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... and a whole lot more!



1994 YANQ POLICY FORUM

Delegates Sought

YANQ is now calling for delegates to its 1994 Policy Forum

The Policy Forum is the key policy-making body for YANQ. It provides an opportunity for members from around the state to direct YANQ processes and programs for the next twelve months.

Up until this point, the work of the Policy Forum has centred around an annual event, usually held around September or October. From the 1993 Annual General Meeting onwards, YANQ will be attempting to broaden the role of the Policy Forum. The 1993 YANQ AGM will elect the Policy Forum delegates for the following 12 months. Those elected will act as an ongoing policy formulation body and reference group until the end of the 1994 Policy Forum.

YANQ is seeking nominations from people interested in acting as Policy Forum delegates until September 1994. Delegates may be nominated by interagency groups, statewide organisations, issue-specific groups, specific population groups, or by young people's groups.



1994 Policy Forum nominations close Thursday, 23 September 1993. See centre insert this edition.

1993-94 Coordinating Committee nominations close Thursday, 23 September 1993. See centre insert.

Members' feedback on Principles for Guiding YANQ Policy Development sought by 1 October 1993. See page 3 and centre insert for further information.

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your latest news on

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

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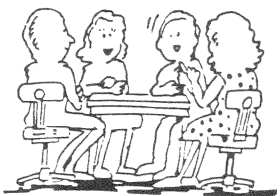
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Coordinating Committee
Update Aug-Sept 93

1993 YANQ AGM

Thursday, 7 October 1993

6.00pm

at YANQ

36 Baxter Street
Fortitude Valley

Call for 1993-94 Coordinating Committee Nominations

Close 23 September 1993

See centre insert for further information

Members' Feedback sought on

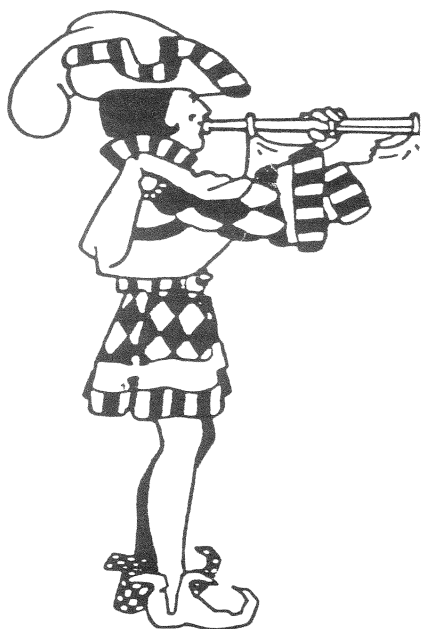
"Principles for Guiding YANQ Policy Development"

(See page 3 for more details).

Decisions Made July - August 93

That the Coordinating Committee
approves the purchase of a new
computer.

That staff negotiate with Jobskills
brokers regarding the placement of
another trainee at YANQ.



MEMBERS' FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PRINCIPLES FOR GUIDING YANQ POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The 1992 YANQ Policy Forum approved the drafting of a statement of principles which would act as guide for the future development of YANQ policy. A working party was established at the Forum to oversee the drafting of the statement, a draft of which was presented to the YANQ Coordinating Committee in July this year. The amended document is now being circulated for comment to the broader membership of YANQ. (See centre insert for draft copy.)

Your feedback on the statement is important in ensuring that the principles reflect the views of YANQ members. There are a number of ways in which you can provide feedback on the statement:

FIRST you can contact me at the YANQ office to let me know of any amendments you would like made.

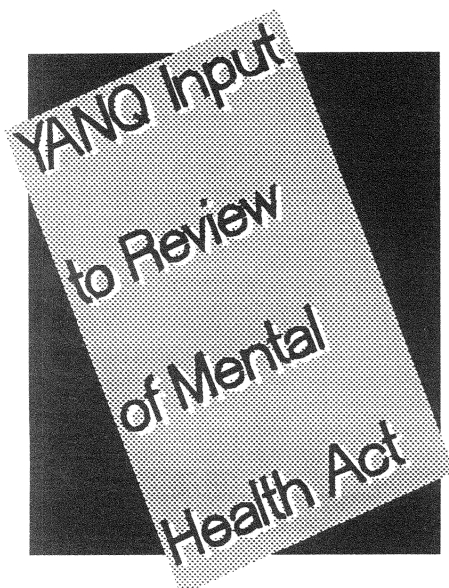
SECOND you can fill out the feedback form in this edition of Network Noise and send it to YANQ, where your comments will be incorporated into the statement.

FINALLY you can contact one of the Policy Forum delegates, and make your views known to them.

The final draft of the statement will be presented to the 1993 Policy Forum for ratification, or further amendment. If the Policy Forum ratifies the principles, they will become YANQ policy. It is hoped that the principles will provide a foundation for the development of more specific YANQ policy in a number of areas.

**Feedback forms must be returned to YANQ no later than
Friday 1 October 1993.**

Tim Wilson, Policy and Research Officer



Young people are disadvantaged in their dealings with the mental health system, according to YANQ's submission to the Review of the Mental Health Act.

YANQ's submission suggests that Queensland is lacking in specialist services for young people with a mental illness. Initial findings by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission's Inquiry into Mental Illness show that there are 12 beds available to treat approximately 15,000 young people with a serious mental illness in Queensland. YANQ argues that young people should have access to specialist services that are separated from adult facilities, and that youth programs should form an identifiable program within the broader mental

health budget. The submission also proposes that young people have access to advocates throughout their contact with the mental health system, in order to assist them in enforcing their rights. It cites evidence that young people are often disadvantaged in negotiating adult systems, such as the Patient Review Tribunal, and that the assistance of well-trained advocates and legal representatives will enable young people to negotiate systems over which they currently have little control.

