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State Conference Crew Gets into Gear

With less than two months to go, the coordinators of the 1994 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference have kicked into high gear. Finalising arrangements for travel, accommodation, entertainment and workshops (amongst other things!), Sue Wright and Chris Gleeson have some busy weeks ahead in the lead-up to "Making a Difference".

The Program

As with previous state conferences we look forward to a blend of speakers and workshops which will both challenge and inform. Some of the highlights of this year's program include these workshops:

- Sam Watson Jr from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service in a workshop on Arts and Culture
- Georgia Smeal and 10 young people running a workshop on a peer research project sponsored by the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (NYARS).
- Phil Crane and Catherine McDonald's workshop on user rights in youth services
- Suzi Quixley, one of Australia's most experienced youth work trainers, looking at organisational development.

The Venue

The conference will be held at Kondari Resort, a green and relaxing environment in the heart of the Fraser coast. Hervey Bay was nominated as the most preferred venue at the 1992 conference and every effort is being made to ensure participants will get the most out of this year's conference.

However Hervey Bay does have limited accommodation and September is the middle of the whale watching season. Because of this we have offered all the accommodation on site at Kondari as twin share and have made arrangements for those requiring single accommodation with nearby motels. By doing this we can maximise the number of people on site, but the bottom line is still that space is limited so PLEASE BOOK EARLY.

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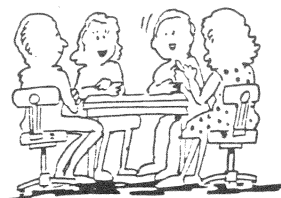
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Coordinating Committee

Update June - July 94

Welcome Judith... Goodbye Rita

Welcome Judith...

YANQ welcomes on to its staff Judith Wootton as the Administration and Publications Officer (APO). Judith has had broad experience of this work in her previous position at the Kangaroo Point College of TAFE Training Centre. This experience, her formal tertiary qualifications and her enthusiasm have helped Judith to quickly become a valuable member of the staff team.

...Goodbye Rita

Rita Riedel, YANQ's wonderful APO for the past three and a half years has been seriously struck down with a case of lovesickness. In order to set up a cure, Rita has moved to South Australia to embark on a new life with her partner. The efficient administration of the organisation and quality of *Network Noise* and *transitions* are indicators of the work that Rita put into YANQ. The Coordinating Committee and staff wish her well in her new adventure.

Decisions Made May-June 1994

That YANQ support the Logan and Albert newsheet entitled "Rave On" to feature in the Logan and Albert News via the inclusion of a YANQ column to the value of \$90 per month.

That a review of the current industrial agreement, staffing structure and wage levels be undertaken for YANQ, by the Employment Subcommittee. A report from this review will be presented at the July Committee meeting.

That YANQ apply for funding under the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund to develop Regional Media Training Workshops.

That YANQ apply for funding under the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund for a Rural and Isolated Working Party project, to develop a rural services directory for young people.

That the renovation of the YANQ conference room, begin as soon as possible. A successful application for a 50% subsidy on the costs of this project was made to the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing.

That the draft media protocol be reviewed prior to the next meeting of the Coordinating Committee, so that it can be applied to various media forms, both proactively and reactively.

Young People and the 1994/95 State Budget

Minor initiatives in mental health and large increases in spending on law enforcement were the main features of the 94/95 State Budget which will affect young people.

Overall there were few measures which will directly benefit young people. The major youth related programs have remained virtually unchanged.

There is welcome, and long overdue, spending on mental health services for young people. \$1.5 million will be spent on establishing child and adolescent mental health services in regions where services are either limited or non-existent. There is also \$13.2 million towards construction of a Psychiatric Unit at the Royal Brisbane Hospital, which will include a 12 bed acute inpatient unit for adolescents. This will be the first acute adolescent ward in Queensland.

There is also \$1.5 million for a Youth Suicide Prevention Service. According to the budget papers, the service's aim will be to prevent youth suicide by increasing community awareness of issues for young people, facilitating access to, and providing more appropriate, community support; and reaching young people before a crisis situation occurs. Funding will cover the cost of employing community development and education officers, medical officers, mental health nurses, counsellors, and social workers. It will also cover training for central teams and local reference group members.

