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... and a whole lot more!

Young People to go to Court for Buying Cigarettes



Proposed anti-smoking legislation will send young people under 18 years to court for buying cigarettes. This is one of the recommendations of a review of tobacco legislation affecting young people.

The Queensland Government is presently drafting legislation on the supply of tobacco products to young people. The main elements of the proposed law will be:

- ☐ penalising young people who purchase tobacco products with a formal police caution or a reprimand from the courts, although it will not be an offence to smoke;
- ☐ an increase in the age at which young people can purchase tobacco products from 16 to 18 years;
- ☐ the introduction of penalties up to \$4,800 for selling tobacco products to a person under 18 years.

Queensland Health has been reviewing legislation covering young people and smoking over the past year. This area is presently covered by the "Juvenile Smoking Suppression Act of 1905". Although this law prohibits smoking

New anti-smoking legislation for Queensland

by those under 16 years, there has not been one prosecution over the last 89 years! In the past, police have seen smoking as a health issue rather than a legal issue and have not prosecuted.

The draft legislation is the result of consultations with a range of interested parties, including manufacturers, retailers, government departments, health lobbyists and others. YANQ, the Youth Justice Coalition and the Australian Association for Adolescent Health also participated in the review. All three groups argued that education focussing on a healthy lifestyle was a more appropriate strategy than legal penalties for young smokers.

Lindsay Granger

Queensland Health is anticipating that a draft of the new Bill will be developed by the end of March 1994. If you would like more information or if you would like to comment on this issue ring Lindsay at YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or 008177 899.

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

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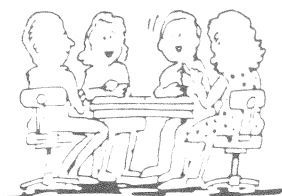
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Coordinating Committee

Update Jan - Feb 94

WELCOME ABOARD CHERYL

Following a Committee
decision in late 1993 Cheryl
Quincey has been appointed
as a Clerical Trainee under the
Jobskills Training Program.
Cheryl's placement with YANQ
commenced on 14 February
and will conclude on 12
August 1994.

YANQ currently has

471

members / subscribers

Farewell to Elei, Judith and Gerald

It is with regret that we say farewell to three Coordinating
Committee members who have tendered their resignations from
the YANQ Committee - Elei Feraimo, Judith Rowell and Gerald
Appo. We thank each of them for their contribution and support
and wish them all the best for the future.

Decisions Made January - February 1994

That YANQ auspice the NESB
Youth Issues Working Party
application to fund a Grants In
Aid Project.

That conferences organised
by YANQ not be held at licensed
venues and, where this is not
possible, to ensure that alcohol
is not promoted to conference
participants. In addition, that
active steps be taken to
promote enjoyable non-alcoholic
beverages.

That the Coordinating
Committee review existing wage
scales, together with a review of
the employment conditions of
staff, and that this be part of an
Industrial Agreement Review
Process.

That YANQ auspice
WAYWARDS's application for
funding for a 1994 Youth Week
Project on the provision that it is
made clear that YANQ's role is a
purely mechanistic one.

Restoring Full Employment

An Overview of the Discussion Paper by the Committee on Employment Opportunities

On 15 December 1993 the Federal Government's Committee on Employment Opportunities released its discussion paper, "Restoring Full Employment." The discussion paper purports to offer a blueprint for a comprehensive solution to unemployment, particularly long-term unemployment. The discussion paper and subsequent responses will form the basis of the Federal Government's White Paper on Unemployment, to be released in May 1994.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the White Paper process last May fuelled community hopes that the Government would adopt innovative approaches to labour market programs, industry policy, job creation and income support. However, while the paper offers some positive ideas, and rejects some bad ones, such as across-the-board wage cuts, overall it suggests a "more of the same" approach.

The major initiative offered by the Committee is the Job Compact. Under the Job Compact, the long-term unemployed (in this case those out of work for more than 18 months) will be offered six to nine months of paid work experience. Refusal of any "reasonable" offer of work will result in withdrawal of unemployment benefits for a period of time. It is suggested that people employed under the Compact may be

paid under-award wages for a period of time as an incentive for employers to take them on.

The paper's other recommendations relate to training, reform of the Commonwealth Employment Service, and changes to income support arrangements aimed, at encouraging recipients to undertake substantial part-time work.

It is disappointing that new approaches to the problem of unemployment have not been explored. The discussion paper continues the focus on supply-side responses that have clearly been ineffective in the 80s. While it proposes some useful strategies for dealing with the issue of long-term unemployment, there are major areas of concern which have been overlooked.

First, while Chapter 1 on Labour Market Trends acknowledges that particular population groups experience relative disadvantage in the labour market, the Paper's recommendations focus almost entirely on duration of unemployment as a barrier to finding work. There is virtually no attempt to deal with other factors which determine a person's labour market prospects, such as age, location, gender, race or ability.

... the Paper rejects the notion of creating employment, relying instead on labour market programs, training and continued private sector growth as the primary responses to unemployment.

Second, the Committee appears to have assumed that the National Training Reform Agenda will deal with the problem of youth unemployment. There is little acknowledgment that these reforms are themselves dependent on the creation of sufficient entry points into employment to enable the integration of skills training and work.



Third, the Paper rejects the notion of creating employment, relying instead on labour market programs, training and continued private sector growth as the primary responses to unemployment. The Paper sees an extremely limited role for government in taking action to ensure the creation of jobs.

Fourth, despite the focus on the private sector's role in generating employment, there is a limited role ascribed to industry policy. In the current poorly regulated economy, an active industry policy is one of the only instruments available to the government to ensure investment by business is productive, and therefore creates jobs, rather than speculative in nature.

Fifth, while some reforms to the social security system are proposed, the report is silent on the question of incomes for young people.

Tim Wilson

YANQ's Employment Working Party is in the process of drafting a detailed response to the discussion paper. Submissions are due by the 11 March 1994. If you would like further details on the discussion paper or YANQ's response, contact Tim Wilson, YANQ's Policy and Research Officer on (07)852 1800.

YANQ WORKING PARTY UPDATES

The Employment Working Party has been developing a response to "Restoring Full Employment", the discussion paper prepared by the Committee on Employment Opportunities. The responses to the paper will inform the development of a White Paper on Full Employment, to be released by the Federal Government in May this year. YANQ's response stresses the need to:

- ☐ create employment;
- ☐ ensure young people have access to labour market programs and training;
- ☐ promote economic growth; and
- ☐ improve young people's incomes.

The Working Party is also drafting a comprehensive employment policy for YANQ.

The Rural and Isolated Working Party has developed a workplan for the year. This will include:

- ☐ the publication of a rural services directory for young people;
- ☐ the development of a written policy position;
- ☐ promotion of YANQ membership in rural areas; and
- ☐ a search for resources to maintain the Working Party into 1995.

The Working Party is still developing a structure which will allow input from both isolated towns and regional centres.

The Recreation Working Party is attempting to collect information and research which will enable it to prepare a written recreation policy for YANQ. It is drawing particularly on needs analyses conducted in consultation with young people at a local level. The Working Party expects to have a draft prepared in time to present it to the 1994 Policy Forum in September.

These Working Parties meet monthly and any enquiries can be directed to Tim Wilson at YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899.

The ATSI Working Party's Networking Project moved a step closer to reality last week when Youth Minister Bob Gibbs approved part-funding for the project. Aiming to develop a statewide network of Aboriginal and Islander youth services in Queensland, the project is seeking cross-funding from a number of State Government departments. The commitment from Tourism, Sport and Racing has raised the Working Party's hopes that other departments will soon follow suit and that the project will get underway in April 1994. At its first meeting for 1994 the Working Party also discussed the role of ATSI young people in the AYPAC national conference to be held in Sydney, 7-9 July. Some funding may be available to subsidise the attendance of young people and youthworkers.

The ATSI Working Party meets monthly at YANQ and any enquiries can be directed to Mark King on (07) 371 9304 or Lindsay Granger on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899.

Young

Homeless

Allowance

Under Threat

As mentioned in the last edition of *Network Noise*, a Parliamentary Committee has been appointed to inquire into the availability and appropriateness of the Young Homeless Allowance, in the wake of widespread media criticism of the Allowance.