The submission focuses on the issue of consumer rights. It applauds moves to include a statement of consumer rights within the Mental Health Act, but suggests that the Act should also include criteria for assessing the standard of care provided by individual mental

health services.

A number of particular consumer rights, such as the right to confidentiality, the right to obtain personal treatment information, and the right to access complaints mechanisms are also discussed.



Thanks to those people who had input to the YANQ submission. If you would like more information about the submission, contact Tim Wilson, Policy and Research Officer on (07) 852 1800.

1993 POLICY FORUM DELEGATES

The following people have been elected as delegates to the 1993 YANQ Policy Forum. If you would like them to represent your views at the Policy Forum on any particular issue, feel free to give them a call.

Interagency Representatives

Paul Pease	Sunshine Coast	074 439 070
Rohan Vaughan	Wide Bay	071 255 798
Tracey Smith	North West	077 437 088
Tricia Murphy	Magnetic North	077 761 822
Alex Dawia	Cairns	070 353 224
John McDonnell	Gold Coast	075 720 400
John Flanagan	Logan City	07 290 3532
Claire Proberts	Toowoomba	076 394 380
Melissa Shelley	Rockhampton	079 227 236
Sue Lloyd	Western Suburbs	07 870 1767
Bill Briner	Ipswich	07 812 1538

Young People's Groups

Kirsty Leishman	YOUTHINC	07 221 5443
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Issues Based Groups

Lawrie Moynihan	Youth Justice Coalition	07 208 8199
Max Reithmuller	Skillshare	07 808 9299
To be advised	YSTC	07 852 2311
To be advised	SEQYAC	07 252 2555

Population Groups

Paul Martin	Gay and Lesbian Young People (Toehold)	07 844 1990
Francine Seeto	NESB Youth Issues Working Party	07 221 5443
Mark King	ATSI Working Party	07 372 9753
Helen Latemore	Young Women (WAYWARD)	07 262 8679
To be advised	Unity Samoan Group	07 281 1687

Statewide Youth Organisations

Michael Alexander	Rural Youth	07 268 1919
Tony Robertson	Catholic Youth	07 891 6683
David Newman	Scout Association	07 870 7000

Individual members

Janette Green	Stephens Community Centre, Gold Coast	075 937 006
Sylvia Fisher	Open Youth Project, Townsville	077 713 648

Consent to Treatment Submission

The Queensland Law Reform Commission is conducting a review of the law regarding young people and their ability to consent to medical treatment. Currently, no legislation covers this area. Under the common law, young people can consent to treatment when they understand the nature and consequences of that treatment. Unfortunately, many health care professionals are not aware of this and are consequently wary about treating young people without first seeking permission from parents.

This can act as a disincentive to young people's seeking medical advice and treatment. The Commission is considering whether a minimum age should be set at which young people would automatically be considered able to consent to their own treatment, and if so, what that age should be.

The YANQ submission argues that barriers to young people's use of health services should be minimised. A number of research reports have shown that young people will often not use services if their parents are informed. Given the serious consequences that sexually transmitted diseases or unwanted pregnancy can have on a young person's life, YANQ argues that the decision as to whether parents should be informed should remain with the young person.

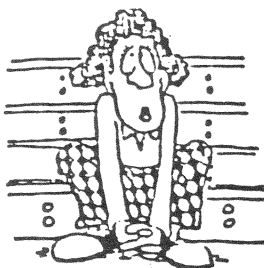
The YANQ submission proposes that a minimum age for consent not be set. The problems arising from the current



YANQ has made a submission to the Queensland Law Reform Commission about young people's ability to consent to medical treatment.

legal position are related to uncertainty or misunderstanding of that position by health professionals, rather than its inadequacy. There is a danger that setting a minimum age of consent, such as 16, will merely mean that the current problems will continue for those under this age who require treatment. Many young people clearly engage in risk-taking behaviour prior to the age of 16, and barriers to their use of health services should be minimised.

YANQ also argues that any legislative response to this question must be accompanied by an education campaign targeted at health workers and young people.



If you would like any further info regarding YANQ's submission, contact Tim Wilson, Policy and Research Officer, on (07) 852 1800.

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New Child Protection Act

The Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs has begun consultations prior to the drafting of new child protection legislation for Queensland.

The Department expects that draft legislation will be presented to State Parliament by mid-1994. The new Act will replace the existing Children's Services Act 1965.

A discussion paper has been circulated by the Department to seek input from the community sector on major issues which should be addressed by the Act. Submissions are due by 31 October 1993.

YANQ intends to have input to the consultations. To this end, a meeting will be held on

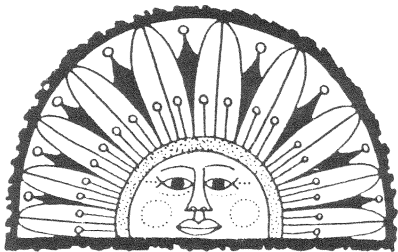
**Thursday 14 October
at 9.30 am at
YANQ, 36 Baxter St,
Fortitude Valley**

to draw on members' ideas on issues which the Act should address. Among those issues raised by the discussion paper are:

- Mandatory reporting of child abuse;
- Orders which may be made by the Children's Court;
- Inclusion of children's and parents' rights in legislation; and
- Standards of care in alternative care facilities.

All members with an interest in these issues are encouraged to either attend this meeting or to contact Tim Wilson, YANQ Policy and Research Officer on (07) 852 1800.

Copies of the Discussion Paper are available by contacting the Child Protection Legislative Review Team on (07) 224 8483. Members are encouraged to read the paper prior to the meeting on the 14 October 1993.



Results of Network Noise Readership Survey

Thank you to the 33 members who took the time to complete our publications survey distributed in the April/May edition of **Network Noise** ... it is greatly appreciated.

We were pleased to discover that the great majority of readers found **Network Noise** to be informative, interesting and useful - 98 percent - whilst only one person found it boring, and no one found it irrelevant. (Phew!)

