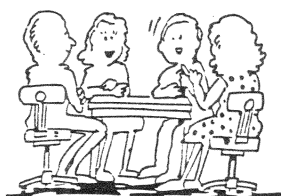
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For membership information  
see back inside cover.



## Coordinating Committee

Update Feb-Mar 93

### Welcome Aboard Gerald

We are pleased to welcome  
Gerald Appo as a new  
member to the YANQ  
Coordinating Committee.  
Gerald works with Aboriginal  
and Islander young people  
at Clump Mountain Youth  
Wilderness Camp, Mission  
Beach, in North Queensland.

YANQ currently has

**380**

members/subscribers

## 3-Year Strategic Plan Almost Complete

As this newsletter goes to print, the Coordinating Committee is reviewing the final draft of YANQ's 3-year Strategic Plan for July 1993-June 1996. Staff and Committee members have been working on the Plan for almost 12 months and look forward to a finished Strategic Plan by the end of May.

## Decisions Made March - April '93

That YANQ will auspice  
WAYWARD's application for a  
Youth Week '93 project 'Health  
Consumers' Forum for Young  
Women.

That Gerald Appo be  
invited to fill the vacancy on  
the YANQ Coordinating  
Committee created by Albert  
Hegarty's resignation.

That YANQ join the National  
Children's Bureau.

That YANQ prepare a  
submission to the CAFWAQ  
Policy Directions Task Force re  
alternative care.

That the Policy and  
Research Officer commence  
drafting YANQ's Social Justice  
Policy Framework, contacting  
appropriate members with  
relevant expertise for assis-  
tance, for ratification at the  
1993 Policy Forum.

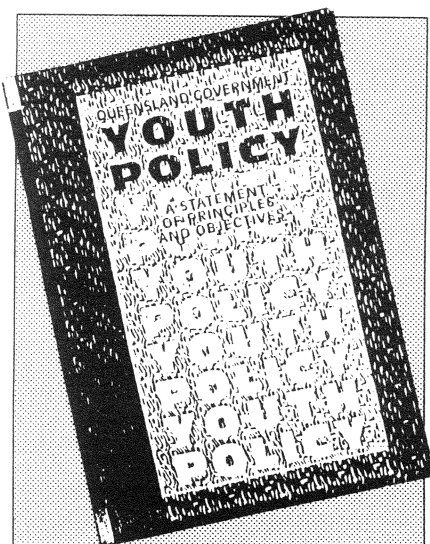
That YANQ submit a  
response to the VETEC Social  
Justice Policy Discussion Paper  
by 17 May 1993.

That YANQ nominate Todd  
Cavanagh of Bundaberg to the  
Queen's Trust for consideration  
to attend the forum organised  
by the Queen's Trust.



# Launch of Queensland Government Youth Policy ...

**The Queensland Government has released its first ever Youth Policy. It is a long-awaited recognition by Government of the needs of young people in Queensland. However, as yet, there are no strategies for its implementation.**



Launched on 30 March at Parliament House, the Youth Policy is subtitled "A Statement of Principles and Objectives". The Youth Policy commits the government to the principles of social justice. It says:

*"The Queensland Government is committed to social justice and to making Queensland a fair society."*

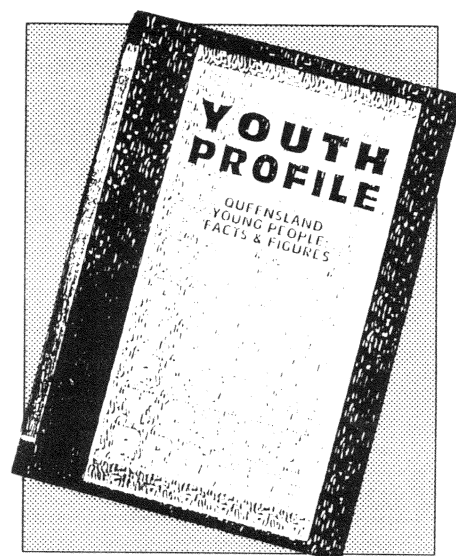
*"Social justice encompasses the following four principles: **Equity:** Promoting fairness in the distribution of economic resources and power and reducing exploitation and poverty. **Rights:** Establishing equal, effective and comprehensive rights, including political, legal and industrial rights for all people regardless of income, age, disability, social or ethnic background, gender or sexual orientation. **Access:** Ensuring that all people, regardless of location, have access to good quality services including health, housing, employment, education and transport. **Participation:** Expanding the opportunity for people to participate in social and political life and in decisions which affect their lives. (p. 20)."*

The policy then goes on to outline principles and objectives over a number of areas, including consultation and coordination, family support, accommodation, health, recreation and the arts, education and training, employment, transport and justice and the law.

The Youth Policy is to be welcomed in so far as it is a written commitment by government to provide services to young people in this state. However, there is much work to be done before the words of the policy become reality.

First, strategies and programs must be devised to implement the objectives outlined. Speaking at the launch of the policy, Minister Bob Gibbs said that Cabinet will be discussing youth affairs in the coming months and ministers will report back on the policy's implementation. However, it is still not clear how departments plan to go about implementing the policy and how much additional resourcing - if any - will be available to them for this purpose.

Second, it is not clear what body will have responsibility for the coordination of the policy's implementation and what resourcing is available for this role.



Third, serious thought must be given to the means by which widespread consultation with young people and the community can continue to occur.

These three tasks must be given due attention and adequately resourced if the policy's principles are to be translated into action. Only when this occurs can we hope to see change, and it is indeed vital to change the attitudes of many in government and the community towards young people. This was clearly demonstrated to me at the policy launch itself. Premier Wayne Goss, launching the policy, began with an admirable declaration: "Young people are an important group in our community and they have not been forgotten or disregarded." However, he then went on to use a good portion of his speech to concentrate on the republican cause rather than youth affairs.

I watched three different news broadcasts that evening, looking in vain for coverage of the youth policy. I was disappointed; while the media had been in attendance, each news report focused solely on the Premier's comments concerning Queen and republic, and not one mentioned the youth policy. This seemed to me a sad indication of the significance currently accorded to youth affairs.