In contrast with the relatively small amounts committed to supporting or assisting young people, funding for the surveillance and punishment of young people fared very well. The Police Budget received a 5.6% increase, funding the employment of an extra 256 personnel. \$2.4 million will be used to establish a property crime squad, and \$1.75m will be dedicated towards the expansion of the Police Beat Shopfront program to increase the police presence in shopping centres.

The Government is clearly concerned about the "law and order" campaign being conducted by the Opposition, which has persistently presented a image of rising juvenile crime (an image not supported by crime statistics).

For the second year in a row the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing received no increase in funding for Youth. More will be spent on improvements to the perimeter fencing of Borallon Prison in 1994/95 than will be spent through the Youth Grants programs. There are no new initiatives to provide recreation opportunities for young people.

The Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs received a budget increase of 10.7% or \$41.76m. This includes:

- \$26 million over three years for improvements in youth detention centres. This will upgrade facilities at John Oxley and Cleveland Youth Detention Centres, and enable the closure of Westbrook and eventually the Sir Leslie Wilson Detention Centre. A new detention centre will be constructed at Wacol.

- \$450,000 towards the implementation of child protection reforms

- the final phase of increase in the Department's resource base. This includes an extra \$1.5 million of recurrent funding and \$2.2 million for capital expenditure, mostly for computers. There is also an extra \$3.2 million to cope with the effects of population growth on departmental and community based programs.

- \$6 million over 3 years to fund a Rural Families Support Package, under which young people are a target group.

- \$300 000 for two pilot projects on flexible support services for people with psychiatric disabilities.

There were no increases in funding to the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP), the Family and Individual Support Program (FISP), or the Youth And Community Combined Action (YACCA) program.

Particularly disappointing was the absence of public transport concessions for unemployed people. As members will be aware, transport costs are particularly problematic for unemployed young people, who receive the lowest levels of income support, and who generally have the least access to alternative forms of transport. An Interdepartmental Committee on this issue reported to Cabinet early this year, but the government has decided to limit eligibility to Seniors Card holders. Queensland continues to be out of step with other states on the provision of transport concessions.

Spending on labour market programs remained unchanged from last year. The Government has maintained high levels of spending on infrastructure to create jobs (\$3.4 billion), and the Youth Conservation Corps has been expanded by 460 places.

However, the Government has proceeded with its plan to discontinue payroll tax rebates for the employment of young people who have been out of work for more than twelve months. This is despite the fact that there is no perceivable reduction in youth unemployment.

The budget was generally disappointing. It is unfortunate that the only area which saw significant increases was the policing and punishment of young people. This may give some indication of the attention juvenile crime will attract prior to the state election next year.

Tim Wilson

YANQ WORKING PARTY UPDATES

The Employment Working Party has been working to finalise the draft Employment, Education and Training Policy so that it can be circulated to YANQ members for comment. Material from consultations with young people is being incorporated, as well as new material arising out of the White Paper on Employment. Members can expect to receive a copy of the draft soon.

The Rural and Isolated Working Party has been seeking funding for its operation and for the publication of a rural services directory, to date, with little success. The Working Party has also commented on the draft Employment, Education and Training Policy.

The Recreation Working Party is waiting to hear back from the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing about funding for a project to compile information on young people's recreation choices. The Working Party has also accessed material from the research phase of YACCA, which will contribute to the development of YANQ's policy.

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 was notified this month that it was successful in obtaining funds to run a research and development project on a Community Development Employment Program (CDEP). The project has been funded by a DEET Youth Strategy Action Grant and will develop a model of using CDEP to provide real work and training for young people in Aboriginal and Islander communities. The project will be working with the CDEP run by the Cherbourg Community Council and it is planned that a model can be developed and implemented in eight months. The project report will outline the model and suggest ways in which it might be applied in other communities throughout Queensland. The Working Party will finalise a job description and selection criteria and it is hoped the position of Project Officer will be advertised soon.