Readers rated the interest of articles in **Network Noise** in the following order: 1) general news; 2) resources; 3) funding; 4) conferences/workshops; 5) publications; 6) interagency meetings; 7) committee profiles; and 8) committee update. In addition, 39 percent of readers would like to see more short news stories, 33 percent would like to see more features, and 27 percent would like to see more member contributions.

😊 Can we reiterate that **CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** 😊

Please do not hesitate to make use of our mailout to over 400 members, both non-government and government.

As we anticipated, the areas of work and topics readers are interested in are numerous and diverse. A total of 20 categories were identified ranging from youth programs, housing/accommodation, employment and income support to health, sexuality, funding, rural and remote issues, young women's issues and juvenile justice.

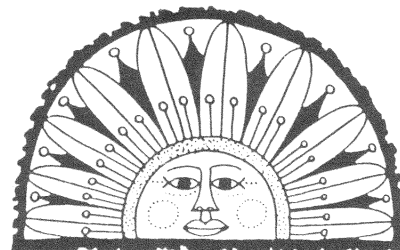
The majority of readers found **Network Noise** to be a more useful publication than **transitions** (44 percent), or equally useful (44 percent), while 12 percent identified **transitions** as a more useful publication.

Thank you also to those of you who provided comments and suggestions re the content and format of **Network Noise** - yes, we will definitely try to keep the newsletter informative, easy-to-read and more graphically groovy - and to those of you who encouraged us to "keep up the good work!" - thanks!

Last but definitely not least, **CONGRATULATIONS** to Eleri Morgan-Thomas of Queensland Shelter for being the lucky winner of our survey prize - a Different Color, One People T-Shirt, Poster and Badge.

Thanks again to everyone for their time, energy and thoughts. It is always so great to receive feedback (of any kind!) from members. Keep in touch! 😊

Rita Riedel
Administration/Publications Officer



Government Award for Youthworker

Tautala Fa'anama, a youthworker with Samoan young people, has been honoured by the Queensland Cabinet for her work in the community. Tautala accepted her Queensland Migrant Service Award from Premier Wayne Goss on 31 August 1993. The award was in recognition of her work with **Unity**, a group of approximately 30 young people from a variety of Pacific Island cultures. Tautala describes **Unity** as "an enthusiastic group who share their cultural identity through dance and other art forms." All its members are young people but the group is strongly supported by parents because it reflects the Samoan culture and its strong family ties.

Tautala's schedule over the next month is indicative of why she received this award. As well as starting a full-time job, she will be co-facilitating a community meeting to resolve tensions between groups of young people from a variety of cultural backgrounds. (Unity has also nominated a delegate to the 1993 YANQ Policy Forum to be held in October.)

ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

New Project for Young Unemployed People from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds

Many support services have been established to help unemployed young people. Yet many young people, especially those from non-English speaking backgrounds, still do not access any type of professional help. We hope that our new project will improve the delivery of existing support services to our clients.

We offer individual counselling and various types of workshops according to the needs of our clients. In general, we will provide young NESB people with career advice, language training referral and job search assistance.

All young job seekers from NESB's living in the inner Brisbane area who would like to discuss opportunities available to them are welcome to contact Bogusia (Ethnic Youth Counsellor) at the ECC on (07) 844 9166.



Opposition About Face on Children's Rights

When the UN Convention was ratified by the Australian government in 1990 it had the broad support of the Federal Opposition. The Opposition is now blocking a move to add the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CROC) to the list of international human rights instruments within the jurisdiction of the Federal Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission (HREOC).

Under Section 47 of the HREOC Act 1986, the responsible Minister, after consulting with State and Territory governments, can declare a human rights instrument which Australia has ratified to be an international instrument relating to human rights and freedoms for the purposes of the Act. Only when this has been done does HREOC have statutory powers to inquire into and make recommendations about Australian government action necessary to ensure compliance. Declarations have been made this month in relation to CROC and the UN Declaration on the Elimination of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion and Belief.

The Federal Shadow Attorney-General, Daryl Willims QC, and Liberal Senator Amanda Vanstone, have moved a Motion of Disallowance which has been set down for debate and vote in early October. The grounds for the Motion are that a reservation should be entered "acknowledging the pre-eminent role of the family so that the Convention would be interpreted in a way that safeguarded the primary and inalienable rights of parents." Any such reservation would make a nonsense of the Convention, which requires governments to act in the interests of children, not on the basis of primary and inalienable parents' rights. It seems that the Opposition are being influenced by certain church groups who fear an erosion of parental rights and an undermining of Christian values. One Melbourne lawyer in 1990 described Convention articles as a "panacea for spoilt brats". As has been pointed out by many Australian and international experts, the Convention fully acknowledges and affirms the role of parents. But "there is none so blind as those who will not see" and it seems that there is to be another wave of ill-informed opposition to the Convention. It is hard to understand how an international Convention which has attracted ratification by more than two-thirds of the member states of the UN can be seen as a subversive document.

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YANQ has written to Federal Opposition Senators expressing concerns about their position. YANQ has also written to Green and Democrat Senators seeking their support for the Convention. YANQ members are urged to write to members of the Federal Opposition, the Australian Democrats, the Greens WA and the independent member, Senator Harradine, expressing support for the Convention. Letters can be sent to Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600 or faxed to (06) 277 2058.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

New Police Complaints Procedure

Information has recently come to hand regarding a method for informally resolving complaints about police conduct. From now on, complaints of a minor nature (including some forms of assault) will be dealt with informally by the police themselves, rather than being investigated by the Criminal Justice Commission.

The Youth Justice Coalition is seeking further information about the scheme and its likely impact on young people. Stay tuned for details in the next edition of Network Noise.