Corrie Macdonald

**Copies of the Queensland Government Youth Policy are available from Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing Regional Offices.**

# Farewell From Corrie

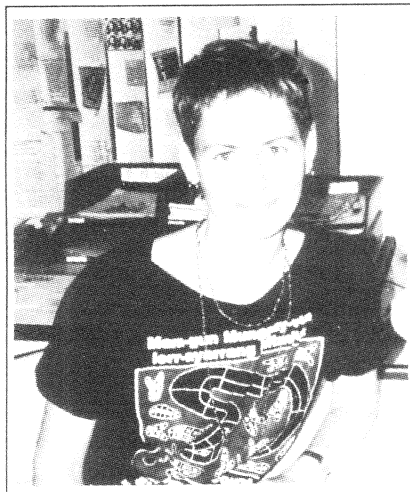
## DEAR MEMBERS,

As many of you will be aware, I have resigned from my position as YANQ's Policy and Research Officer.

After two happy, challenging and valuable years, I have decided to take a break from full-time work in order to pursue part-time work and journalism studies.

My time at YANQ has been a great learning experience and for that I must thank many people, in community agencies and government departments, in south-east Queensland and the north and the west of the state. Without exception, I have learnt from everybody in the youth sector with whom I have worked. Often it has been those whose viewpoints differed most from mine who have had the most to teach me. I have greatly appreciated people's willingness to share their ideas so that YANQ's work can be as useful and relevant as possible.

I have also been privileged to work with staff and committee members who



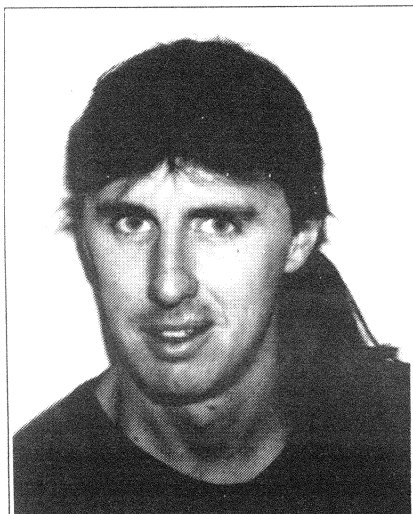
have consistently displayed commitment, ability, and great senses of humour.

Tim Wilson will now fill the position of Policy and Research Officer for YANQ. Tim has worked in the youth sector for the last six years, most recently as Coordinator of the Youth Housing Project in Brisbane. I have great confidence in his ability and I urge you to contact him should you require any assistance. I also hope that you will welcome and help him as you welcomed and helped me. The gorgeous photo of him on the left is included so that you can spot him from a distance at any social event!

In conclusion, I remind you that YANQ, like its member organisations, exists in order to improve things for young people. I have always tried to do undertake my duties with that goal in mind, and I am sure Tim will do likewise.

I wish you well in your work with, for and as young people.

Seeya,



PS. I will remain involved in various youth sector activities and a message can be left for me at YANQ should anyone wish to contact me.

## ANOTHER

In the cold of the night  
 Another punk starts a fight  
 Another drug flows quick  
 Another child feels sick  
 Another gang is bored  
 Another deal is scored  
 Another life is wasted  
 Another cop is hated  
 Another child rebels  
 Another pedlar sells  
 Another man's freedom deprived  
 Another authority lies  
 Another joint to smoke  
 Another boy is broke  
 Another fight breaks out  
 Another life in doubt  
 Another siren screams  
 Another death it seems  
 Another drug injected  
 Another girl rejected  
 Another needle shared  
 Another child once cared  
 Another head to shave  
 Another man now brave  
 Another endless day  
 Another Christian prays  
 Another thought to think  
 Another ship to sink  
 Another gun to a head  
 Another boy is dead  
 Another knife is held  
 Another brave is felled  
 Another drug to sell  
 Another night in hell.

Rebecca Giess  
 15 years

Rebecca has more poems she would like to publish. Contact Ipswich Family Resource Centre on (07) 812 1538.



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE  
FOR DISADVANTAGED  
YOUNG PEOPLE

*A scholarship which assists Year 12 students from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake university study has been revived after 22 years.*

The TJ Ryan Memorial Scholarship offers five scholarships to students wishing to undertake university studies of relevance to community and public service. Winners receive an annual grant of \$3000 for each year of a degree course.

Formerly the scholarship was awarded to only one Year 10 student annually. It was abolished along with the Junior examination in 1971.

**Closing date for applications will be late in second semester. Inquiries can be directed to the Education Department on (07)237 9711.**

Youth Justice Coalition

**YOUNG PEOPLE IN DETENTION  
WORKSHOP**

This workshop will examine issues for young people under 17 years who are held in custody and will highlight the implications of the incoming Juvenile Justice Act (1992) for young people in custody. The workshop is designed to be a forum for workers to gain information and discuss issues which affect young people.

**Tuesday, 22 June 1993**

**9.00am - 4.00pm**

at Youth Affairs Network of Queensland  
1st Floor, 36 Baxter Street  
Fortitude Valley 4006

Cost: \$3 (light lunch included)

For more info contact Lawrie Moynihan on (07)  
208 8199 or Pauline Coffey on (07) 857 1155

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

**Future Directions**  
for  
**Alternative Care**

*YANQ has made a submission to a Task Force examining Alternative Care arrangements in Queensland. YANQ's submission stressed the need for future models of alternative care to incorporate principles of social justice and user rights. YANQ particularly highlighted Articles from the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which outline the young person's right to participate in decisions which affect them.*

The alternative care field is comprised of non-government organisations providing accommodation and/or related support services to children in the care of the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs (DFSIA).

YANQ's submission discussed the links between the alternative care and youthwork fields. It examined the different frameworks on which the sectors are based, and proposed a model which may be useful for exploring their roles within the context of a young person's development. It called on the education system to play a greater role in meeting the needs of young people in care, or at risk of entering care.

Finally, the submission discussed possible models for the delivery of alternative care services. It stated that any model must clearly define its links with youth services and other community agencies, and that the values and philosophies underlying the alternative care field must be made explicit in deciding on an appropriate model.

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THE TASK FORCE

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The Task Force includes representatives of the Juvenile Justice and Protective Services, and Community Services Development Branches of DFSIA, the State Foster Care Committee, and the Child, Adolescent and Family Welfare Association of Queensland (CAFWAQ). The aim of the Task Force is to document the intended direction of the alternative care field over the next five years, and make recommendations on the role of the community sector in the provision of services.

Representatives of YANQ met with the Task Force to present and discuss our submission. We are hopeful that this discussion has laid the groundwork for future dialogue between the youthwork and alternative care fields.