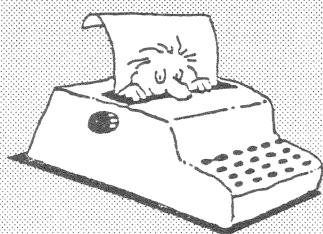
GIVEN THE ORIGINS of the Review, it can be guaranteed that the Committee will be examining whether eligibility requirements for the allowance should be tightened. As members are aware, the current criteria are the most stringent applied to any form of income support.

However, while the Review does pose some threats to the allowance, it is also an opportunity to inform politicians and the community about the problems with the current system and to urge responsible reforms which respect young people's rights.

Members are urged to respond to the Review. The Inquiry is calling for submissions up until the 15 March, with public hearings after March. You can be certain that parents' groups will be well represented at the hearings. It is vital that advocates for young people are visibly arguing the case for improvements to the administration and adequacy of the allowance.

Tim Wilson

Submissions and inquiries should be directed to Bjarne Nordin, Secretary, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Community Affairs, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.



YANQ Policy Submissions Available

YANQ has had input into a wide variety of consultation processes conducted by government over the last twelve months. Written submissions have been prepared on the following issues:

- ☐ Public Sector Management Commission Review of the Police Service
- ☐ Task Force on Alternative Care
- ☐ Queensland Law Reform Commission's Review of Young People's Ability to Consent to Medical Treatment
- ☐ Review of the Mental Health Act
- ☐ Review of the Child Protection Legislation.

For further information or a copy of these submissions please contact Tim Wilson at YANQ on (07) 852 1800.

On the Road Again

YANQ Staff attend Regional Meetings

March - May 1994



YANQ's Network Development Coordinator, Lindsay Granger, will be attending a series of regional interagency meetings throughout Queensland to inform the youth sector about YANQ and its activities for 1994.

Lindsay will be attending meetings between March and May in a large number of centres (see schedule below). Major items for discussion at these meetings include:

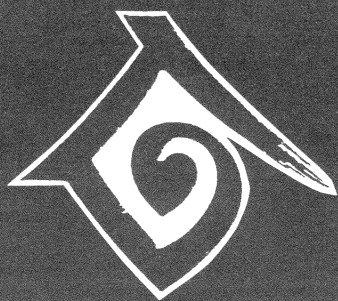
- ☐ "Making a Difference" - the 1994 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference;
- ☐ 1994 YANQ Policy Forum; and
- ☐ YANQ Working Parties.

Lindsay will also be able to provide information and answer questions about membership, projects, policy and other YANQ issues. Feedback will also be sought from regional members about YANQ services.

| Location | Venue | Date | Time |
|-----------------|--|----------|---------|
| Toowoomba | Old Court House, Cnr Neil + Margaret Sts | 24 March | 10.00am |
| Ipswich | C'wealth Bldg, 3rd Floor, Cnr South + East Sts | 30 March | 12.00pm |
| Mount Gravatt | 2092 Logan Rd, Upper Mount Gravatt | 11 April | 10.00am |
| Sunshine Coast | To be advised: Call June Webster (074) 439 661 | 14 April | 10.00am |
| Rockhampton | YAC, Cnr Fitzroy St + East Lane | 18 April | 11.00am |
| Townsville | YAC, Victoria Bridge | 19 April | 10.00am |
| Gladstone | Grapevine Youth Centre, 147 Goondoon St | 20 April | 9.00am |
| Mackay | Mackay Special School Library | | |
| | Cnr Bridge/Goldsworth St, Sth Mackay | 20 April | 1.00pm |
| Cairns | DFSAIA, 130 McLeod St | 21 April | 10.30am |
| Mount Isa | Education Centre, Miles St | 22 April | 10.00am |
| Western S'burbs | DSS, 17 Lessner Street, Toowong | 26 April | 10.00am |
| Logan City | CES, 1st Floor, 6 Ewing Street, Woodridge | 26 April | 3.00pm |
| Caboolture | Community Care, 41 King St | 4 May | 1.00pm |
| Bundaberg | Wide Bay School Suppt Centre, Woongarra St | 5 May | 9.30am |
| Beaudesert | Illoura Centre, 31 Duckett St | 11 May | 10.00am |
| Inala | YAC, Civic Centre, Kittyhawk Ave | 12 May | 1.00pm |
| Beenleigh | DFSAIA, 1st Floor, 100 George St | 1 June | 4.00pm |

Lindsay will also be travelling through south-western and central Queensland in May. Dates for this trip are yet to be finalised.

For any further information please contact Lindsay on (07) 852 1800 or 008177 899.



International Year of the Family

1994 has been designated by the United Nations as International Year of the Family. In Queensland, the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs has responsibility for planning and coordinating activities.

Several activities for the International Year of the Family are planned, including a statewide information and awareness-raising campaign focusing on valuing young people. Small non-recurrent grants will be available to ensure community participation in the International Year of the Family. A National Council has been appointed which will consult with the community and stimulate both public debate and significant reform of programs and services for families across the country.

A logo for International Year of the Family is available for use by contacting the Secretariat on (07) 224 7726.

National Forum on Refugee Young People

Over 80 people attended the invitation-only National Forum on Refugee Young People held in Melbourne on the 1 October 1993.

Representatives came from federal departments, church groups, key interstate agencies and workers and young people of refugee backgrounds.

THE FORUM was organised by the Ethnic Youth Issues Network in conjunction with the Australian Bicentennial Multi-cultural Foundation (ABMF) and the Australian Youth Foundation (AYF). The aim was to create greater understanding and awareness amongst workers and key policy makers to the plight of refugee and asylum seeker young people, and provide an opportunity to explore solutions to the concerns raised.

Issues covered on the day included: the experiences of young refugees who have survived or witnessed family and friends being tortured or violated against, or lived in atrocious conditions in refugee camps, and the overwhelming sense of dislocation and alienation felt in attempting to resettle in a new country. Accommodation options are extremely limited for most of the newly arrived refugee young people, often moving around for a number of years through a variety of inappropriate living arrangements. Governments agencies and bodies often have little or no understanding of their situations and therefore are not responding appropriately.

Mr Hass Dellal of the ABMF said, "These young people have little and in some

cases, no access to mainstream services whilst their applications are being assessed". The particular concerns of asylum seekers of post-secondary school age were also discussed. These young people cannot study here without having to pay overseas students' fees (\$6,000 - \$8,000). They are not allowed to hold Medicare or Health Care cards, and are ineligible for benefits from the Department of Social Security.

Forum participants authorised the organising committee to establish a representative group to take up the recommendations outlined at the forum and investigate how these can be developed into a detailed plan of action. Key government department representatives, and statewide and national organisations will be invited to participate in the follow-up action from the Forum.

For a copy of the forum proceedings (\$5.00) or further information contact Carmel Guerra at EYIN: (03) 419 9122.

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YACCA State Seminar to be held in September

YANQ has gained funding to host a 2-day seminar for YACCA projects in Queensland. The seminar will be held on 5-6 September at the Kondari Resort in Hervey Bay and will immediately precede the 1994 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference (to be held at the same venue). Funding has been provided to cover the costs of representatives from each YACCA project to attend, which will provide the first opportunity for all Queensland project workers to develop networks, practice strategies and policy. A Steering Group has been established to plan the seminar and further information will shortly be available through YACCA newsletters or is available by contacting YANQ on (008) 177 899 or (07) 852 1800.

YOUTH SECTOR EXPRESSES CONCERNS ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND MENTAL HEALTH

THE FORUM heard that the recent Mental Illness Inquiry, conducted by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, had been highly critical of all the states for their treatment of young people with a mental illness. The Inquiry was particularly critical of Queensland which spends less per capita on mental health than the other states.

The Forum provided participants with an overview of the major findings and recommendations of the Inquiry (these were summarised in the December '93 edition of *Network Noise*). Eric Moes and Bettina Judd from Brisbane Youth Service discussed their experiences of working with young people with a mental illness. According to Bettina and Eric, many of these young people had received some treatment from the mental health system, but in many cases this assistance had been provided with little follow-up, and by organisations

On 10 February 1994 approximately 80 youthworkers, health workers and mental health workers attended a Mental Health Forum hosted by YANQ in Fortitude Valley.

which were poorly equipped to deal with the needs of highly disadvantaged young people. They suggested that the development of long-term, trusting relationships was the basis for effectively assisting this group.