WE HAVE MOVED

The Child, Adolescent
and Family Welfare
Association of Queensland
(CAFWAQ)
have moved to
17 Ross Street,
PO Box 159
Paddington 4064
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FX: (07) 368 1150

THUMBS UP

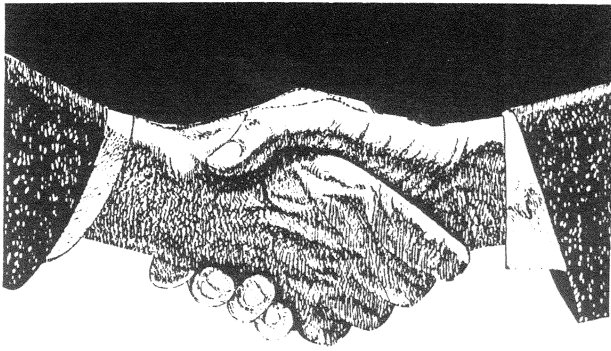


to the Federal Government for abolishing the 18-week waiting period for rent assistance for young people in the 1993 budget.

THUMBS DOWN



to both the State and Federal Governments for not addressing unemployment as the critical issue facing young Australians in their 1993 Budgets.



The 1994

The Federal Government delivered its 1993 Budget on Tuesday, 17 August. While negotiations are still occurring with the Democrats, the Greens and the Australian Council of Trade Unions about some of the more regressive measures in the budget, many of the details affecting young people will remain unchanged. This article summarises some of the major directions in the budget, and highlights the initiatives which will affect young people.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

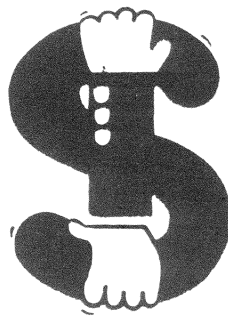
The Budget attempts to reduce the deficit and pay for the tax cuts promised before the Federal election. It does this by reducing spending across most government departments and by increasing a range of direct and indirect taxes. These tax increases have been widely criticised as having the most impact on those on the lowest incomes, who, coincidentally, also receive the least benefit from personal tax cuts.

The Greens and Democrats, who hold the balance of power in the Senate, have forced the government to modify some of the tax increases to reduce their impact on those receiving low incomes. However, at the time of printing, Treasury data suggests that households with the lowest fifth of incomes still gain less than 0.3 percent from the changes, compared with 1 percent gain for the top fifth of households.

The Budget gives some clear indications of the directions of government policy over the next few years. The Government will continue to exercise restraint in spending in an effort to reign in what it sees as a ballooning deficit. At the same time it is likely there will be further increases in taxes and charges for services, such as education and healthcare.

The budget includes some major changes in areas affecting young people. The significant omissions in this budget are any of the recommendations of "Wanted Our Future", the report of the Senate Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training's Inquiry into the consequences of sustained youth unemployment.

Major changes which will affect young people are summarised below.



THE GOOD STUFF

- The 18-week waiting period for Department of Social Security (DSS) Rent Assistance to under-18 year olds will be abolished in March 1994. Young people will now be eligible for rent assistance from the time of their allowance being granted.
- Job Search (JSA) and Newstart Allowance (NSA) recipients will be able

or "The True Believers' Recipe Book"

to undertake CES-approved training courses up to six months in duration without transferring to Austudy/Abstudy. They will be given priority in assessment of their entitlement for Austudy for those courses which are longer than 6 months. There have also been some improvements in the transfer of trainees from DSS allowances to Austudy/Abstudy.

□ New outreach services to homeless people will build on the success of homeless youth outreach projects piloted by DSS around Australia. Funding is provided only until 1995.

□ Funding will be provided for ten Youth Service Units to be established across Australia to maximise the take-up of DSS, and DEET payment options by young people.

□ DSS staff will be provided with more flexible administrative arrangements, to apply where they deem appropriate

- weekly payments
- flexible reporting arrangements
- payments to a third party acting in a "guardian" type role
- assistance with money management skills.

Federal Budget



❑ JSA, Newstart and Sickness Allowance recipients will have access to an additional earned income free area of \$30 a fortnight for singles, and \$50 a fortnight for couples. This will allow people to take part-time work without penalty.

❑ The Budget provides over 500,000 places in labour market programs, assisting 330,000 long-term unemployed people. Measures targeted at young people include the expansion of the Landcare and Environment Action Program (LEAP), increases in pre-vocational training program places, and increases in funding for traineeships and apprenticeships.

❑ Assets tests for the Assistance to Isolated Children scheme have been abolished, in recognition of the financial difficulties being experienced by many farm families.

❑ The Innovative Health Service for Homeless Youth Program has been continued until 1997.

❑ A Commonwealth Dental Health Program for Health Card holders will be established to improve access to emergency and basic dental care.

❑ A National Youth Housing Strategy will be developed over the next 2 years.

❑ Outlays on culture and recreation are increased by 7.2 percent over last year. A Youth Arts Festival will be established and the Australian Youth Orchestra expanded.

❑ ABC Radio Triple J will be extended to 44 regional centres over four years.

THE BAD STUFF

❑ Young people under 18 will not receive Austudy, except in special circumstances. Instead, families of students will be paid at a rate of up to \$121.60 per fortnight, which is less than the amount of Austudy they currently receive. Young people will effectively be even more financially dependent on their families, for longer periods of time, than they are now.

❑ Young people under 21 who are long-term unemployed will miss out on the \$3 per week increase paid to recipients of Newstart Allowance over 21.

❑ Newstart Allowance recipients will be subject to increases in activity and compliance testing. The unemployed will have to jump through extra hoops to claim their allowances.

❑ Changes in HECS will increase the burden on people studying a second undergraduate degree or who take more than an extra semester to complete their first undergraduate degree. The income threshold at which people will be required to begin repaying HECS debts

has been dropped from \$27,747 per year to \$26,402. The rate of repayment will increase by 1 percent per year.

❑ Funding for the Crisis Accommodation Program has been decreased by \$3.5 million.