**If you would like further details regarding YANQ's submission, contact Tim Wilson, Policy and Research Officer on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899.**

# YACCA PROGRAM

## at Work in Bundaberg

***With YACCA (Youth and Community Combined Action) projects under way in communities across Queensland, YACCA steering committees are in the process of consulting with young people and the broader community.***

The Bundaberg Juvenile Crime Prevention Program, sponsored by the Bundaberg YMCA, provides one example of a creative approach to finding out what young people want to do and giving them responsibility for organising their own projects.

The Bundaberg program includes youth outreach and development activities and has two key aims; to reduce the level of offending by young people and to increase community participation and support for youth focused activities.

Like all YACCA projects, Bundaberg will undertake a two phase process. Phase one, a planning stage expected to last up to five months, will involve consulting with young people in the local area and a broad range of church and community organisations, individuals and government agencies. The second phase will focus on implementing the programs and activities developed during the planning phase.

Chief Executive of Bundaberg YMCA, Mr Tony Featherstone, said they hope to pinpoint locations where they can reach young people and identify their needs as well as gather community support.

*"Throughout the research phase, we'll be getting information from schools, police and (youth) agencies as to where kids may be, kids without strong ties to support networks such as school and family,"* Mr Featherstone said.

*"We want to set up a range of programs to get kids who are most 'at risk' of offending involved in YACCA."*

*"One plan is to provide training and leadership skills to about thirty young people who can then go out and pass on these skills to other young people and help us to gather information on youth needs."*

The Bundaberg group is looking to gain community support in the form of donations and sponsorship from service clubs and members of the public.

*"We've approached a number of local service clubs and had a very good response so far,"* Mr Featherstone said. *"We may soon have a sponsor for a mobile recreation van which we could take to where kids hang out, set up games and outdoor activities like volleyball and provide refreshments and information. We could use the same van for leadership camps, and ultimately, the young people we train as leaders could take over the running of the van themselves."*

Mr Featherstone said the Bundaberg program hopes to address the specific needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people through their advisory group which includes four members of the Aboriginal community.

Some of the other strategies they'll be using include:

- collating data about existing services in the Bundaberg community;
- collating any existing recent research which has been undertaken by Bundaberg organisations in relation to youth needs;
- face-to-face contact with young people to establish working relationships and gain information about needs, issues and ideas;
- direct discussions with the local business community about the costs of juvenile crime, their needs and ideas;
- establish contact with schools and police to develop a joint working relationship;
- ensure that school principals, police and human service workers are aware of the goals and parameters of the project;
- hold discussions with the business community and local government about available resources, financial and other support, which may assist in developing strategies and activities for young people.

Mr Featherstone and the YMCA have produced advertising and promotional material, in cartoon format, aimed at encouraging young people to participate, and an informative advert they hope will raise community awareness and support for their project.

**Community Services Development,  
DFSAIA**

**For more information on the Bundaberg Juvenile Crime prevention Program contact Tony Featherstone, at the YMCA on (071) 527 178 or YACCA Resource Officer, Wayne Daly in Mackay on (079) 518 913.**

**To find out more about YACCA projects throughout Queensland contact your Regional Office, CSD, Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs on:**

**Brisbane North: (07) 862 0611  
Brisbane South: (07) 363 9500  
SW Region: (07) 280 1777**

**Central Q'land: (079) 31 9699  
North Q'land: (077) 21 1110**



# "WHERE RIGHTS ARE WRONGED"

**Non-Government  
Report on CROC  
Implementation**

**Released . . .**

Australia is a party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CROC) but has not come to terms with its human rights obligations to those under 18, according to a recently released non-government report.

"Where Rights are Wronged" examines the extent to which Australia is implementing the principles contained in the Convention. Commissioned by the Children's Rights Coalition and the National Children's Bureau, it was prepared by consultants Phillip Swain and Grame Brewer. YANQ arranged a number of meetings for Phillip when he visited Brisbane late last year.

The report documents research findings and service-providers' evidence of serious breaches of Australia's international obligations under CROC. It highlights the failure to protect children and young people from abuse and neglect; the failure to provide decent substitute care by the state; the failure

to ensure access to effective health care; the failure to represent properly the views of children and young people in the courts; and the failure to provide children and young people with education and employment opportunities. Children and young people from Aboriginal and Islander backgrounds are particularly at risk.

The non-government report has been forwarded to the UN Children's Committee. The Australian Government should have filed its first report with the UN in January 1993, but failed to do so. The Coalition will continue to call on the Government to meet its international obligations to children and young people.

"Where Rights are Wronged" is available for \$10 from the National Children's Bureau of Australia on (03) 558 9100. Or write to 19 Business Park Drive, Notting Hill, 3166.



**QUEENSLAND HEALTH**

Women of Queensland and all interested in women's health are invited to respond to the

## **GREEN PAPER ON WOMEN'S HEALTH**

This Green Paper is the result of the outcomes of consultations held with women across the State in 1992 and early 1993.

Now we would like to have your comments on the strategies proposed for a Queensland Women's Health Policy.

For copies of the Green Paper please contact the:

**Women's Health Policy Unit  
QUEENSLAND HEALTH**

**Phone: (07) 234 1141**

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## **Kids Help Line Goes National**

**Kids Help Line became national in May, available to 3.5 million five to eighteen year olds throughout Australia.**

Kids Help Line was established in Queensland in March 1991, and opened in the Northern Territory and Victoria late the same year. Tasmania and South Australia were added in August 1992.

In March this year Kids Help Line opened in Western Australia, and an ACT service was established in April. Kids Help Line will commence in New South Wales in May, making the service fully national.

# National Children's and Youth Law Centre

*The National Children's and Youth Law Centre (NC&YLC), is a joint venture of the University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (Sydney). The Centre is funded over a 3 year period by the Australian Youth Foundation, and the sponsoring parties are making a significant contribution of in-kind resources.*

The Centre has been designed to have the following fundamental characteristics:

- to be an identifiable, accessible and expert service;
- to integrate practice, policy and research;
- to be a focus for debate and action, and a catalyst for change;
- to be multi-disciplinary;
- to be representative of relevant players and interests across both the "youth" and the "children's sectors";
- to operate nationally, that is, at Commonwealth and State/Territory levels, in conjunction with existing agencies;
- to play both a high-profile/leadership role and a support-resource role;
- to mobilise and coordinate a wide range of academic, practitioner, activist, official and other resources.

The Board of the NC&YLC is delighted to announce that the Director, Robert Ludbrook, has been appointed and commenced work on 27 April 1993. Robert is a solicitor and is the founder of the Youth Law Project in New Zealand. He comes to the NC&YLC with a great deal of experience in children's rights and youth advocacy in New Zealand as well as in London at the Children's Legal Centre. He is the author of a number of books and papers and has research and teaching experience.