The ATSI Working Party was briefed at its last meeting by Queensland Youth Affairs Conference Coordinator, Sue Wright. Sue outlined the conference format and explained that while there was an ATSI stream, insufficient nominations had been received from workshop presenters. If you are interested in running a workshop on Muri issues at the conference please get in touch with Sue on (07) 852 1800. The conference will be held at the Kondari Resort, Hervey Bay on 7 - 9 September 1994.

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

AYPAC Update

Former TAFE Advocate to lead AYPAC staff

AYPAC has appointed Julian Pocock to the position of Executive Officer following the resignation of Martin Attridge in May. Julian was previously the coordinator of the Victorian TAFE Students and Apprentices Network. In this role he has had wide experience as an advocate for TAFE students, especially in the areas of policy development, organisational administration and lobbying. Julian will officially start work with AYPAC on 1 August, but in the meantime he will be attending the AYPAC National Youth Gathering in Sydney on July 7-9.

Conference News

Over 200 registrations have been received and AYPAC staff expect that the conference will provide a great opportunity for youth workers and young people to attract community attention to youth issues.

Indigenous Youth Policy

AYPAC has received funding to develop its indigenous youth policy. The Aboriginal Reconciliation Unit in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has negotiated with AYPAC to resource a twelve month project which will get under way at the National Youth Gathering. The position has been widely advertised and it is hoped that staff will begin work in August. Any YANQ member, (especially any ATSI member) who would like to participate on a reference group for this project, please get in touch with Lindsay at YANQ for further information. This is a great opportunity to play a role in the development of a national policy on ATSI youth issues.

Youth Gathering '94

Because staff at AYPAC have been working all hours of the day and night to bring you the National Youth Gathering it is intended that the office will operate at a minimal staff level for the following week or so. If you are trying to get in touch with AYPAC over this time, please be patient.

Lindsay Granger

Making a Difference

Queensland Youth Affairs

Conference '94



7 - 9 September 1994

Kondari Resort, Hervey Bay



You can expect workshops, presentations and stimulating debates and events covering rights, racism, risk, Indigenous issues, health, industrial relations, education, young women and violence, rural and remote issues, juvenile justice and much, much more!

Come to the Conference and see who will win the much coveted Conference **Big Name Media Awards**. These precious one-off Awards will be presented to a select number of Journalists, publishers, programs or newspapers who have either presented young people fairly, accurately and responsibly or who have tormented us with a constant barrage of nauseatingly inaccurate and misinformed 'stories' about young people.

The categories so far are:

- R* **The Stuart Littlemore Cross Tie Award for Journalistic Excellence;**
- R* **The Roy and HG Dark Brown Award for the Worst Portrayal of Youth-in-Asia; and**
- R* **The Elle McFeast Live and Petty Award.**

If you would like to help us decide who should win these prestigious, BIG NAME Awards, please send us your articles or make us aware of programs or publications, good or bad, which you think should win one or all of the above Awards.

Conference registration forms are now available so if you haven't already received one, please contact YANQ and an information package will be sent out to you.

Dates to remember:

Application for travel subsidy: **by 29 July**
Early registration (deduct \$20) **by 12 August**
Conference dates **7 - 9 September**

YANQ acknowledges the support of the Youth Bureau,
Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing

Travel Subsidy Extension

Making a Difference
7-9 Sept 94

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for application for a travel subsidy for the Youth Affairs Conference has been extended to:

29 July 1994

Contact the Conference Coordinators Sue Wright
or Chris Gleeson for further information at YANQ
☎ (07) 852 1800

Screen Printers Required!!

An integral part of the Queensland Youth Affairs Conference is the Conference T-Shirt!!!

We would like to hear from any community organisations interested in doing the screenprinting for this year's conference.

Interested parties please contact
Sue Wright or Chris Gleeson at YANQ:

☎ (07) 852 1800

CORRESPONDENCE

Corrie McDonald, a member of YANQ, wrote to Phil Crane, Chairperson, enquiring into the rationale behind the decision published in the February/March 1994 edition of *Network Noise*: "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." Following is Phil's letter of reply:

Dear Corrie,

Thank you for your letter asking for additional information regarding the decision by the YANQ Coordinating Committee not to promote alcohol at youth sector conferences that it coordinates.