SUMMARY

The Budget provides a number of good initiatives for young people, but fails to grapple with the major issues that affect them. It contains little in the way of job creation strategies, other than freeing up DSS staff to network at their local levels. It does nothing to address levels of income support for young

people, effectively ignoring the recommendations of "Wanted- Our Future".

Changes to secondary student allowance arrangements and increased imposts on tertiary students, as well as hikes in indirect taxes, all impact negatively on young people.

Some young people will be offered some relief by some of the changes in the Budget, but the bulk of young people will have to wait for next year to see if this Federal Government delivers on its responsibilities to them. ☛

Tim Wilson
Policy and Research Officer

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Students Respond to Racism

Students from Sunnybank State High School and Milpera Special School have been chosen to make a dramatic statement about racism through the medium of theatre.

They are to be a major component of student contributions to the fight against racism in Queensland schools at a special conference at the Bardon Professional Centre on September 3-4. Sunnybank State High School will be assisted by Contact Youth Theatre, and Milpera Special School by Cultivart, who will add their community drama expertise to the enthusiasm of the schools' students and their teachers, many of whom have personally experienced racism.

The Department of Education has also been active in the fight against racism and recently received widespread feedback from teachers and schools as part of the process to develop an Anti-Racism Policy and Grievance Procedures for staff and students. Yolanda Tognini, Senior Policy Officer, Cultural Equity, is heading the Anti-Racism in Schools project.

Ms Tognini told *Education Views* that responses had been received from 100 teachers, 27 primary and 37 secondary schools throughout the State as the count-down to the conference continues.

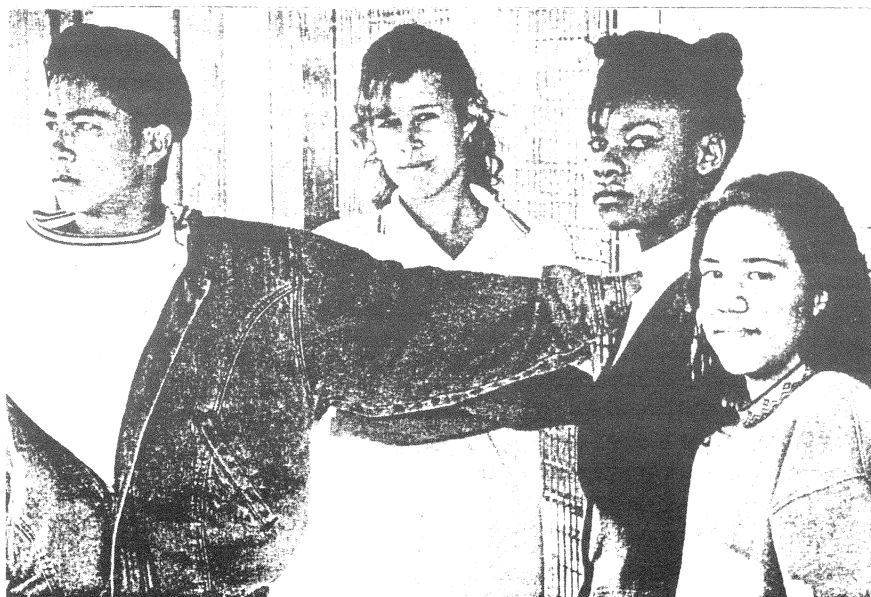
"The response isn't limited to 100 as those educators are using their colleagues in schools as information providers, so the diversity of views is broad," Ms Tognini said.

"Our section has been pushing for significant student involvement and we are delighted that Sunnybank State High School and Milpera Special School and their language and drama teachers have been so enthusiastic to take part."

Ms Tognini said the students involved would include those from Aboriginal, non-English-speaking, and other backgrounds, and range from 15 to 20 years of age.

"Mature age students are included with the performers who will be presenting a variety of music, visual and performance theatre to the September conference," she said. "Anti-Racism in Schools conference participants will also be able to interact with a student panel and this will ensure that a diversity of school views on racism are available."

Reprinted from "Education Views", Vol 2(11) 1993.



HIV/AIDS Education Program Review

The HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health Section of Queensland Health is conducting a review of HIV/AIDS education programs for young people throughout Queensland.

The aim of the review is to help the Section plan to provide the best and most appropriate programs for young people through schools, injecting drug-users, gay young people, disadvantaged young people, Aboriginal and Islander young people and others.

The review process has involved attending Regional Youth Inter-agency meetings, community organisations that receive direct AIDS funding, community groups of people most affected by HIV, education advisors within the school system, Family Planning Clinics, Child Health Workers... the list continues!

The review has been running for the last three months and is due for completion on 5 September. If any reader feels they should have been involved but for some reason have not been, please contact me, Colin Crosbie, on (07) 234 1296 to give your input - it is always needed and welcomed.

To all those people who have been able to assist in the process, thank you for your help. Thanks also to YANQ for putting me in touch with so many of you.

Colin Crosbie
Project Officer

PART-TIME ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

(30 Hours per fortnight)

required by The Lodge Youth Support Service Inc. The successful applicant will be responsible for financial administration including accounts, bookkeeping (manual and computerised), banking, employment records, wages, taxation, insurances, typing and filing.

Self-motivated professional with sound experience in similar role and commitment to young people please apply in writing with two references to:

The Coordinator, The Lodge,
PO Box 520, Nundah 4012

Applications close Tuesday,
14 September 1993

TERTIARY STUDENT ACCOMMODATION RESEARCH PROJECT

The South East Queensland Youth Accommodation Coalition (SEQYAC) is keen to contract a researcher to produce a literature review of all relevant Australian and international material on tertiary student accommodation. Approximately \$2,400 is available for the research.