Dr Harvey Whiteford, Queensland's Director of Mental Health, acknowledged the enormous gaps in services for mentally ill young people. He informed the group that the Mental Health Branch of the Health Department was currently reviewing the types of services provided to young people, with a view to reforming services over the next three years. An extra \$6 million has been allocated to services for young people over this period. James Finn, from Youth and Family service in Logan

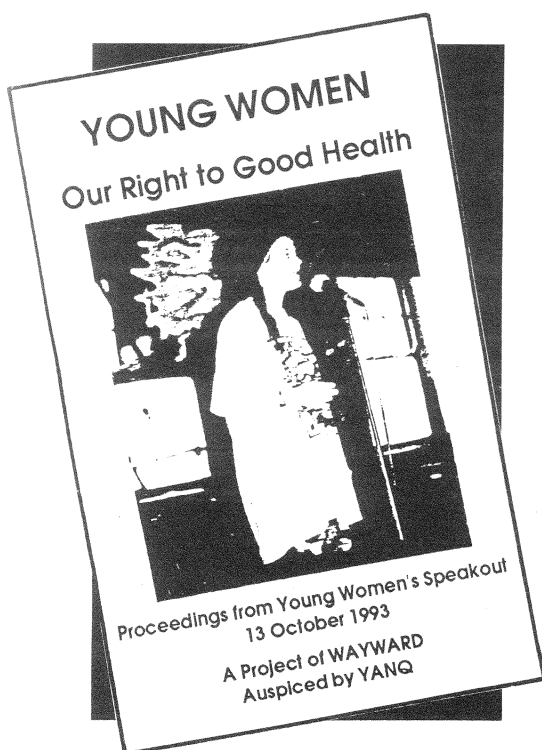
City, is a member of the review group. (James can be contacted on (07) 208 8199).

After hearing the Health Department's plans on the issue, participants broke into small groups to discuss strategies which could be pursued at regional and statewide levels. Among the strategies identified were:

- ☐ better training for community-based and institutional youth and health workers;
- ☐ the provision of transitional services for young people leaving hospital; and
- ☐ improved coordination between relevant government departments.

Proceedings of the day are being published and outcomes of the Forum will be forwarded to the Health Minister.

If you would like further information contact Tim Wilson at YANQ on (07) 852 1800.



Young Women Our Right To Good Health

In October 1993 a speakout on young women as health consumers was held as part of Youth Week. Coordinated by WAYWARD (Women Alongside Young Women for Action, Research and Development), the speakout attracted approximately 60 young women from metropolitan Brisbane and beyond.

Young women discussed health issues ranging from pre- and post-natal care, gynaecological examinations, and domestic violence, to health rights and their treatment by health professionals. Health professionals attended afternoon sessions to hear young women's opinions.

The report "Young Women: Our Right To Good Health" includes speeches by young women and guest speakers, photos, and documents background information to the speakout, details of the day and an evaluation.

For a free copy of the report contact Cheryl at YANQ on (07) 852 1800.

AYPAC

YOUTH GATHERING '94

7-9 July 1994

Sydney

The Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC) is holding a Youth Gathering '94 conference, 7-9 July in Sydney.

The aim of the conference is to stimulate debate and attract community attention to youth issues. It will also represent a partnership of young people and those that work with young people.

The conference will run from Thursday to Saturday, with the Saturday including a large Expo event with stalls staffed by agencies and organisations in the youth sector. This event will be open to the public and the media.

AYPAC is consulting with youth organisations about what they are able to contribute to the conference and what they would hope to get out of it. AYPAC is keen to hear from young people directly on their expectations of the conference. We would appreciate your assistance in distributing this flyer through your networks.

Young Writers

Youth Gathering '94 will have its own conference newspaper being produced by a team of young people. Subsidies to attend the conference may be available for these young people.

Health Posters

As part of the Saturday Expo event AYPAC is hoping to include an exhibition of health education posters (and other visual material) targeted at young people. The exhibition will include historical as well as contemporary material, conservative and contentious campaigns, and posters which are pretty, as well as scary. As long as it is about health (including HIV/AIDS education) and targeted at young people, we want a copy.

If you have material which should be seen more broadly we would appreciate hearing from you. Or just send us a copy of the material. If required, posters can be returned after the exhibition.

Please fill in this "Expression of Interest" form and return it to AYPAC. We hope to see you at Youth Gathering '94.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY

Initial Expression of Interest

Note: This expression of interest does not commit you, it is intended to give guidance to AYPAC in the organisation of the conference.

1) I am interested in:

- ☐ Attending the conference
- ☐ Organising an Art exhibition/event/creation about: _____
- ☐ Presenting/organising a theatre event about: _____
- ☐ Running a workshop on: _____
- ☐ Taking part in/organising a panel discussion on: _____
- ☐ Presenting a paper on _____
- ☐ Distributing information on _____
- ☐ Having a "stall" at the Saturday Expo on _____
- ☐ Writing/laying out for a conference newspaper
- ☐ Being a facilitator
- ☐ I would like to the following issue/s covered at the conference _____
- ☐ I have no interest in the conference and do not wish to receive further material because: _____

2) Facilities

Youth Gathering '94 hopes to be able to offer the following facilities. Please tick facilities you would use and others that may be appropriate:

- ☐ Vegetarian meals, ☐ Vegan meals, ☐ Kosher meals,
- ☐ Wheelchair access, ☐ Signing, ☐ Childcare,
- ☐ Alcohol-free social events, ☐ Cheap/shared accommodation,
- ☐ Not-as-cheap single accommodation,
- ☐ Subsidised bus travel to the conference, ☐ Other: _____

3) Any other comments you would like to make: _____

Please return to AYPAC, PO Box 519, Dickson ACT 2602 or fax (06) 241 8066.

AYPAC Young Spokesperson

BONNY BRIGGS has been appointed AYPAC Young Spokesperson for 1994.

Bonny is a young Murri woman from the Gamilaroi tribe in north-western New South Wales. For the past four years she has been involved in HIV/AIDS and safe sex education with at risk young people, using a model of harm minimisation. Speaking to AYPAC Bonny said,

"As a member of AYPAC I am pleased they have taken the initiative in creating a Young Spokesperson position. This is a logical step towards getting more young people participating in decisions being made that affect them. Young people need to see other young people speaking about their lives, and the broader issues. I believe that if we're not a part of the solution, then we must be part of the problem."

AYPAC's Youth Participation Committee first raised the idea of a Young Spokesperson in December 1992. The aim of the position is



to provide a role model for young people, to enhance opportunities for young people's involvement in AYPAC, provide a more positive media profile for AYPAC and to skill a young person in public liaison.

Bonny can be contacted via AYPAC on (06) 241 8055.



THE PARLIAMENT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH
OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Community Affairs has been asked by the Minister for Social Security, the Hon Peter Baldwin, MP, and the Minister for Health, Senator the Hon Graham Richardson, to inquire into and report to the Parliament on the following matters:

Inquiry into Aspects of Youth Homelessness

The provision of assistance for homeless youth requiring income support, with particular reference to:

- the availability of family support and welfare services (including mediation services), their role and effectiveness in reducing homelessness and in resolving differences before young people leave home;
- the integration of income support provisions for homeless young people with services that assist with family reunion, transition to stable independent living and opportunities for education, training and employment; and
- the appropriateness of income support arrangements for homeless young people, noting the need to not create undue incentives to leave home or school.

Inquiries should be directed to the Secretary, Mr Bjarne Nordin, telephone: (06) 277 4566.

The closing date for submissions is 15 March 1994.

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Youth Health

Action to be taken on health issues affecting young Australians was an outcome of a meeting of the National Representative Board of AYPAC held in Canberra on 12-13 February 1994. A harm reduction levy on the sale of all alcohol beverages which would finance prevention, education and training programs will be a major policy item for negotiation with the Federal Government. Other health initiatives include a call for increased funding of mental

health outreach services for homeless young people and support for a national media campaign on eating disorders and young people.

Policy Responses

AYPAC is also developing a response to two major government policy papers. "Restoring Full Employment" the Government's discussion paper on employment and "Developing Australia", the Kelty redevelopment plan for regional Australia, have provided a huge

policy development task for the AYPAC Secretariat. Policy Officer, Carol Croce, has been coordinating this task from AYPAC's Canberra office. Carol has been working closely with state peaks, including YANQ, on this project.