Premises for the NC&YLC have not yet been located. In the interim, Robert will operate from the PIAC offices, York St, Sydney (02) 299 7833. It is anticipated that staff positions will soon be advertised. In addition, Robert will be travelling around the country, meeting with representatives of government departments, Law Societies, peak bodies and community organisations to discuss local needs and the aims of the NC&YLC.

The Chairperson of the board is Moira Rayner, Equal Opportunity Commissioner (Victoria) and Convenor of the National Children's Rights Coalition. Michael Crawley, representing the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition, and myself are Queensland members of the interim Board, and I am a member of the interim management committee. Further information about the Centre and the Director's consultations will be disseminated in the near future.

**For more info contact Gwen Murray,  
Youth Advocacy Centre, Brisbane (07) 857 1155**

## POSITION VACANT

Bundaberg Area Youth Service

### YOUTH ACCOMMODATION WORKER

**2 Part-time Positions or  
1 Full-time Position**

Bundaberg Area Youth Service is a non-profit organisation dedicated to young people in crisis and in need.

#### DUTIES

- To assist in creating an environment that is supportive and caring, accepting, yet challenging for young people being accommodated.
- To encourage stability, cooperativeness, trust and respect among residents.
- Accept responsibility for the day-to-day functioning of the household.
- Encourage a working relationship and provide practical assistance to young people.
- Encourage and demonstrate basic living skills that will assist young people in gaining control over their own lives.

Formal qualifications and/or experience in welfare relating to young people is a prerequisite.

Further information and selection criteria are available from the Coordinator on (071) 532 227.

**Please apply in writing  
with resume and references to  
The Secretary  
Bundaberg Area Youth Service  
PO Box 1743  
Bundaberg 4670.**

**Applications close 21 May 1993**



# Introducing "Sisters Inside"

"Sisters Inside" is a group of women which formed in 1992 with the goal of working to support the successful transition of women in prison to outside life. We aim to assist all women in correctional institutions with culturally appropriate information, support and advocacy in a way which is empowering of all concerned.

Sisters Inside is an anti-racist, anti-sexist organisation which strives to be affirmative of women's choices regarding lifestyle, sexuality and culture. We are an independent community-based organisation with no affiliation to the Queensland Corrective Services Commission. We feel that a co-operative but non-aligned stance in regard to the Queensland Corrective Services Commission allows us to maintain a credible community focus.

Sisters Inside operates using the four principles of "Participation, Respect, Safety and Legal". All participants in Sisters Inside activities, regardless of their role, make a commitment to these principles before undertaking any project.

For more info call (07)844 1495 or (07)208 8199.

## THUMBS UP



to the Department of Employment, Education and Training, which is researching ecologically sustainable jobs for the future. Areas for study include energy efficiency and renewable energy; eco-tourism and green information services; and the export of "green" products and technology.

## THUMBS DOWN



to journalist Lawrie Kavanagh for his homophobic column in the Courier-Mail in response to an advertising campaign coordinated by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organizations. The campaign, which features no sexually explicit material, aims to raise the self-esteem of young gays and encourage them to contact gay youth support groups.

# TOEHOLD

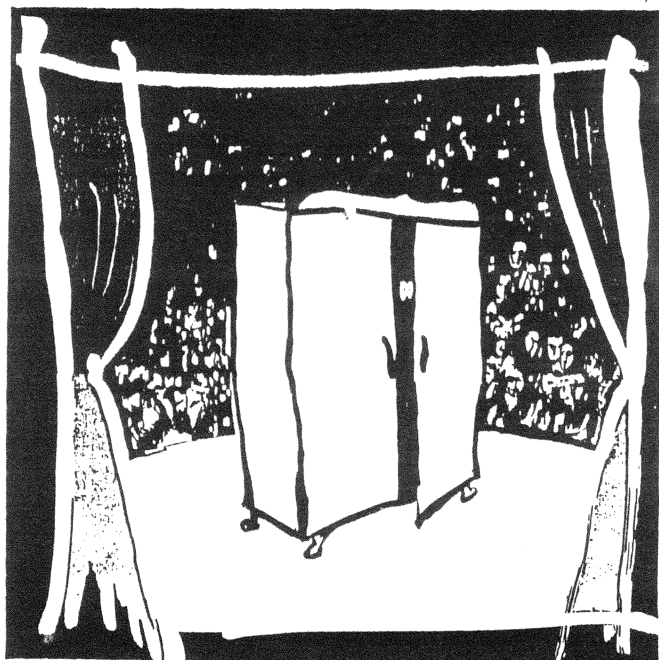
## POSTER LAUNCH

Toehold is a youth group for young lesbians, bisexuals and gay men. As the name implies, it aims to provide a stepping stone for young people questioning their sexuality, by providing friendship, support and fun in an open and accepting environment.

On April 6, Toehold held a public launch of its new poster (see below). The aims of the poster, according to Poster Project Coordinator, Peter Wilson, are "to publicise Toehold and its activities within the target group and with those who are in the process of coming out, and secondly, to raise Toehold's profile within the youth services sector."

If you would like copies of the poster,  
or would like more information about Toehold,  
contact Paul on (07) 846 1866  
or the Queensland Aids Council on (07) 844 1990.

# IF YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY,



# YOU CAN HEAR THE APPLAUSE!

**TOEHOLD - GAY • LESBIAN • BI-SEXUAL  
YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP**

Contact 07 844 1990 (24 hrs) or write to PO Box 226, Spring Hill 4004

# Rethinking Policies for Young People: --- --- Toward a National Perspective

*The "Rethinking Policies for Young People" conference was held in Melbourne on 14-16 April. YANQ's Policy and Research Officer, Tim Wilson, attended, and prepared this report.*

The area of Youth Policy has been captured by the Training and Employment agenda, according to speakers at the Rethinking Policies for Young People Conference, held in Melbourne recently.

The conference, organised by the Centre for Youth and Community Studies at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, the Youth Research Centre, and the National Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, discussed changes in youth policy since the Second World War, and raised concerns about recent attempts to deal with the needs and aspirations of young people.

The keynote speakers focussed on broad directions of policy, rather than changes in specific areas, such as housing and health.

Ivan Deveson, Chair of Victoria's State Training Board, Chair of the Victorian Task Force on Pathways in Education and Training, and Chair of Channel Seven, presented his view of youth affairs; a view shared by policy makers in the Federal Government. He described unemployment as the biggest problem facing young people in the nineties, and said that the way forward lay in training young people to compete for the jobs which will be created in the wake of economic growth. He applauded moves to restructure the education and training system to make it more relevant to the workplace.