A brief resume and research proposal to be submitted to:

SEQYAC, PO Box 324,
Fortitude Valley 4006
by Friday, 1 October 1993

For further information
contact Colleen Kelly on
(07) 252 2555

AYPAC UPDATE AYPAC UPDATE

AYPAC AT INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM

AYPAC nominated Executive Officer Martin Attridge as a member of the Australian delegation to the recent International Human Rights Symposium held in Vienna. This symposium resulted in a number of global human rights issues which affect young people being addressed. These included the international ratification on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CROC), education rights issues and the rights of young refugees.

1994 BUDGET SUBMISSION

Planning is underway to develop a comprehensive submission to the Federal Government concerning the 1994 Budget. Treasurer John Dawkins has announced that the 1994 Budget will be presented in June rather than the traditional August. AYPAC's submission will be structured within this time frame.

PROJECT NEGOTIATIONS

AYPAC is currently negotiating with funding bodies on several employment related projects, including a research proposal on the future of work

for young people, a project on the implications for young people of employment growth in environmental services, and a job-creation project. Stay tuned for further news ...

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION CONSULTATIONS COMPLETED

The consultations between the AYF and young people from around Australia, which were co-facilitated by AYPAC's Executive Officer Martin Attridge, have been completed. The report of these consultations, to be produced in September, will determine the direction of AYF as a funding body in youth affairs.

AYPAC NEWSLETTER

AYPAC produces a monthly newsletter "UP2DATE" covering information and events on national youth affairs. For your copy contact Daele Healy, Publications Officer, AYPAC, PO Box 519, Dickson ACT 2602 - phone (06) 241 8055.

AGM

The AYPAC Annual General Meeting will be held in Canberra on 16 September 1993. Further details are available from Lindsay Granger on (07) 852 1800.

YOUTH STRATEGY ACTION GRANTS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) is calling for expressions of interest from incorporated non-government organisations, government agencies, local government authorities and youth interagency groups for the Youth Strategy Action Grants (YSAG).

The 1994 YSAG Program will fund organisations to provide programs and services for disadvantaged young people in order to increase their participation in employment, education and training. The funded programs and services will be expected to link participants into employment, education and training opportunities at the completion of the project. Grants will be made for 12 months and will be in the order of \$10,000 to \$50,000. Information including expression of interest forms and guidelines are available from Youth Access Centres (YAC) and CES offices. However, if you have difficulty contacting a YAC or CES office please contact Denise McKeon on (07) 226 9535 or Lyn Brownsey on (07) 226 9427.

Expressions of interest must be made on the expression of interest forms and close 24 September 1993.

The Bush Challenge Program

Outdoor Adventure-Based Training

**Ideal for individuals, project teams
and all levels of management**

The Bush Challenge Program is conducted monthly and offers choices in a five-day window with two-day to five-day options.

The Bush Challenge Course

(Tuesday evening to Sunday afternoon)

This is the full combination with the balance of team and leader training followed by time for personal assessment and goal-setting over five days. At the conclusion of the course, a person comes from the powerful 'centre from within' to be a proactive and productive team member and leader.

(\$850 for 5 days)

The Team and Leader Course

(Tuesday evening to Friday afternoon)

Part One of Bush Challenge involves initiative exercises, bush walking and camping to create a deep sense of comradeship and team power.

(\$540 for 3 days)

The Bush Hermitage Course

(Friday morning to Sunday afternoon)

Part Two of Bush Challenge involves a workshop on self-knowledge, motivation and goal-setting followed by a 40 hour (two nights and day) hermitage alone in silence in the bush.

(\$540 for 3 days)

The Wilderness Workshop

(Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon)

Involves an introductory session in self re-creation in the quiet and calm of nature. It involves workshops on the philosophy of outdoor recreation, self knowledge, motivation, goal setting and quiet time.

(\$380 for 2 days)

Group concessions apply for numbers over 20. Cost includes training catering, equipment and field accommodation.

Use of these programs directly supports our courses for young people at risk of suicide, drug abuse and crime

For further information contact Bush Venture,
"Beraweal", Cedar Creek Road, PO Box 547, Beenleigh
4207. Ph: (075) 464 295 or fax: (075) 464 485.

THE POLITICS OF A RACIST GAME

I'm marred by your silence
I'm haunted by your voice
You speak to me of equity
and you say I have a choice.

A choice to do what?
To live a life in vain?
To live a life of oppression
while all the time remaining sane?

We're reeling from the side-effects
of a not too pleasant time
Where your well-meaning attitudes
equale to an atrocious crime.

You separated my family
You moved us all about
Now you're sitting wondering
Why it's us beginning to shout.

My family remains silent,
afraid to speak aloud.
Worried about your answer
Because you see they're not feeling so proud.

It's all about empowerment,
about setting our people free.
We're learning your terminology
and someday you will see.

You're critical of some problems,
like alcohol, health and such ...
Are you aware it's something you started
and something you're now afraid to touch?

Yes you're ready to point that finger,
always ready to put us down.
Yet it was you who raped and pillaged
and put on happy faces -
an angered loathsome frown.

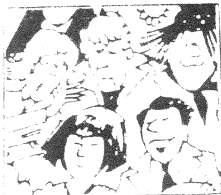
You'll never understand what you've taken away
For the scar wounded deeply, even for us today.

So when you stop and think
about times gone by and by
Think about what you've done -
and why my people cry.

Because in those lonely voices
There are children crying within
Trying hard to rationalise
Your thoughtless, harmful sin.

The next time you point that bigoted finger
and are ready to stake your claim.
Stop and think and consider
Your role in this frightening game.