AYPAC is the peak non-government youth organisation in Australia. It publishes UP 2 DATE, a monthly newsletter for members. Phone (06) 241 8055.

YOUTH ENTERPRISE TRUST

The Youth Enterprise Trust assists disadvantaged young people into responsible and fulfilling careers by:

- ❑ sponsoring people between the ages of 16 and 20 years on a specially designed true wilderness program,
- ❑ helping these young people convert the personal enthusiasm and aspiration flowing from this remarkable wilderness experience into a practical vocational opportunity.

In 1993, the first program of the Youth Enterprise Trust took place, with a highly successful overall outcome (more about this below).

The wilderness program :

These special courses are conducted by Saddler Springs Education Centre which operates out of "Saddler Springs", a remote cattle property hidden away in a enclosed valley in the Carnarvon Ranges. Students on any one course come from a variety of backgrounds, some sponsored through YET, others self-paying, Aboriginal with non-Aboriginal, well-off and poor.

The practical vocational follow-up :

It is crucial to bridge the gap between the newly found goals and the reality confronted by the young person upon return home. This is not done by duplicating existing services. YET works cooperatively with select youth organisations, prospective employers and a growing network to provide this practical assistance.

Last year, the founding program met with remarkable success in helping the participating young people gain a deeper understanding of themselves and of each other and a lasting appreciation of Australia's cultural and environmental heritage.

Most significantly, a large proportion of the graduates have identified their vocational directions and consequently, through their own initiative, have found appropriate jobs and/or training opportunities. Many are also concentrating on reconciling or progressing their personal and family relationships.

The way in which these young people deeply embraced the experience at

Founded in 1990, YET is a charitable

body which is independent of

government and other institutions.

It is directed and formally advised by a number of outstanding citizens

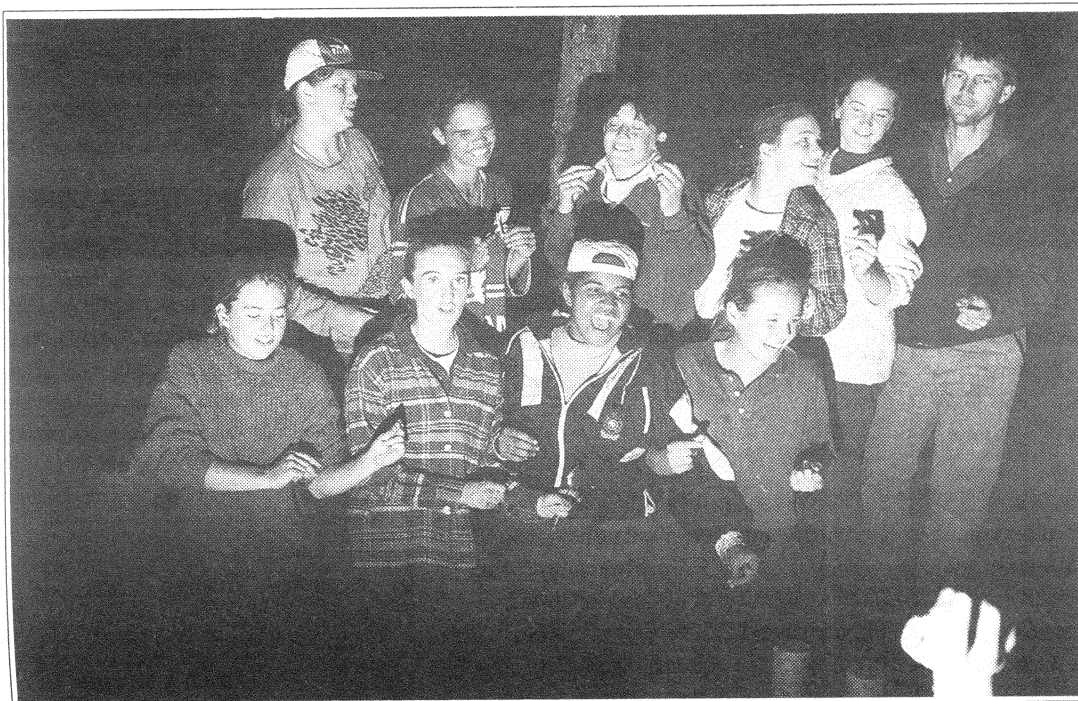
including, Archbishop Peter

Hollingworth.

Saddler Springs and have translated it in thoughtful and practical steps since, has enriched the lives of the staff who shared it with them.

Staying in ongoing touch with the graduates is central to ensuring that follow-up support is continuously available. It will also provide the opportunity to create appropriate vocational and other links at any time in the future.

Expanding and strengthening our co-operative ties with other community-based youth organisations which effectively complement our own program will, we believe, help to contribute in a small way toward the overall solution of our "youth problem".



We are now welcoming applications from disadvantaged young people to the 1994 Course Program, which will run from June to September (seven courses).

If you would like full details, please contact:

Margie Hancock
Youth Enterprise Trust
102 Mc Donald Rd,
Windsor 4030

PH: (07) 857 5907
FAX: (07) 857 2173

QUEENSLAND 1994



**Department of
Tourism, Sport and Racing**

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Sport and Recreation Directory for People with a Disability

The Sport and Recreation Directory for People with a Disability provides details on sport and recreation services for people with a disability, as well as organisations that are a valuable referral point or information source. This directory is a significant step forward in providing an awareness of services available in the diverse field of sport and recreation for people with a disability in Queensland.

1994 Sports directory

The Sports Directory provides details of Queensland's principal sporting organisations, including their key personnel and major sporting events to be conducted in this state during 1994. It is a useful resource for people endeavouring to make contact with the appropriate person in Queensland sport to provide assistance and to find out what sporting events are coming up in Queensland.

For information concerning further available copies of the directories contact the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing on (07) 237 1359 (Sports Directory) or (07) 237 9832 (Sport and Recreation Directory for People with a Disability).

The Yarmid Project

Young People with a Mild Intellectual Disability

The 1989 Burdekin Report highlighted the vulnerability and special needs of young people with an intellectual disability. Appropriate services, however, are still not reaching this group.

The Yarmid Project, (Action Research and Community Development for Young People at Risk with a Mild Intellectual Disability), is in the process of collecting data from service providers, and from young people aged 13-25 years with a mild intellectual disability. This information will form the basis of a funding submission to the DFSAIA for a project which will seek to develop ways of delivering appropriate services to these young people.

The Yarmid Project welcomes your input. If you are a service provider who works with or is in contact with young people with a mild intellectual disability please phone Anne Coleman on (07) 260 7414.

Why DIAL?

The Disability Information and Awareness Line (DIAL) has been developed to provide comprehensive information on disability services across the state. For many people with disabilities (almost 16% of Australia's population), a lack of information about the existence of such services denies them the opportunity to enjoy the same opportunities other members of society take for granted.

DIAL provides access to information on approximately 2000 disability specific services across Queensland at no charge. All you need to do is contact the DIAL Information Officer on the numbers listed below.

DIAL is available to

- people with disabilities;
- family members of people with disabilities;
- carers;
- friends of people with disabilities;
- government workers;
- service providers; and
- students.

DIAL information officers can:

- help you see what options there are
- help you find your way around the "system"
- refer you to agencies which can help
- send you computer printouts of the information you require

DIAL

**(07) 224 8031 or (008) 177 120
or fax (07) 224 8037**

It is useless to desire more time if you are already wasting what little you have - James Allen



Australian Storeez:

CONTACT Youth
Theatre Program
1994

Australian Storeez was launched with the commencement of Term One workshops (Metro Arts Centre) and the Milpera Project (Outreach). The CONTACT calendar follows:

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|--------------|--|
| Feb- June | Metro program (Term 1: Ideas for Australian Storeez) (Term 2: Skills) Milpera (Drama-based workshops with newly-arrived NESB students at Milpera School) |
| 28 Feb | Human Rights Day (Anti-racism workshop at Students' Conference, Department of Education) |
| 6 March | Hundred Years, Hundred Voices (Performance, South Bank) |
| April - July | Dancing Up (Aboriginal and Islander dance and cultural workshops at Brisbane high schools) |
| 13 - 19 June | The Big Canoe at Out of the Box : Festival of Early Childhood (Interactive play - activity) |
| June - Sept | Metro Program (Term 3: Rehearsal/performance of Australian Storeez) |
| 31 July | Fiesta Multicultural Festival (Youth Space) |
| Sept | Our Backyard (Cross Cultural Youth Arts Festival, Yungaba) Australian Storeez Camp (Drama camp for mainly NESB and Murri young people) |
| Oct | Youth Week Project |
| Oct - Dec | Guerilla Culture Cafe (Major Term 4 performance project with celebrated poet, Komninos). |

Throughout the year CONTACT is conducting intensive weekend workshops in particular skills areas, eg: circus, video, fashion design, acting.