Other keynote speakers provided a critique of current youth policy, as described by Mr Deveson.

Associate Professor Terry Irving from the University of Sydney presented an overview of youth policy since 1945. He described successive movements of young people taking action on their own behalf, and the subsequent responses of governments, aimed at re-imposing control over them. The most recent attempt to control young people has been the development of the active employment and training strategies of this Federal government.

Dr Jane Kenway from Deakin University noted that education has been reduced to a tool for overhauling the economy, with the creation of a productive workforce its primary goal. This has been achieved through the devolution of management roles to school staff, and the centralisation of control over school curricula.

Educational goals have become secondary in the education system, and the result is a generation of young people who have had their identities shaped according to market values: they see themselves primarily as consumers and workers.

Bruce Wilson, from URCOT, described recent changes in the nature of capitalist societies; the increasing profit share that has been achieved through the weakening of the labour movement; the accelerated internationalism of capitalism through new technologies; and the tendency of governments to actively promote policies which create inequality. He called on the government to implement locally based work creation schemes, rather than accepting that unemployment would remain around ten percent into the foreseeable future.

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Robyn Hartley, from the Institute of Family Studies, criticised assumptions about the family made by government in the formulation of youth policy. She said that ideas about families appear to have remained static, while the nature of families and the environments in which they operate have changed drastically. For example, the ability of families to support young people has been affected by both the extended period of dependency created by education and training policy, and increasing levels of poverty that have resulted from high unemployment. This is not reflected in parental incomes tests for Job Search Allowance.

Finally, Mary Crooks, former Chair of the Victorian Youth Policy Development



Council, described factors which determine our ability to influence youth policy debates. They are (1) the extent to which we develop an intellectual base, (2) our responsiveness to changes in the social environment, (3) our concentration on the pursuit of equity, and (4) our ability to harness the politics of change.

### WORKSHOPS

The program included workshops on youth participation in policy, youth homelessness, juvenile justice, Aboriginal young people, youth health, education, work and training, and young people with a disability. I attended three of these which seemed most pertinent to Queensland and to YANQ.

The workshop on Youth Participation presented an overview of the Victorian Youth Advocacy Network, a body comprised entirely of young people from across the state. They have participated in a number of consultations on youth issues in the last year. The workshop was run by young people from the Network, including Belinda Cant, who participated in the Youth Jobs Summit last year. The Network provides an interesting model for youth involvement in policy development

The second workshop I attended considered crime prevention programs. Garry Coventry, from La Trobe University, raised concerns about the move to implement juvenile crime prevention programs around the country. He said that by focussing on young people we are fuelling community concern about youth crime, which is already out of all proportion to the number, or seriousness, of offences committed by young people. He said crime prevention programs also tend to focus on deficiencies in a family or community, rather than on the underlying factors affecting young people, such as poverty and unemployment.

The final workshop addressed issues that arise in working with Aboriginal young people. It highlighted problems which can occur when white pro-

fessionals attempt to "empower" Aboriginal people and communities, and the contradictions which have emerged through various attempts to do so.

### OUTCOMES

While the conference was aimed more at stimulating debate than at direct action, there was a media release issued by the organising group, to the effect that the tax cuts promised by the Prime Minister before the Federal election should be postponed, and the money

channelled into the creation of meaningful work programs for young people. The Melbourne Age ran the story.

I found the conference useful in that it provided a broad overview of the direction of youth policy, as well as information in a number of specific policy areas. I would encourage you to contact me if you would like copies of the papers presented at the conference, or if you would like more information about any of the topics discussed above. A conference report will be available within the next few months.

## ***Different Colours One People Concerts in Cairns***



**Young people in Cairns are fighting racism through music under the Different Colours One People banner.**

Local bands to stage concerts with an anti-racist theme at the Cairns Community Arts Centre on the last Saturday of each month. Concert coordinator Nicholas Mills said there were not many people in Cairns taking an active anti-racist stand so young people were taking up the issue.

*"Young people are the future and we want to unite as youth," Mr Mills said. "The concerts are a celebration of being young and a celebration of cultural diversity. Most young people are generally against racism and if you give them the incentive, they'll take a stand."*

**For more info contact Nicholas Mills C/ CCAC on (070) 514 923.**



# Interagency Meetings

May / June 93



## Far North Queensland Youth Forum Network

27 May 1993 at 3.50pm  
Dept Family Services  
130 McLeod St, Cairns

Contact Karen Fasano

C/- Youth Access Centre  
PO Box 1108  
Cairns 4870  
PH: (070) 525 517

## Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

15 June 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

15 June 1993 at 12.00pm  
New Horizons, Quarry St

Contact Cheryl Greene

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

## Mt Isa Youth Forum

(Not available)

Contact Tim Berryman

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

## Regional Queensland Youth Interagency Meetings

## Gladstone Youth Alliance

15 June 1993 at 12.00pm  
Community Advisory Service

Contact Gail Law

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

## Bundaberg Youth Forum

3 June 1993 at 9.30am  
Ed Centre, 78 Woongarra St  
Bundaberg

Contact Genevieve Houston

C/- Youth Employment Service  
PO Box 935  
Bundaberg 4670  
PH: (071) 537 150

## Sunshine Coast Youthworkers Forum

10 June 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

26 May 1993 at 10.00am  
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



# Interagency Meetings

May / June 93



## Western Suburbs Interagency

25 May 1993 at 10.00am  
(Venue to be determined)

Contact Graeme Ault

C/- Youth Access Centre  
PO Box 67  
Indooroopilly 4068  
PH: (07) 878 1999

## Brisbane Youth Interagency

10 June 1993 at 9.30am  
Kids Help Line  
9/97 Castlemaine Rd  
Milton

Contact Eric Moes

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

## Logan Youth Interagency

25 May 1993 at 3.00pm  
C'wealth Centre  
Ewing and Carmody Sts  
Woodridge

Contact Deidre Foreman

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

## Wynnum Youth Interagency

27 May 1993 at 2.00pm  
(Venue to be determined)

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

7 June 1993 at 2.00pm  
Annerley CES

Contact Tracey Rimes

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

## Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY

10 June 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

## Ipswich Youth Focus

9 June 1993 at 12.00pm  
Conf Rm. 3rd Floor  
C'wealth Bldg,  
Cnr South and East Sts

Contact Thelma Atwell

C/- Youth Access Centre  
PO Box 188  
Ipswich 4305  
PH: (07) 281 8200

## Beenleigh Youth Interagency

28 May 1993 at 1.30pm  
DFSIA  
100 George St, Beenleigh

Contact Gary Bourke

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



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

## INVESTMENT (‘EARNBACK’) PROJECTS

The Australia Council has announced its intention to invest a limited proportion of its funds in projects by established, professional artists and arts organisations which would generate financial returns for recycling to other arts activities.