The decision arose in the context of considering a variety of issues. These included the preference for the participation by young people in conferences and the broader concern that the link between alcohol provision and conferencing is often taken for granted. The Committee agreed with representations made to it that alcohol provision often had a highly prominent place in conferencing facilities. Further, the Committee felt it was not appropriate to either implicitly promote or prevent alcohol consumption. The view was that the choice of venue should be carefully made. It was felt that wherever possible the venue should not be a hotel or other facility where alcohol was prominently or centrally promoted.

The rationale for the above developed out of a number of issues concerning the 1994 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference:

- that an aim of the conference is to provide a health promoting environment. To this end it was considered important that there be a range of high quality non-alcoholic beverages available;
- agreement with the notion that social participation for young people is often only available at alcohol promoting venues;
- a recognition that alcohol overuse, misuse and abuse exacerbates negative health and social issues;
- the view that it is not the role of the conference to promote, either explicitly or implicitly, the consumption of alcohol;
- the view that it is not the role of the conference to prohibit the consumption of alcohol;
- a pragmatic attempt to maximise the participation of those attending the conference given the significant underattendance at morning sessions at the 1992 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference.

The YANQ Coordinating Committee at the same time recognised that organisation for the conference was primarily the responsibility of the Conference Steering Group. It was also recognised that a range of criteria would affect the selection of the venue. As such the view of the Coordinating Committee can only be seen as an ingredient to the final decision making process.

Thank you for your inquiry,



Phil Crane
Chairperson

UNICEF Critical of Australia's Recognition of Children's Rights

A report released by UNICEF in June has been critical of Australia's protection of the rights of children.

The report, "The Progress of Nations", compares the performance of countries in areas such as child nutrition, education, health and family planning.

The report criticises Australia for being more than twelve months late in submitting its report on the local implementation of the Convention of the Rights of the Child. Nations that signed the Convention agreed to submit a written report within two years detailing the steps they have taken to implement it. Australia is one of 45 nations that have yet to submit reports.

UNICEF sees the submitting of the report as an indication of how seriously a country takes the Convention. UNICEF also criticises Australia for its failure to implement national laws to outlaw the physical punishment of children. Such laws are in force in many OECD countries. In fact, in Austria and Finland they have been in force for more than 100 years.

Countries that have signed the Convention are obliged to protect children from all types of physical or mental violence. The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child has ruled that the smacking of children is a violation of the Convention.

On a more positive note, the report notes that Australia rates well in education and health in comparison to other nations.

Tim Wilson



Police Minister Responds to Juvenile Justice Concerns

As Chairperson of the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland, Phil Crane wrote to the Honourable the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services, Paul Braddy, complaining about "the current misinformation campaign about 'juvenile crime'", and the possibility of "punitive and regressive changes to either policy or legislation".

Phil raised a number of issues including the sensationalism of juvenile crime by politicians and police, calls for tougher legislation, selective media coverage, and the targeting of Aboriginal young people in particular. Following is the Minister's reply:

26 May 1994

Mr P Crane
Chairperson
Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Incorporated
P O Box 116
FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006

Dear Mr Crane

I refer to your letter of 25 February 1994 expressing concern at misinformation about juvenile crime.

While it is appreciated that there has been considerable media coverage on this issue recently, the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Operations Support Command has advised that the image of rampant crime, generated by various media outlets, is not supported by the facts.

Although Police Service statistics do not specifically distinguish those offences committed by juveniles from offences generally, they do indicate that, across the age spectrum, there have only been relatively minor increases in offences such as breaking and entering, serious assaults and motor vehicle thefts.

Repeated endeavours are made to counter inaccurate media assertions; however, it is, as you would be aware, an area largely beyond the influence of government.

The Assistant Commissioner has given an assurance that there is not, and never has been, any policy or campaign by the Police Service to target particular classes of juvenile offenders. The law, as provided by the Juvenile Justice Act, the Criminal Code and other statutes is applied equally to all, according to strict Service procedures, irrespective of racial, cultural or ethnic background.