For more information about the Australian Storeez program and workshops, please contact CONTACT on (07) 221 5443, or come up to the Metro Arts Centre, 109 Edward Street, Brisbane City.

TWO HIGH

*Brisbane's first ever Celebration of
Young Women and the Arts*

10 - 31 May 1994

La Boite Youth Theatre and Youth Arts Queensland are pleased to announce Brisbane's inaugural celebration of young woman and the arts. This event has been made possible through the support of the Brisbane City Council.

Two High aims to :

Celebrate

- the diversity and quality of young women's achievements in the arts; and
- young women's cultural diversity.

Recognise

- young women's experiences, knowledge and issues of concern; and
- the role the arts can play in the cultural development of a community.

Ensure young women's access to and participation in

- the broadest range of arts and cultural activities.

Network

- to establish, maintain and improve communication between individuals and organisations involved in the arts and cultural development;
- ideas and information between different cultural groups in the community;

- ideas and information between young women and more experienced arts workers.

Most of all Two High is about having fun and making new friends.

Two High will commence with an official launch at the Sitting Duck Cafe on Tuesday, 10 May with performances and exhibits by a diverse group of local artists. This will be followed by three weekends of workshops and events in various locations in and around Brisbane. The celebration will conclude with a final community event that will bring together everyone who has been involved in the month's activities.

At this stage we would like to hear from individuals and organisations who are interested in being involved.

For further information please contact:

Kaye Nunan
Youth Arts Queensland
Metro Arts Centre
109 Edward Street
Brisbane
PH: (07) 221 5123.

Growing Up *FAST*

"Growing Up Fast" is a film for parents and teenagers on a subject they know well ... being a teenager. It gives parents an interesting and entertaining insight into today's youth, and teenagers the chance to find out what their parents did growing up.

Growing Up Fast is the story of two generations of teenage glory: the baby boomers of the 1960s and the generation they made, the kids of the 90s. It's about the difference in attitudes, job opportunities and home life and street life. It shows Australians in a new era of youth, kids who are growing up faster than ever before, faced with an uncertain future. Some of them are making it, others are not.

Teenagers in the 60s had it all - money to spend, jobs galore, a booming economy and the family unit to fall back on. For the first time, teenagers were in a class of their own, a power group acknowledged by peers, alienated from adults and

nurtured by big business. Bodgies, widgies, rockers, mods, sharpies, freaks and hippies rocked their parents. It was a time of rebellion, yet, at the same time, total conformity with peers.

Growing up in the 90's is different - the economy isn't booming anymore, there's no guarantee of a job and competition is tough with students forced to stay at school longer. The nuclear family is a thing of the past, as is sexual freedom, with the proliferation of STDs and AIDS.

"I don't think anything I've ever done or will do in my life will be as easy as what it has been for my parents."
(Emma)

Homeboys, metalheads, cyberpunks, waxheads, skins, ravers, and hundreds of other sub-cultures now tribalise society. It's a teenage revolution with a difference - leisure time overload.

The film incorporates archival footage, music spanning the decades and interviews with today's young people who reveal their dreams, fears and aspirations. Yet, the 90s kids still hold the optimism and hope characteristic of their parent's generation.

Growing Up Fast features: "046", a rap group from Campbelltown, in Sydney's western suburbs; Ravers enroute to a semi-legal dance party; Cyberpunks, the new-age hippies hooked on virtual reality in search for the perfect world; Asian students Ngan Sam, Maria and Linda; Shannon, a metal head living on the fringe without a future; Simon, a wax-head surfer into 60s music, thrash bands and meditation; and Emma, the new age woman - tough and determined to get ahead.

Ian Cuming
Director

Growing Up Fast screens on Wednesday, 16 March 1994 on the ABC at 8.30pm

Brisbane Youth Service has recently completed a participatory research project looking into the needs of young people involved in opportunistic prostitution in the Fortitude Valley / City area. A report of the findings and recommendations, entitled **"Between a Rock and a Hard Place,"** is now available.

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place" is the culmination of a three-month research project completed in December 1993. Funded through the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs as part of the YACCA Special Project initiatives, the project employed a research coordinator and a team of five young researchers.

The project found that a significant number of homeless young people swap sex for food, money, accommodation, drugs and security.

Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Report on the needs of young people involved in opportunistic prostitution

Opportunistic prostitution is practised in order to survive the day-to-day reality of poverty once young people leave home. The young people interviewed had all left home because of sexual, physical or emotional abuse. All the young people interviewed found the experience of opportunistic prostitution to be degrading and damaging, both mentally and physically. The issues for young people involved in opportunistic prostitution included safety, HIV/AIDS risks, powerlessness, self-esteem, poverty, drug use and lack of resources for dealing with any of these problems. Many quotes from young people have been used throughout the report to

bring the information to life, as well as to ensure that it accurately reflected what young people wanted to highlight as their main concerns. The report concludes with a number of recommendations surrounding these issues.

As well as being informative and easy to read, the report can be used as a practical manual for participatory research projects similar to this one.

Susan Ferguson
Research Coordinator

Limited copies of the report are available from Brisbane Youth Service on (07) 254 1131.

Train the Trainer

Cross-Cultural Awareness Workshop

21-23 March 1994

Presented by John Gunn
International Trainer and Facilitator

Sponsored by

The Bureau of Ethnic Affairs,
Queensland Centre for Cross-Cultural Development
and
The Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs

The workshop will cover important aspects of cross-cultural awareness, provide examples of cross-cultural training programs and assist participants to develop programs relevant to their own organisations. A practical approach with exercises, case studies, videos, stimulations and role plays is used to develop the knowledge and skills of all participants.

While the workshop provides background information on cultural diversity, it also presents a range of approaches to deal with ethnocentric, stereotypic and racist attitudes and behaviour. It looks at the impact of adjusting to a new culture and promotes effective cross-cultural communications skills.

DATE: 21-23 March 1994

VENUE: Yungaba, Conferemce Room A
120 Main St, Kangaroo Point 4169

COST: \$240 (Includes morning and afternoon teas,
lunch and course materials).

Places are limited.
Contact Rosalind Muller on (07) 249 3614.

THUMBS UP



to Local Governments in Queensland which have employed Youth Development Officers, and to DTSR for providing a funding program for these positions.

THUMBS DOWN



to Vince Lester, MLA for Keppel, for expressing admiration for 'Saudi justice' - chopping off thieves' hands and corporal punishment for young or minor offenders.

Employment 2000 Skillshare Brisbane

Youth Course SCHOOL'S OUT - LIFE'S IN

This free course is designed to help motivate and give confidence to young people and to provide them with job search training.

Contents

- Career Options
- Job search Training
- Resume Preparations
- Telephone Techniques
- Application Letters
- Introduction Letters
- Doorknocking Methods
- Personal Grooming
- Interview Techniques (interviews will be conducted by actual employers)
- Outdoor Activities (abseiling, bush survival and safety, ropes course, rock climbing, overnight camp)
- Communication skills (listening effectively, body language, stress and time management, budgeting and organisational skills)

Expected Outcomes

Participants to have identified an Action Plan and to proceed in obtaining their goals by commencing further training and/or employment.

Dates

| | | |
|-------|---|---------------------|
| Y1/94 | - | 31 Jan - 11 Feb |
| Y2/94 | - | 21 Feb - 4 March |
| Y3/94 | - | 14 March - 25 March |
| Y4/94 | - | 5 April - 15 April |
| Y5/94 | - | 26 April - 6 May |
| Y6/94 | - | 16 May - 27 May |
| Y7/94 | - | 6 June - 17 June |

Pre-requisites

Eligible participants must have been unemployed for any length of time, willing to join in with the group and wanting to plan and prepare for a future which includes employment.