Project proposals will be assessed on the basis of existing criteria and the capacity of the project to provide return on Council's investment to enable it to recycle funds into future projects.

Project proposals may be submitted at any time addressed to Investment Projects, Strategic Development Unit, Australia Council.

Enquiries should be directed in the first instance to Jonathan Thomson, Strategic Development Unit, (02) 950 9014.

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ARTS

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Committee assists Aboriginals 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 May 1993**  
**Performing Arts**

- Dance • Drama • Music Projects
- Recording Subsidies • Music Development Grants

**Closing Date: 15 June 1993**  
**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Literature**

- Writers' Grants • Promotion of Published Works
- Research Grants • Children's Literature
- Writers' Fellowships • Publishing Grants

Contact Number: (02) 950 9047

## PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts Board assists professional performing artists and arts organisations in music, dance, drama, circus, puppetry, mime, music theatre and youth arts to contribute to a distinctive national culture.

**Closing Date: 15 April 1993**

- Composer Commissions • Recording
- International Study Grants (Music)

**Closing Date: 15 May 1993**

- Annual Program Grants • Composer Fellowships
- National Service Organisations • Residencies

**Closing Date: 15 June 1993**

- Choreographic Fellowship
- Individual Development
- Creative Development Projects (Music)
- International Touring • Music Coordination
- Publications and Conferences
- Youth Arts (Drama and Music)

Contact Number: (02) 950 9000

## LITERATURE BOARD

The Literature Board supports Australian creative writing, the interaction between writers and the community, and promotes Australian literature in Australia and overseas.

**Closing Date: 15 May 1993**

### Writers' Fellowships (Category A)

One year at \$35,000 p.a., or four years at \$20,000 p.a., both commencing January 1994. For published writers of substantial achievement (at least three full-length works published or performed).

### Writer's Fellowships (Category B)

One year at \$23,000 maximum, commencing January 1994. For writers who have had one or two full-length works published by recognised publishers or performed professionally.

For 1994 the Literature Board will also offer the following Special Fellowships for which applicants must comply with either Category A or Category B Fellowship eligibility criteria.

### Asian/Pacific Writers' Fellowships

Applicants must nominate writing projects concerned with the Asian/Pacific region (excluding Australia).

### Art and Working Life Fellowships

Applicants must nominate writing projects dealing with current or historical issues which would attract union assistance.

### Writers' Project Grants

\$5,000 to \$10,000, available from November 1993. For writers who have achieved some publication or performance of their works.

### Community Writers' Fellowships

\$25,000 for 1994. For experienced writers who have previously worked on major community projects.

Contact Number: (02) 950 9054.

## 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 or toll free on (008) 22 6912 or by writing to:

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PO Box 788, Strawberry Hills, NSW, 2012



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DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH, HOUSING,  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

## NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE (NCADA)

## Grants for Research into Drug Abuse

The National Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) is a Commonwealth, State and Territory government campaign aimed at reducing harm to the community associated with the misuse of drugs, including alcohol.

Under its Research into Drug Abuse (RIDA) Program, funding is provided for non-biomedical research and evaluation projects which improve our understanding of drug use. Findings are used to formulate policy and to develop specific strategies to address drug-related problems.

Proposed projects should accord with priorities under the National Drug Strategic Plan. Applications which address the areas of alcohol and violence, cannabis, and psychostimulants are encouraged.

Applications must be submitted on formal application forms. These forms and further information about the grants are available from:

Drug Abuse Research and  
Programs Section  
Drugs of Dependence Branch  
Commonwealth Department of Health,  
Housing, Local Government and  
Community Services  
GPO Box 9848  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Telephone: (06) 289 7685  
Facsimile: (06) 289 8456

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY,  
18 JUNE 1993.

(Note: It is anticipated that, depending on the availability of funds, there will be a second opportunity to apply, with a closing date of 9 September 1993.)





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## VISUAL ARTS/CRAFT

Professional Development of Artists Program

Closing Date: 14 May 1993

This program supports the professional development of contemporary visual and craft artists at all stages of their career by providing support for the creation, presentation, promotion and understanding of their work.

The following grants are offered for 1993:

**Fellowships** — one year fellowships of \$35,000 each or three, four or five year fellowships of \$20,000 per annum.

**Bridging Fellowships** — one year fellowships of \$35,000 to support artists working outside the mainstream of current visual arts practice, including artists who are from a non-English speaking background, artists working in new technologies and artists working across art forms.

**Fellowship Residencies** — one year residencies for visual artists are offered at:

- Kunsterhaus Bethanien, Berlin; and
- Institute of Contemporary Art, New York.

Fellowship Residencies include a \$35,000 stipend and rental on accommodation and studio facilities.

**Creative Development Grants; Category A** — grants of \$15,000 each for projects which will substantially enhance an artist's existing artistic and professional achievements, specifically:

- projects which seek to promote an artist's work both nationally and internationally; and
- projects that enable artists to provide training for less established artists.

**Overseas Studio Residencies** — four month studio residencies (for 1994 and 1995) in:

- Barcelona
- Besozzo, Italy
- London
- Los Angeles
- New York
- Paris
- Tokyo

Overseas Studio Residencies include a stipend of \$1,500 per month, \$1,500 towards travel expenses and payment of rental on the studio and accommodation.

Please note: Overseas Studio Residencies and Creative Development Grants; Category B (\$7,500 for emerging artists) will be offered in alternate years, i.e. Overseas Studio Residencies will be offered in 1993, 1995 etc. and Creative Development Grants Category B will be offered in 1994, 1996 etc.

## Projects Program

Closing Date: 15 June 1993

This program aims to enhance the programming strategies of visual art and craft organisations by providing support for projects that seek to expand the audience for contemporary visual art and craft. This includes activities such as exhibitions, conferences, artists and writers residencies and promotional and marketing activities.

The following grants are offered in 1993:

**Project Grants** — up to \$40,000;

**Projects Development Grants; Category A** — up to \$10,000 as the first phase of a Project Grant; and

**Project Development Grants; Category B** — one-off grants up to \$10,000.

## Collections Development Program

Closing Date: 15 June 1993.