Nicole Williams, February 1993



Regional Interagency Meetings

September / October 1993



Cairns Region Youth Services Network

23 Sept 1993 at 3.30pm
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

21 Sept 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

12 October 1993 at 12.00pm
(Venue to be determined)

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
(077) 436 541

Gladstone Youth Alliance

21 Sept 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

7 October 1993 at 9.30am
Ed Centre, 78 Woongarra St
Bundaberg

Contact Genevieve Houston

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Sunshine Coast Youthworkers Forum

14 October 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

29 Sept 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

Beaunesert Interagency

13 October 1993 at 10.00am
Iloura Centre
31 Duckett St, Beaunesert

Contact Rhyl Cooper

C/- Beaunesert Community
House, 4 Davis Street
Beaunesert 4285
PH: (075) 413 762



Department of Primary Industries
and Energy

RURAL ACCESS PROGRAM

Meeting Community Needs

Do you live in rural or remote Australia?

Are you interested in education, training, health, information and other community services?

Maybe the Rural Access Program (RAP) can help.

One-off RAP funding is now open for applications from non-profit community groups, educational institutions, industry and business groups. Successful applicants will be provided with funding for up to twelve months.

Special consideration will be given to applications from women, people with disabilities, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Non-profit community groups may be eligible for funding of up to \$20,000. Applications from educational institutions or industry/business groups will need to meet the additional selection criteria outlined in the guidelines.

Applicants should note that the final closing date for the 1993/94 financial year is Friday, 29 October 1993.

To discuss whether your proposal meets the program guidelines and to obtain application forms please contact Vivienne Slater or Julia Ritchie via the COUNTRYLINK Answer Line on 008 026222.



WELL

The Workplace
English Language and
Literacy Program



Administered by the Department of Employment,
Education and Training, and Immigration, Local
Government and Ethnic Affairs, in consultation with the
Department of Industrial Relations.

Applications for WELL Program Funding 1994

The objective of the Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) Program is to enable workers to access sufficient English literacy or English as a second language (ESL) training to meet their employment and training needs in the context of workplace and industry reform and enterprise bargaining.

Applications for WELL Program funding in 1994, are invited from workplaces, industry training advisory bodies, trade unions, employer organisations and accredited or suitably qualified or experienced literacy and ESL providers.

Projects proposed must address both ESL and Literacy needs and be workplace or industry relevant. Projects may be at national, State/Territory, enterprise or local workplace levels and may involve: planning and/or development of resource materials, the design and/or delivery of training courses or other appropriate activities. Please call for advice if you are uncertain about your proposal's eligibility under the Program.

1994 WELL Program Guidelines and application forms can be obtained by submitting an expression of interest to the WELL Program on (06) 257 6933 (telephone) or (06) 276 7734 (facsimile). All applications must be submitted on a 1994 WELL Application form.

Expressions of interest should be submitted by 16 August 1993.

WELL is administered by the Commonwealth Departments of Employment, Education and Training, and Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Industrial Relations.

Youth Services Development Grant 1994

Applications are invited from eligible organisations working with young people 12 to 25 years for programs that:

- support the development and coordination of youth services;
- heighten community awareness of youth issues; and
- encourage young peoples' participation.

Applications for projects less than \$3000 and expressions of interest for activities over \$3000 close 8 October 1993.

Youth Week '94 (8-16 October) applications close 8 March 1994.

Further information

Guidelines and application forms are available from your nearest Regional Office of the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing.



Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing

CHURCHES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The role of the Christian church in social policy and practice.

DATE: 17-19 September, 1993

VENUE: Armidale, NSW

For further info phone (067) 73 2283.

HEART POLITICS CONFERENCE

There are people working for change at all levels of society. What can we learn from those who are risking leadership? Why do we devalue ourselves and attack leadership in others? What are some models for effective leadership in Australia today? This gathering is a blend of conference, workshop and celebration. There will be speakers, workshops, support groups, circle sharing, interest groups, fun, campfires, music, dancing and relaxation time. We encourage you to network and consult with other participants.

DATE: 23-27 September 1993

VENUE: Camp Drew, Lennox Head Northern NSW

COST: Adults: \$175 - \$275.
Children: \$38 - \$78.

For further info contact Carol Perry, Heart Politics Conference, Ross Rd, Channon NSW 2480. Ph: (066) 886 269.

POLICY AND PRACTICE IN CORRECTIONAL AND FORENSIC SERVICES

This international symposium on offender management aims to examine: 1) human values in correction and forensic services; 2) effective treatment programs for offenders; and 3) professional development and education of disciplines. Includes afternoon session on "Managing Juvenile Offenders".

DATE: 14-15 October 1993

VENUE: Parmelia Hilton, Perth

COST: \$335

For further info contact Glenys Rousell, Conference Unit, Australian Institute of Criminology, GPO Box 2944, Canberra ACT2601. Ph: (06) 274 0224 or fax (06) 274 0225.

SOCIAL WORK: MAKING AN IMPACT, SHAPING THE FUTURE

The 23rd conference of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

DATE: 27-30 September 1993

For further info contact Social Work Department, University of New Castle, NSW 2308. Ph: (049) 215 492.

RESOLVING ADOLESCENT DILEMMAS IN HEALTH

This one-day conference brings together a collection of eminent researchers and practitioners to explore the interface between the latest research and the practice wisdom of those working in the youth sector today.

DATE: 15 October 1993

VENUE: Town House, Carlton, Melb

COST: \$60 (includes lunch)

For further information contact Jennie Kendrick on (03) 285 5382.

POSITIVE INTERVENTION FOR SEVERE AND CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR

LaTrobe University College of Northern Victoria invites the Institute of Applied Behaviour Analysis (IABA) Los Angeles, to present a series of professional training programs for the first time in Australia.

WORKSHOP 1: Intervention for severe and challenging behaviour.

DATE: 4-5 October 1993

COST: \$210

WORKSHOP 2: Staff supervision and management methods for quality assurance.

DATE: 6 October 1993

COST: \$110

WORKSHOP 3: Assessment and analysis of people who have severe and challenging behaviour. As part of this workshop participants MUST attend Workshops 1 & 2, the cost of which is included in Workshop 3 rego fee).