On the question of police providing inaccurate information to the media and the public, the Police Service Administration Act provides for stringent penalties against police officers who release any confidential Service information without appropriate authority.

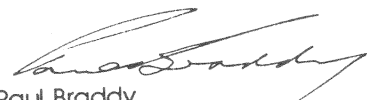
As further advised by the Assistant Commissioner, an intensive, State-wide training program for police is currently being undertaken in regard to the Juvenile Justice Act and associated procedures.

It is suggested that the other measures you propose, are matters which would be more appropriately addressed by the Honourable the Minister for Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs.

Also, as you would appreciate, I am unable to comment on the decisions of the judiciary in relation to the imposition of penalties. Administrative responsibility for the courts system rests with the Honourable the Minister for Justice, Attorney-General and Minister for the Arts.

I trust this information is of some assistance in clarifying the issues from a policing perspective.

Yours sincerely



Paul Braddy
Minister for Police and
Minister for Corrective Services

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Industry Commission Inquiry into Charities

As members may be aware, the Industry Commission is currently undertaking an Inquiry into Charitable Organisations. Public hearings for the Inquiry were held in Brisbane on 6 and 7 June 1994. QCOSS has raised concerns over whether the Commission will gain an informed picture of issues facing the sector overall, especially those organisations in rural and remote parts of Queensland.

At the public hearings 22 organisations gave evidence. These included church organisations (Anglicare, Lifeline Queensland, Lutheran Church), peak bodies/state-wide organisations (QCOSS, Volunteer Centre of Qld, Queensland Shelter, South East Queensland Youth Accommodation Coalition, Qld Country Women's Association, National Association of Legal Centres), locally based organisations (Burdekin Community Association, Community of Inala Legal Service), regional bodies (Logan regional Resource Centre), major service providers (SPELD, Meals of Wheels, Karuna Hospice) and two individuals.

However, only one of these was from outside South East Queensland - the Burdekin Community Association (Ayr). Members of this organisation travelled to Brisbane for the hearings - some at their own personal expense. Of the submissions received by the Inquiry, very few were from regional areas of the state, even fewer from remote parts of Queensland.

In response to this lack of "balance" of information going into the Inquiry from submissions and the public hearings, QCOSS has offered to organise and accompany the Inquiry's Presiding Commissioner, Mr Bill Scales, on a trip to visit a number of organisations beyond the Great Divide and to obtain a better picture of the issues facing these services in rural Queensland.

At this stage the next step in the Inquiry process is the release of the draft report from the Commission (due in mid-October 1994). QCOSS has already raised concerns with the Commission about the one month time-frame available for groups to respond to this report after its release and prior to the second round of hearings.

Extract from the Senate Hansard - Date: 4 May 1994

Senator Woodley - I remind the Minister that the Industry Commission would do its best to ensure that the Inquiry would not result in significant costs being incurred by the charities.

Is the Minister aware that a number of charities have estimated their costs in thousands of dollars, including QCOSS which has conservatively estimated its own costs at \$6,000?

Is the Minister also aware that QCOSS in its submission claimed that most community based organisations will be severely constrained in their capacity to respond to the Inquiry Issues Paper and it will be as a result of redirecting resources away from other areas of work?

Will the Minister now give consideration to allocating funds to reimburse those charities which are out of pocket through providing a submission to the Inquiry?

Senator COOK - The Industry Commission is conducting an Inquiry into charities because a number of leading charities see that as a virtuous and useful course of action for the Industry Commission to undertake.

The charity industry in Australia is a very big industry handling millions of dollars. This Inquiry is about helping to find ways in which charities can be more efficient in the delivery of donated dollars to their client base.

One recognises the idealistic, laudable and very necessary role of the charities industry. An efficiency audit of this sort will help it. Indeed, criticisms of mismanagement in charities from time to time may well be defrayed by such an Inquiry.

However, Senator Woodley is right in saying that the Industry Commission would do all it possibly could to minimise costs on charitable organisations.