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Times: | 9.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday (except Y4 and Y5) |
| No. of participants: | 6 per course |
| Instructor: | Felicity Fleming |
| Referrals: | Through reception with interviews held each Friday between 10.30 am - 12.30 pm |
| Contact: | (07) 358 5455 |

For further details contact
Employment 2000 Skillshare on (07) 358 5455.



Talking Training

A first for Community Radio

What does competency based training mean to you? Or recognition of prior learning? As a student or parent, do you need to know more about the changing role of TAFE? As an employer, are you seeking information about current labour market programs or assessing the effectiveness of your train nig under the Training Guarantee?

Talking Training, the weekly National Community Radio program on what is happening in vocational education and training, is designed to provoke you with the answers to questions such as these - and many more!

There are no easy solutions to the current frightening levels of unemployment, both of young people trying to find their first job, and men and women in mid-career experiencing loss of employment through restructuring or redundancy. Yet if we are to compete internationally, a skilled and flexible workforce committed to a philosophy of recurring and structured lifelong learning is essential.

Talking Training makes use of a magazine format with usually two, three or four discrete items. However from time to time, a full program is devoted to an issue or development of national interest. Good practice and innovation are featured regularly, along with information on sector developments and issues, training options conferences and related resource materials.

Tony Ryan
Talking Training

TUNE IN TO:

| | | | |
|------------|---------|-------|---------------|
| Brisbane | 4RPH | 1296 | Sat 12.30pm |
| Caboolture | 4OUR FM | 91.5 | Fri 10.00am |
| Cairns | 4CCR FM | 89.1 | Thurs 10.30am |
| Roma | 4RRR FM | 101.7 | Fri 4.30pm |
| Townsville | 4TTT FM | 103.9 | Tues 11.30 am |

YANQ COMMITTEE PROFILE

Name: Jenny Gilmore
Occupation: Lecturer
Place of Work: Dept of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Queensland
Starsign: Leo

Brief training and work history:

- 1979-84: Worked at UQ Library
- 1984-86: Finished Bachelor of Social Work fulltime
- 1986-87: Youthworker: Kedron Lodge
- 1987-90: Coordinator: Kedron Lodge
- 1990-91: Social Worker: C'wealth rehabilitation Service, Logan City
- 1991- now: Lecturer, Dept of Social Work and Social Policy

Special skills/interests in the youth field:

- Direct work (counselling) with marginalised young people. Presently working with young women and eating disorders.
- Young women's issues generally (especially juvenile justice and young women survivors of sexual abuse).
- Youthworker training and support issues.

Most loved food: Everything except orange peel

Most loved drink: Water, tea, beer, red wine

Favourite female: Isabelle Allende

Favourite male: Armistead Maupin

Favourite movie: The Big Chill

What is the best thing you've ever done:

Gone to the Maleny Folk Festival

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

More of the same

What books are you reading at the moment:

Marge Piercy "Woman on the Edge of Time",

Rosie Scott "Lives on Fire"

Who would you most like to meet:

Isabelle Allende

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

Funny (strange?), stubborn, supportive

What word/s would you use to describe yourself:

Smartarse, extroverted, happy

What is your idea of perfect happiness:

World peace and an end to violence

What do you procrastinate most often about:

Getting out of bed - how many times to push the snooze button

What makes you most depressed:

Feeling powerless to change things

What trait do you most deplore in yourself:

Finishing other people's sentences

What trait do you most deplore in others:

Superficiality

Which words/phrases do you most overuse:

For sure - I bet - I guess - You know

What is your greatest regret:

Not travelling more

What one thing would improve the quality of your life:

Longer weekends

Which talent would you most like to have:

To play the piano (with more than 2 fingers)

How would you like to be remembered:

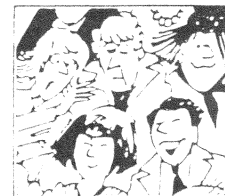
As the oldest woman who ever lived

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent ~ Eleanor Roosevelt



Regional Interagency Meetings

March / April 1994



Cairns Region Youth Services Network

28 April 1994 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

15 March 1994 at 10.00am
(Venue to be determined)

Contact Maryanne Divine

C/- DFSAIA
PO Box 5941 MSO
Townsville 4810
PH: (077) 221 110

Rockhampton Youth Interagency

12 April 1994 at 12.00pm
(Venue to be determined)

Contact Cheryl Greene

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

North-West Youth Interagency

22 April 1994 at 10.00am
Education Centre
Mount Isa

Contact Sue Matthew

C/- DTSR
PO Box 1605
Mt Isa 4825
(077) 432 130

Grapevine Youth Info Centre Committee

16 March 1994 at 12.00pm
Grapevine Youth Centre

Contact Frances Jones

C/- Grapevine Youth Centre
147 Goondoon St
Gladstone 4680
PH: (079) 725 383

Bundaberg Youth Forum

7 April 1994 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

14 April 1994 at 10.00am
One Stop Youth Shop
Collins Place, Duporth Ave

Contact June Webster

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

Gold Coast Youth Network

30 March 1994 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

Beaudesert Interagency

30 March 1994 at 10.00am
Illoura Centre
31 Duckett St, Beaudesert

Contact Margaret McDonald

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



Regional Interagency Meetings

March / April 1994



Western Suburbs Interagency

29 March 1994 at 10.00am
15 Jephson St,
Toowong

Contact Julie Atwood

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

Brisbane Youth Interagency

(Not available)

Contact Eric Moes

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

Logan Youth Interagency

29 March 1994 at 3.00pm
C'wealth Centre
Ewing and Carmody Sts
Woodridge

Contact Elon Foley

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

Wynnum Youth Interagency

(Not available)

Contact Bev Cooper

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

Caboolture Youth Network

6 April 1994 at 1.00pm
Caboolture Community Care
Services, King Street

Contact Jacky Davies

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1180
Caboolture 4510
PH: (074) 957 588

Annerley Youth Interagency

(Not available)

Contact Tracey Rimes

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

Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY

14 April 1994 at 1.00pm
Inala Youth Access Centre
Inala Plaza

Contact Tony Kelly

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

Ipswich Youth Focus

30 March 1994 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

6 April 1994 at 3.00pm
DFSAIA
100 George St, Beenleigh

Contact Linda Ford

C/- Eagleby Community
Centre
Cooper Ave
Eagleby 4207
PH: (07) 807 3833

POSITIONS VACANT

Conference Coordinator

1994 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference

The 1994 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference requires a Conference Coordinator - 600 hours (April - Oct '94). Major duties of the position include:

- ☐ liaison with Conference Steering Group;
- ☐ organisation of conference program, including speakers, workshops and other items;
- ☐ liaison with Conference venue;
- ☐ planning of accommodation, transport, catering and other logistical needs.

For further information contact Lindsay Granger at YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899.

Coordinator

Brisbane Youth Service

Brisbane Youth Service (BYS) is a community based organisation which has been operating for 17 years. It provides a range of services to homeless and disadvantaged young people in the Brisbane City area, including: detached youthwork, medium term accommodation, clinical and education health services and young families support programs. The organisation employs 15 staff. The main duties of the position include:

- development and coordination of all programs;
- professional supervision and support of staff;
- oversight of BYS administration; and
- liaison between BYS and the government, community, media etc.

Written applications, including the names of two referees, should be addressed to:

The Chairperson : Brisbane Youth Service
PO Box 1389, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

For further information and a job description contact BYS on (07) 254 1131.

Applications close Friday, 18 March 1994.

Expressions of Interest are invited for the position of

Facilitator

for a 2-day seminar of YACCA projects to be held on 5-6 September in Hervey Bay. Duties include:

- ☐ assisting in the development of the seminar agenda;
- ☐ direct facilitation of plenary sessions at the seminar;
- ☐ production of seminar report.

This position will be supported by a Steering Group and a Seminar Coordinator. Hours are negotiable.

Expressions of Interest are required by 31 March 1994.

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

POSITIONS VACANT

Project Supervisor Project Officer

Inala Youth Service Young Women's Program

The Young Women's Program at Inala Youth Service requires a Project Supervisor (20 hours) and a Project Officer (220 hours) to conduct a needs analysis of young women in the Ipswich West Moreton area.

For further information and job descriptions phone Margaret at IYS on (07) 372 7270.