DATE: 25 October - 5 November

VENUE: Bendigo ONLY (Victoria)

COST: \$2,150

For further info contact Jeffrey McCubbery, IABA Workshops, PO Box Mandurang, VIC 3551. Phone/fax (054) 395 305 or (008) 819 505.

SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

The National Youth Foundation presents this annual conference, including workshops on Rural Youth Networks; Suicide in Custody; Suicide and Psychiatric Illness Broad Prevention and Postvention Strategies in Schools; Bereavement and more.

DATE: 10-11 November 1993

VENUE: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre

For further info contact National Youth Foundation, PO Box 20, Newtown NSW 2042. Phone: (02) 519 3347 or fax 902) 683 4000.

HEALTH FOR MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE: VALUING DIVERSITY

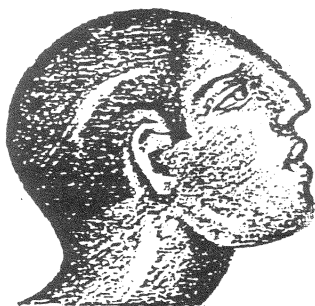
This national conference aims to promote equity and the value of diversity in delivering health care to our multicultural society. It will focus on a range of themes relevant to service delivery and organisational change in health care across Australia.

DATE: 10-12 November 1993

VENUE: University of Sydney

COST: \$295

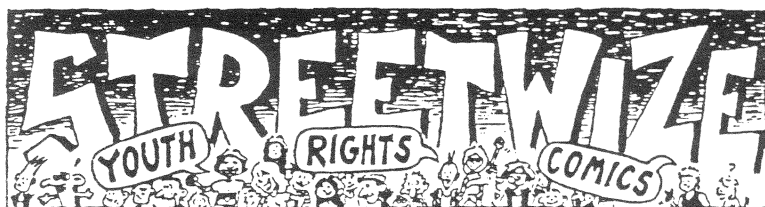
For further info contact Paul Conroy on (02) 718 8440 or fax (02) 718 7383.



FROM
STRENGTH TO STRENGTH:
Working with Young Men
Who Have Been
Sexually Abused

Male sexual assault is one of our society's last taboo subjects. To suggest that the abuse of males may be as common as the abuse of females challenges some of the basic myths of our society. The subject of male sexual abuse challenges the popular myths that males can look after themselves, that they are tough and strong, and that abuse is always directed against females. **From Strength to Strength** is a resource kit designed to break down some of these myths. Written specifically for youthworkers, the kit looks at the facts about male sexual assault and offers practical suggestions about how to work with young men who have been abused.

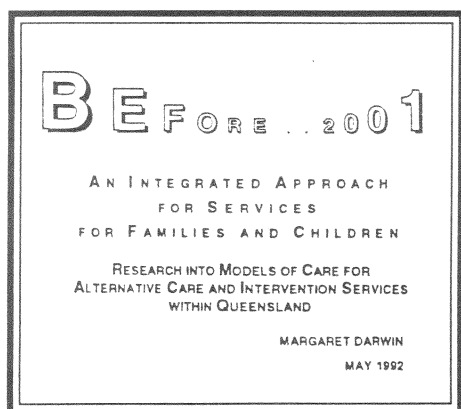
"From Strength to Strength" is available for \$ 15 (includes postage) from YSTC, PO Box 459, Fortitude Valley 4006. Phone (07) 852 2311.



BE SMART, PRACTICE SAFE SEX

Streetwise Comics Ltd is proud to announce the launch of four posters on HIV/AIDS prevention for young urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people. Designed during poster workshops with ATSI young people in Sydney, the posters were launched on 6 July at the 2nd World Indigenous Youth Conference in Darwin. Partly motivated by a concern that current awareness programs were not striking the mark, the project highlights the value of involving ATSI young people in identifying and developing themes relevant to them.

Sets of posters are available for \$2 from Simon Knuckey, Streetwize on (02) 552 3499.



BEFORE 2001:
**An Integrated Approach for Services
for Families and Children**

Produced by the Child, Adolescent and Family Welfare Association (CAF-WAQ) this publication researches models of care for alternative care and intervention services within Queensland.

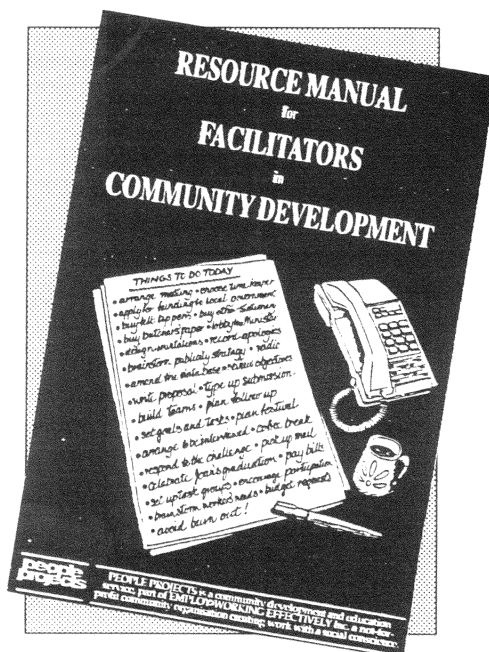
The report is available for \$20 from
CAFWAQ, PO Box 159, Paddington 4064.
Phone (07) 368 1050.

**RESOURCE
MANUAL FOR
FACILITATORS
IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

This resource manual will assist community development workers looking to augment the skill base of their group members, volunteer, committee members and other workers. Written in easy-to-read language the manual has:

- step-by-step instructions on how to conduct workshops;
- methods on encouraging participation;
- handouts for practical application of ideas;
- clear diagrams;
- suggestions for back-up materials; and
- a loose-leaf binder allowing easy copying of handouts and adding of notes.

The Resource Manual is available for \$25 (plus \$6 postage) from Employ Publishing Group, PO Box 1042, Windsor VIC 3181. Ph: (03) 525 3384.



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