This program aims to enhance the quality and cohesiveness of contemporary collections; to provide an indirect source of income for visual and craft artists; and to increase audience understanding through dynamic use of existing collections.

The following grants are offered in 1993:

**Collections Development Grants** — up to \$10,000 to institutions to develop collections policies and documentation, assist audience development programs and develop marketing and sponsorship programs.

**Acquisitions Grants** — up to \$50,000 to institutions and organisations to purchase the work of living Australian visual artists and craftspeople.

## Writing and Publishing Program

Closing Date: 15 June 1993

This program aims to develop an informed public awareness of contemporary visual art and craft by supporting critical writing and specialist publications.

The following grants are offered in 1993:

**Writing and Publishing Fellowship** — up to two fellowships of \$35,000 each to individuals.

**Writing and Publishing Project Grants** — ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 to individuals and organisations.

**Journal Grants (including Special Projects by Journals)** — up to \$20,000 to assist with writers' and editors' fees, including special commissions.

Contact Number: (02) 950 9000



## ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ART ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Applications are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations (including museums, keeping places, land councils etc) for grants valued at \$5,000 to purchase art and craft works by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to add to their collections.

The Art Acquisition Program is one of many projects that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Committee of the Australia Council has undertaken in 1993 to mark the United Nations International Year for the World's Indigenous People.

Seven grants are offered. Acquisitions must be purchased directly from the artist or their agent. Priority will be given to works by living artists.

Applications must be lodged by 1 July 1993. For further information contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Unit on (02) 950 9047 or (008) 226 912 toll free, or write to:

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PO Box 788,  
Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012

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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 Councils form, must be received by close of business on Friday 11 June 1993 to be considered at the July meeting of Council. Applications received after this date will be considered at the November meeting. Please quote reference CRC 92-3WA3.

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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## NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

### Grants for National Drug Education and Prevention Projects

The National Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) is a Commonwealth, State and Territory government campaign aimed at reducing harm to the community associated with the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. Applications are invited for grants under its National Education Program.

Funding is made available to non-profit organisations for short (maximum 12 to 18 months), innovative drug prevention and education projects which can be applied nationally.

Proposed projects should accord with priorities under the National Drug Strategic Plan. Specific target groups include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women and youth.

(Note: funding for local, or State specific, drug abuse prevention and treatment programs is provided by each State and Territory government.)

Applications must be submitted on formal application forms. These forms and further information about the grants are available from:

Drug Abuse Research and Programs Section  
Drugs of Dependence Branch  
Commonwealth Department of Health,  
Housing, Local Government and  
Community Services

GPO Box 9848  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Telephone: (06) 289 7977  
Facsimile: (06) 289 8456

Applicants are encouraged to lodge their submission by 31 May 1993. However, applications received after that time will be given due consideration.

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### YOUTH HOUSING POLICY CONFERENCE

#### NO POLICY ... NO PLACE

The purpose of this conference is to involve those interested in issues relating to young people and housing to develop policies and strategies to improve young people's housing options. The conference is designed to 1) assist workers to gain a better understanding of both policy process and content; 2) assist workers to develop links with others in the sector; 3) assist workers to be more effective in the policy processes; and 4) gain directions for policy.

DATE: 7-10 June 1993  
VENUE: Meteor Park Conf Centre  
Neerkol, Via Rockhampton  
COST: \$150/\$100

*For more info contact Pam or Col at  
SEQYAC on (07) 252 2555.*

### AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE ON DISABILITY, CULTURE AND FAMILIES

This conference will examine strategies for effective cross-cultural interactions with families of young children who have disabilities of any sort. It will emphasise the need to adopt family support and education services to the demands of different cultures and nationalities, and will provide practitioners with strategies for developing effective, culturally relevant early intervention programs.

DATE: 17-18 June 1993  
VENUE: YWCA Conference Centre  
Darlinghurst, NSW  
COST: \$195/\$125

*For more info contact Sue Edwards or  
Maureen Himbury, National Children's  
Bureau of Australia, PO Box 686, Mulgrave  
North, VIC 3170. Ph: (03) 558 9100.*

### BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT OF TROUBLED ADOLESCENTS

Presented by the Child, Adolescent and Family Welfare Association of Queensland (CAFWAQ) this one-day conference addresses a range of topics, from Behaviour Management of Adolescents to Caring for the Carer.

DATE: 9 June 1993  
VENUE: Yungaba Conference Rm A  
120 Main St, Kangaroo Point  
COST: \$20

*For more info contact Katie at CAFWAQ  
on (07) 839 1150.*

### DRUGS DOWN UNDER: AN AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE

This "Winter School in the Sun" aims to disseminate current knowledge of recent research, address current issues, and provide skills enhancing workshops for professionals in fields dealing with alcohol and other drug problems.

DATE: 5-9 July 1993  
VENUE: Brisbane City Travelodge  
COST: \$330 - \$110

*For more info contact Alcohol and Drug  
Foundation of Queensland, PO Box 332,  
Spring Hill 4004. Ph: (07) 832 3798.*

### 1993 NATIONAL SOCIAL POLICY CONFERENCE: RETHINKING THE FUNDAMENTALS

This conference addresses the many challenges facing social policy in the 1990s.

DATE: 14-16 July 1993  
VENUE: University of NSW  
COST: \$200/\$175/\$150/\$75

*For more info contact the Conference  
Secretary, Social Policy Research Centre,  
University of NSW, PO Box 1, Kensington  
2033. Ph: (02) 697 3833.*

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

This is the seventh in a series of Community Development Conferences held in Queensland. It is an opportunity to catch up with friends, make new contacts, share ideas, learn new skills and have your say.

DATE: 1-3 October 1993  
VENUE: Caboolture Memorial Hall  
COST: \$130

*For more info contact Desley Matthews on  
(074) 95 3818 or Karen Smith on (07) 204  
2022.*

### YOUTH STUDIES AUSTRALIA SYMPOSIUM SERIES 2001



Youth Studies Australia is hosting the first of a proposed biennial series of symposiums on Australian young people.

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  
COST: \$180-\$130

*For more info contact Philippa Clymo or  
Annie Abegg, Youth Studies Australia,  
GPO Box 252C, Hobart 7001. Ph: (002)  
202 591.*

## STREETWIZE COMICS

Streetwize#24 is a special multicultural edition highlighting the issues and needs of young people from non-English speaking backgrounds. It tells young people about applying for a job, dealing with racism, settling into a new country, helping save the planet, planning a



career, improving their English and voting in an election.