POSITIONS WANTED

I have recently moved to Brisbane from Melbourne and am looking for employment in the youth sector. I am married and have one 3 year old son.

My qualifications include:

- Youth Counselling Certificate;
- Certificate of Frontline Training;
- Associate Diploma Arts (Welfare Studies).

My experience includes:

- Southbridge Adolescent Service: Youthworker (May 92 - Jan 94);
- St Vincents Boys Home: Youthworker (June - Dec 92);
- Melbourne Youth Club: Coordinator (Jan 91 - March 92).

Please contact Peter Melrose: C/- Peter Bootes on 378 3595 (b/h) or 376 1835 (a/h)

WELFARE COUNSELLOR/GROUP FACILITATOR

Qualifications and Experience:

- 6 years field experience;
- BA Welfare Practice
- Associate Diploma Community Welfare
- Certificate in Crisis/Marriage Guidance Counselling
- Financial Counselling
- Groupwork facilitation

Please contact Timothy Mawson on 245 4100 (b/h) or 409 5580 (a/h)

PART-TIME OR CASUAL WORK

My name is Hasya Doupe and I am a 2nd year Social Work student seeking part-time or casual work. I am mature and responsible. I have broad volunteer experience and I am interested in working to empower others. Please contact me on (07) 371 6267.

Brisbane City Council CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Submissions are now called from community groups seeking funding for cultural development projects planned for the 1994/95 financial year under the BCC Cultural Development Grants Program.

The Cultural Development Grants Program aims to:

- foster the developing identity and unique character of Brisbane;
- encourage community participation in cultural activities; and
- support communities which have been previously disadvantaged through lack of access to cultural programs.

It is expected that most grants will be in the range of \$2000 - \$5000. These grants are not intended to cover the general operational or running costs of organisations.

Intending applicants should obtain a copy of the guidelines and an application form prior to seeking any further information on the grants program.

A workshop for intending applicants will be held on Saturday, 19 February, 1994 in the Sherwood Room, Brisbane City Hall from 10am to 1pm.

Guidelines and application forms are available from:

Cultural Development Grants Officer
Department of Recreation & Health
Brisbane City Council
GPO Box 1434
Brisbane 4001
Telephone 225 6393

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**Applications close
30 March, 1994**



COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
COUNCIL ON AIDS

1995 Commonwealth AIDS Research Project Grants

Applications are invited for project grant support under the Commonwealth AIDS Research Grants (CARG) program for research in areas relating to HIV infection and its prevention.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, with support for successful applicants being available for periods of up to three years. Support for this round of applications will commence in January 1995.

Proposals for research into any aspects relevant to HIV and AIDS in Australia, will be considered in the broad range of biomedical, clinical and social sciences. Under the new HIV/AIDS Strategy 1993-94 to 1995-96 the priorities for the CARG program will be:

1. Limiting the spread of HIV infection through research into ways in which transmission of the virus can be reduced or eliminated; studies to determine patterns of spread of infection and to define risks associated with different behaviours; identification of social, cultural and contextual influences which place individuals at risk; and development and evaluation of methodologies for groups that are hard to reach.
2. Reducing harm to individuals and communities from HIV infection through investigation of the effect of HIV on the immune system; clinical and pharmacological research; assessment of new markers of infection; and examination of the social, cultural and other effects of infection on those infected and their carers, and of ways of limiting adverse effects.
3. Translating research into policy and practice by examination of social, ethical and policy responses.

An application must be submitted on the designated application form, through the administrative office of the institution which would be responsible for administering the grant. The closing date for applications is 18 March 1994.

Application forms and further information are available from:

**The Secretary
Commonwealth AIDS Research Grants
Committee
Department of Human Services and Health
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Phone: (06) 289 7179 or 8792
Fax: (06) 289 6957**

Important: closing date for applications is
18 MARCH 1994.

Australian Families: The Next Ten Years

In conjunction with the Federal Government and the Australian Institute of Family Studies, the South Australian Government will hold the major national conference for the International Year of the Family. Proposed themes include: ♦ the family and new economic directions; ♦ disadvantage and the family; ♦ the family in Australian society; and ♦ the family in public policy.

DATE: 20-24 November 1994
VENUE: Adelaide

For further info contact Ron Layton, Office of Cabinet and Government Management, Dept of the Premier and Cabinet, GPO Box 2343, Adelaide 5001. ☎ (08) 226 3637.

Families in Violence-Free Communities

Call for Workshop Proposals, Papers and Posters

This 2nd Child Protection Conference aims to: ♦ share the newest techniques and ideas regarding work on prevention of child abuse and neglect; ♦ investigate children's survival strategies and ways of helping them cope with neglectful and abusive situations and processes within the family and the community; ♦ recognise and value the differences of child, mother, father, family workers and to enjoy differences; and ♦ encourage and affirm workers in the field of child protection.

DATE: 19-20 July 1994
VENUE: University of Western Sydney,

For further info contact Marilyn Lawlor or Dianne Wagg, The Cottage Family Care Centre, PO Box 357, Campbelltown NSW 2560. ☎ (046) 281 855.

Issues Affecting Rural Communities

Underpinning this conference is the proposal that rural education, health, community and economic development can come together as a new area of study creating modes for collaborative work on human issues in rural communities.

DATE: 10-15 July 1994
VENUE: Sheraton Breakwater
Townsville

For further info the Conference Management, Centre for Open Learning, James Cook University, Townsville Qld 4811. Ph (077) 814 685 or fax (077) 814 018.

Youth Gathering 1994

See page 8 for further details

DATE: 7-9 July 1994
VENUE: Sydney

For further info contact AYPAC, PO Box 519 Dickson ACT 2602. ☎ (06) 241 8055 or fax (06) 241 8066.

Aboriginal Justice Issues II

Organised by the Australian Institute of Criminology as a follow up to the 1992 conference, it is expected that topics will fall under broad headings and provide for formal presentations and workshops on: ♦ the Mabo decision; ♦ community crime prevention initiatives; ♦ women's issues; ♦ juvenile justice; ♦ Aboriginal/police relations; ♦ preventing family violence; ♦ judicial issues.

DATE: 14-17 June 1994
VENUE: Townsville

Contact Sandra McKillop, Conference Unit, AIC, GPO Box 2944, Canberra ACT 2601. ☎ (06) 274 0223 or fax (06) 274 0225.

Youth and Theatre Arts Conference

At the 1993 Youth and Theatre Arts Conference held in Adelaide, youth theatres from across the nation agreed to establish an Australian Youth Theatres Association, for which NSW is currently the acting executive. The 1994 Youth and Theatre Arts Conference will be held in Melbourne in June 1994 as part of the Next Wave Festival.

DATE: 20-22 May 1994
VENUE: St Martins (see below)
COST: \$70.00

For further information contact Chris Thompson, St Martins Youth Arts Centre, 28 St. Martins Lane, South Yarra VIC 3141. ☎ (03) 867 2477.

Australian Community Health Association 5th National Conference

DATE: 3-5 May 1994
VENUE: Brisbane

For further info contact Samantha Gray, ACHA, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064. ☎ (07) 369 0477 or fax (07) 369 1512.

Health and Young People

AAAH invites you to register your interest in presenting a paper at their National Youth Health conference. Organisers are especially interested in ideas from young people and workers with young people which promote the health of young people and reflect the theme of the conference, "Together and Moving".

DATE: 20-22 April 1994
VENUE: Adelaide

Contact Carol Atkins on (08) 232 0233 or Tony Straccia on (08) 204 7488.

Youth Subcultures

Theory, History and the Australian Experience

Edited by Rob White this publication provides an overview and survey of the work presently being done in Australia on youth subcultures and youth cultural activity. **Youth Subcultures** provides case-studies and historical sketches of young people engaged in a wide range of experiences. It explores the activities and behaviour of young people, from the bodgies and widgies of the 1950s through to the goths and bogan of the 1990s. It examines the general circumstances underlying the creation of diverse youth subcultures, and reviews the theoretical debates on how to interpret the cultural experiences of young people in contemporary society. The first book of its kind, it provides an essential guide to the lifestyle and cultural concerns of young people in Australia today.

Available for \$28.00 from the National Clearinghouse for Youth Studies, GPO Box 252C, Hobart 7001. ☎ (002) 202 591.