I understand that is the case, and that it has instituted various Inquiry mechanisms in recognition of the fact that one does not want to divert the overheads of charities into answering submissions.

It has done so by having representatives of groups of charities sit and talk things through with the Commission, rather than put them to the effort of preparing overarching submissions.

Reprinted from QCOSS news - June 1994

Winter Sleepout 1994

On 12 August 1994 around Australia, young people will come together, bringing their sleeping bags and Pillows to SLEEPOUT in recognition of the plight of the homeless, as part of Brisbane City Missions National Winter Sleepout.

Participants will seek sponsors to sleepout in halls, churches, scout dens, tents and in the open air. Funds raised will assist needy people without a home to call their own.

During the night, one participant will have the chance to win a Hyundai Excel Sprint. A second Hyundai Excel Sprint will be awarded in mid-September to the highest national fundraiser.

We will provide all sponsorship forms and receipt books.

Please phone Robynne Milne at the Brisbane City Mission on 252 3571 to register your group's participation in NATIONAL WINTER SLEEPOUT 1994.

Projects from the Youth Program

The Brisbane North Drug and Alcohol Service Youth Program is currently involved in developing two new and exciting youth related programs

The Young Offender Program

The first program is aimed at addressing the drug and/or alcohol condition attached to correctional orders. This program is currently in draft form and targets young offenders between the ages of 14-25 years. The Young Offender Program can be conducted with individuals or groups of young people. Based around social learning theory, and incorporating experiential learning principles, the Young Offender Program addresses issues relating to drugs, alcohol and safe sex practices in a novel and interesting way. The Young Offender Program has been developed from an extensive literature review of the current trends in this field. The Program is awaiting trial and evaluation with a sample from the target population.

Training Program for Youth Shelter Workers

The Youth Program recognises a need for increased awareness and training of youth shelter personnel when accommodating intoxicated young people. A training program and manual is presently being designed for youth shelter workers that addresses the need for increased knowledge and practical skills in dealing with disruptive incidents associated with intoxication. These resources provide comprehensive information concerning intoxicating signs and symptoms, precautions, diffusing disruptive incidents (prevention), critical incident management, utilising shelter layout, first-aid practices and protocols for management.

The program is aimed at youth shelter workers interested in developing or enhancing skills in dealing with young people affected by drugs or alcohol. The program is still under development, awaiting trial and evaluation. As part of the needs analysis for the program, a questionnaire was sent out to youth shelters throughout Queensland. If you didn't receive a questionnaire and are interested in giving us input, please contact the Youth Program and we will be happy to send one out to you. If you would like to contribute any experiences you have had please contact the Youth Program.

Vanessa Winchester

For further information contact the Youth Program, 29 Grimes Street, Auchenflower 4066 ☎ (07) 870 9122.

First Round Grants Announced - Gaming Community Benefits Fund

The Queensland Treasurer, Keith De Lacy announced on the 30th June successful applicants in the first round of grants from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund. 394 organisations have been allocated grants for community projects with a total value of \$3,141,712.

The Fund was established in December, 1993 as a joint initiative of the Queensland Government and the Club and Hotel industries, designed to develop, strengthen and enhance the capacity of non-government organisations to provide community services.

Mrs Darling, chairperson of the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund, expressed appreciation of the practical support provided to the Committee by the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs and Queensland Treasury which enabled the timetable for the first round to be met.

According to Mrs Darling, the

community based Committee appointed by Mr De Lacy to make recommendations on the grant allocation worked "all stops out" to ensure that the funds were distributed equitably.

"Given the high standard of community projects for which funds were sought, the choice was not easy," she said. "This is particularly so given the fact that the Committee received over 1200 applications in the first round. Obviously, not all applicants can be successful; but those who missed out this time will be considered for the next three consecutive rounds."

Mrs Darling said the Committee has been impressed by the number of

'caring' projects planned by Queensland organisations.

"It is apparent from the first round of applications that the Fund has great potential as a caring initiative of the Queensland Government and licensed clubs."