Wize up! Education and careers comic especially for Aboriginal young people. Get the low down on setting goals, sorting our career options, choosing subjects for higher study, getting help with school work, overcoming discrimination, and services and resources available for Aboriginal students and parents.

Streetwize have also produced a special Educator's kit to accompany the comics. Ideal for use in both classes and in workshops. It includes ten copies of the relevant Streetwize issue and teaching notes which feature class exercise sheets, blank balloon exercise sheets, ideas and suggestions for using the comics in class, and background information on the issues presented.

For more info and orders contact Streetwize Comics, 3 Queen St, Glebe 2037. Ph: (02) 552 3499 or tollfree (008) 257 108.

## UNDERSTANDING WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

With the aim of understanding the educational needs and experiences of adolescent girls with disabilities, the Australian Schools Commission requested that an investigation be undertaken by the University of Queensland's Fred and Eleanor Schonell Special Education Research Centre. During the consequent study, interviews were conducted with over 150 young women throughout Australia. The results of the research were reported in "Understanding Young Women With Disabilities".

The report looks at adolescent girls and young women with mild or moderate disabilities and covers aspects of their school lives, home lives and post-school years. It makes extensive use of the responses of the young women themselves, and includes comments by parents and professionals.

"Understanding Young Women With Disabilities" is available for \$7.50 (includes postage and handling) from the Fred and Eleanor Schonell Special Education Research Centre, University of Queensland on (07) 865 6472.

## Books For Young People

*Take My Word For It* by John Marsden (Macmillan Australia). Although dealing with issues of serious concern to teenagers, this book is written in a relaxed and colloquial style. This is not so much a sequel to Marsden's first and best-loved book, *So Much To Tell You*, as a parallel journal. Here the events of that year of boarding school are seen through the eyes of Lisa, who seems confident to others but finds it hard to communicate, especially about some important events in her past. Incidents of home and school life, including competition rowing, are recorded in this diary, and once again readers will recognise the authentic teenage voice.

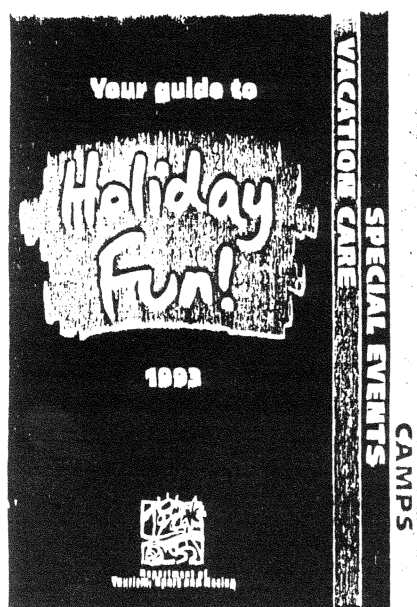
*A Long Way from Tipperary* by Sue Gough (University of Queensland Press). This story is a rollicking melodrama set in Queensland just after World War I. The Ragtime Rovers are all running away from somebody - creditors, angry fathers, sinister would-be murderers - and they earn their living as a travelling vaudeville company. Action, coincidence, humour, a map - even a cameo appearance by the young Robert Menzies - they're all here.

*Pagan's Crusade* by Catherine Jinks (Oxford University Press). On page 70 of *Pagan's Crusade* we read: "... a stairwell drenched in urine. Delightful. A stink so bad it practically dissolves your teeth at fifty paces ..." Dirt, smells, squalor and imaginative oaths abound in this tale of medieval Jerusalem with Saladin at the gates. Pagan is squire to the handsome and upright Lord Roland, a Templar knight, and each comes to need the other in such desperate times.

## YOUR GUIDE TO HOLIDAY FUN

Just released is the 1993 edition of "Your Guide to Holiday Fun", an easy-find directory listing over 200 organisations throughout Queensland offering free or low-cost activities and programs for children and teenagers during the 1993 school holidays. The guide is a must for parents looking for inexpensive holiday alternatives for their children and is designed to make finding suitable activities hassle-free. It includes information on who to contact, when activities are offered and whether an organisation caters for children needing special attention.

The Guide is available free from the Dept of Tourism, Sport and Racing. Contact (07) 237 9826 or your nearest Regional Office.



## POINT OF ORDER

"Point of Order" is a self-help guide to getting the most out of meetings. It provides basic instruction in meeting procedures and practices to help community groups and organisations

conduct more successful meetings. The guide covers a range of topics from organisational roles and structures to meeting agendas and decision-making, defines commonly used terms and explains the voting process. This handy manual is a must for newly established organisations or for anyone wanting to learn more about the fundamentals of meetings.



The Guide is available free from the Dept of Tourism, Sport and Racing. Contact (07) 237 9826 or your nearest Regional Office.

## OPENING UP SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The City of Werribee Young Women's Service has developed an innovative information kit on Sexual Harassment for young women (14-18yrs) produced by young women. This project originated from the lack of information directly targeting and informing young women on the issue of Sexual Harassment. In consultation with the Council's Young Women's Workers and local young women, the project has been researched and compiled by two tertiary students. The information kit comprises an A3 poster, a leaflet and sticker.



The Sexual Harassment Information Kit is available for \$6 (poster @ \$3, leaflet @ \$2 and sticker @ \$1) from the City of Werribee Young Women's Service, 7 Bridge St, Werribee 3070. For bulk orders phone (03) 741 9900.

## THERE'S MORE TO SEXUALITY

"There's More to Sexuality" provides a framework for thinking and talking about sexuality. The kit includes a poster and teaching notes which describe how the model works and provides strategies for using it with groups. The poster displays a large flower shape in which each of the five petals represents an area contributing to the total concept of sexuality eg. Sensuality, Intimacy, Identity, Life Cycle and Exploitation. The model is adaptable and may be used as a short introduction to sexuality before going on to another issue, or as the basis for a full day's seminar exploring sexuality.

"There's More to Sexuality" is available for \$20.00 (plus \$5 postage and handling) from the Family Planning Association of New South Wales, 328-336 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield 2131. Ph (002) 716 6099.



## 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 350 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
<b>Subscribers</b> <i>transitions &amp; Network Noise</i>		\$50.00

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

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$70.00
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*Transitions & Network Noise only*

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
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I hereby subscribe to the aim and objectives of YANQ and enclose a cheque/money order for the prescribed membership/subscription fee.

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

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