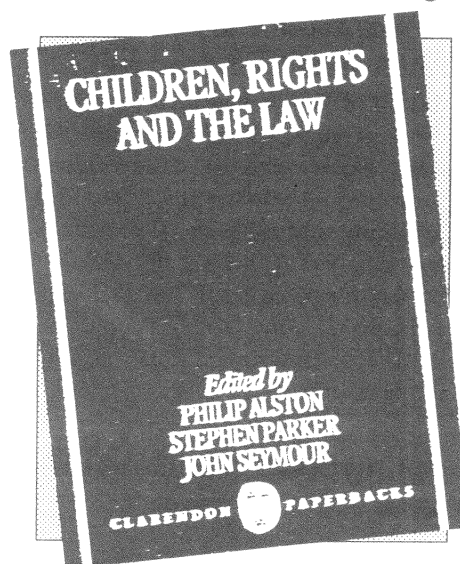
Beyond Swings and Roundabouts -

Shaping the future of community services in Australia

A collection of commissioned articles from leading academics, experts and service providers contributing to the debate about community services as a national industry and the contribution the sector makes to social cohesion and economic development in Australia.

Available for \$19.95 from ACOSS, PO Box K845, Haymarket, Sydney 2000. ☎ (02) 212 3277 or fax (02) 281 1597.

Children, Rights and the Law



Using the Convention on the Rights of the Child as a framework, the contributors to this volume (a special issue of the "International Journal of Law and the Family") set out to re-evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of approaching issues of children's welfare and well-being through the lens of a "rights" approach. The aim is to take a fresh look at these issues and to do so with specific reference to an international treaty that is certain to be ratified by a very large number of countries in every region of the world and which will soon be legally binding in many states.

Available for \$44.95 from the Oxford University Press Australia, GPO Box 2784Y, Melbourne 3001. ☎ (03) 646 4200 or fax (03) 646 3251.

Attaining Independence:

Addressing the Needs of Homeless Young People

Compiled by Catherine Magree and Deborah Elkington this publication consists of extracts from Brotherhood action research projects (1991-93) which look beyond the needs for shelter and personal support: ♦ Attaining a job; ♦ Attaining support from schooling; ♦ Attaining a survival income. Recurring themes from the research: ♦ the inadequacy of financial and support needs; ♦ the absence of safe, secure accommodation; ♦ the barriers to accessing adequate employment opportunities; ♦ the difficulties experienced in accessing study and social security allowances. An important resource for policy makers, service providers, teachers and students.

Available for \$12.00 from the Brotherhood of St Laurence, 67 Brunswick St, Fitzroy 3065. ☎ (03) 483 1317 or fax (03) 417 2691.

WARNING! Poverty is a health hazard

This is a detailed report on what disadvantaged people want from the Australian health system. It is the result of a consultation by ACOSS and the Consumers' Health Forum which canvassed the views of a range of groups, from unemployed young people in Northcote to Aboriginal communities in the Pilbara. The report presents a challenge to the health system and people concerned about economic and social inequalities.

Available for \$19.95 from ACOSS, PO Box K845, Haymarket, Sydney 2000. ☎ (02) 212 3277 or fax (02) 281 1597.

Suicide Awareness

Training Manual

The **Suicide Awareness Training Manual** has been written to provide a practical and helpful resource for educators in the area of suicide awareness. It will help people:

- ♦ learn to understand the warning signs;
- ♦ dispel the myths;
- ♦ learn to recognise potentially suicidal people;
- ♦ understand the needs of survivors of suicide.

Education is one of the keys to preventing suicide. Sections included provide education for schools, parents, the general community and survivors of suicide. The manual also includes case studies, worksheets, resources and transparency outlines. The manual is available for \$50.00 (plus \$5.00 postage and handling) with reduced prices for additional or bulk copies.

A student handbook, **Be a Friend for Life: Understanding Adolescent Suicide**, has been written for use with the training manual. It can also be used alone to help a young person understand more about suicide. It includes myths and facts, warning signs, and gives some practical help for those around the suicidal adolescent. One section covers ways to help a friend or family who have had a loved one complete suicide. Another section shows how to recognise suicidal signs and what to do. The handbook is available for \$2.00 with discounts for bulk orders.

Contact Rose Education, Training and Consultancy, 20 Northern Rd, Narellan NSW 2567. ☎ toll free (008) 606 685 or fax (02) 606 5552.

Shadows and Whispers: Sexual Abuse and the Social Problems of Young People

Examines the relationship between the crime of child sexual abuse and the later experience of drug-related problems, homelessness, suicidal behaviour and other social afflictions affecting young people. By Hayden Brown, available from YACVIC as a \$25 package with "Young People and the Use of Prescription Pills", also by the same author.

Young People and the Use of Prescription Pills

Based on peer interviews this text explores the patterns, reasons and effects of minor tranquilizer use among young people and suggests practical means to alleviate the problem.

Contact YACVIC, 1/250 Gore Street, Fitzroy 3065. ☎ (03) 419 9122 or fax (03) 416 4050.

What It's Really Like: Young Parents Tell

What It's Really Like: Young Parents Tell is designed for use by anybody interested in, and working with, young people. The video was developed by Outreach/Health Workers in contact with pregnant and parenting young people, their partners, family and children and tells about their stories and experiences:

- ♦ Finding out about pregnancy - what to do? who to tell?
- ♦ Accommodation - renting? moving? where?
- ♦ Finance - making ends meet
- ♦ Parenting - expectations/realities
- ♦ Resources - who helps/what helps

The video is available for \$35.00 from Geelong Community Health Service, PO Box 861, Geelong VIC 3220.

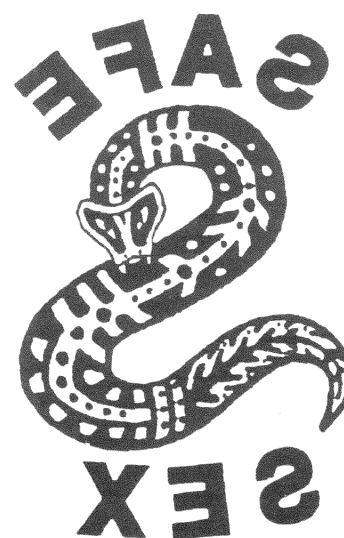
Streetwise Aids Posters

This new **Streetwise Comics** poster is designed to dispel some of the myths surrounding AIDS. The poster complements **Streetwise Comic No. 15** with HIV/AIDS information for young people. It is available for \$2 (for postage) from **Streetwise Comics**, 3 Queen Street, Glebe NSW 2037. ☎ (02) 552 3499.

Safe Sex

The NSW Hands On Project has produced a poster using safe sex messages collected from activities run during workshops with workers and young people. The poster, together with an information magazine and a temporary tattoo (pictured) with a safe sex message, form a resource package which will be launched in early April 1994.

The **Safe Sex** package will be available for approximately \$10-\$20 from Michael at Hands On, Box 8, Trades Hall Building, 4 Goulburn St, Sydney 2000. ☎ (02) 267 6387 or fax (02) 267 8108.



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 450 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 right; • 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

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Young Person | Individual | Income < \$16,000 | \$5.00 |
| | | \$16,000 - \$50,000 | \$10.00 |
| | | \$50,000 - \$100,000 | \$25.00 |
| | | Income > \$100,000 | \$40.00 |
| Organisation | No funding | | \$10.00 |
| | Funding < \$100,000 | | \$40.00 |
| | Funding > \$100,000 | | \$60.00 |
| Government | Department or Service | | \$75.00 |
| Subscribers <i>transitions & Network Noise</i> | | | \$60.00 |
| <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

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| Individual | Income < \$16,000 | N-G <input type="checkbox"/> | Govt <input type="checkbox"/> | \$10.00 |
| | \$16,000 - \$50,000 | N-G <input type="checkbox"/> | Govt <input type="checkbox"/> | \$25.00 |
| | Income > \$50,000 | N-G <input type="checkbox"/> | Govt <input type="checkbox"/> | \$40.00 |

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| Organisation | No Funding | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$10.00 |
| | Funding < \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$40.00 |
| | Funding > \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$60.00 |

Young Person ☐ \$5.00

Government Department or Service ☐ \$75.00

SUBSCRIBERS

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☐ \$60.00

Please tick if appropriate

ATSI individual/organisation ☐

NESB individual/organisation ☐

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