Mrs Darling encouraged applicants to provide letters of support from local community organisations and leaders.

"This will assist the committee to determine the level of community benefit to be derived from the projects."

For further info, please contact Rod Setterlund, Manager, Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund Secretariat on (07) 227 4290.

NESB Network on Tour

Members of the Non-English Speaking Background Youth Issues Network will conduct Forums in northern and central Queensland over the next two months.

The Forums, which have been funded by the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing will aim to raise awareness of the issues faced by NESB young people in these regions, and promote networking between agencies which can effectively address their needs.

Research conducted by the Network in South East Queensland has revealed that NESB young people are disadvantaged in a number of areas compared with their English speaking background counterparts. Very few services make any effort to increase access by NESB young people, and many youth workers feel ill-equipped to work cross-culturally.

Consequently, most services have very limited contact with NESB young people.

At the Forums, workers will receive copies of "Mission Possible", a report prepared for the Network by Helen Ferguson. The report summarises the major findings of research projects conducted in south east Queensland on NESB young people. It provides a wealth of information for anyone interested in NESB youth issues or ways of developing services that meet their needs.

Copies of the report are also available by contacting Tim Wilson at YANQ ☎ (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899

JOB NET

More than 2,500 young people with a disability graduate from Australian schools each year. Like all graduates, unless they can find work soon after leaving they risk losing their skills, their confidence and their enthusiasm.

Jobnet, a Federal Government initiative providing real alternatives for young people with a disability, helps them make a smooth transition from school to work, or from unemployment to work.

Through activities like extra training in literacy, numeracy and social skills, work trial placements, confidence building, and programs which meet personal vocational goals, young people with a disability will be more prepared to enter or re-enter the workforce.

The pilot program helps people aged 15 to 25. Operating on a one-on-one basis, Jobnet staff determine their client's vocational needs and design an individual package of training and support to specifically meet those needs.

For more information about the program contact the Jobnet team at the Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health on (06) 289 8628 or in Brisbane, phone Bev French - Brisbane (07) 360 2738.

Why Australia needs a Commissioner for Children

The National Children's and Youth Law Centre has released an important discussion paper, "Why Australia needs a Commissioner for Children". The paper contends that young people's rights will be advanced if a Commissioner is appointed to be an independent spokesperson for children and young people, someone who would monitor and comment on laws, policies and practices which impact upon them. The Centre invites organisations and individuals to add their names to the list of supporters so that pressure can be put on governments to act. The paper is available from the Centre for \$5 including postage.

For more information contact National Children's and Youth Law Centre, c/- University of NSW, Sydney NSW 2052 ☎ (02) 398 7488

Negative media reports affect young people

Recent negative media stories about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people have encouraged harassment of young girls and women in the Fortitude Valley area, according to shelter workers with the Barloo Young Women's Group.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are being racially abused and treated with even more disrespect than usual," a shelter worker said.

"Many people are being asked to show taxi drivers that they can pay their fare and they have to listen to racist comments on how to solve the so-called Aboriginal problems in the Valley. Everyone has a view on this.

"The media misquote what Aboriginal people have actually said to them and they show the same video clip about violence over and over again.

"It really annoys us when the media say things like 'this is a spokesperson for the Aboriginal community' when the community has not elected that person to be their spokesperson at all and they may be putting only their own personal views across."

A number of shelter workers said the media should present a more balanced view about youth problems. "It's a problem the whole community is trying to deal with right across this country. It's not just an Aboriginal problem," a worker said.

"There are many organisations in Brisbane and, in particular, Fortitude Valley which are trying to address various issues of concern."

The Barloo Young Women's Group work with young girls and women whose ages range from 13 to 18 years.

Reprinted from Under One Sun, the Anti Discrimination Commission Newsletter, March 1994

YOUTH UNION

***An organisation
created by young
people for young
people***

A new young people's organisation, Youth Union, formed in June 1994 and operates through the dedication of young people and through the support of Brisbane Youth Service. For too long the government and general community have been ignoring the rights of young people and discriminating against us - this is what Youth Union is aiming to change.

Housing is currently a major issue for Youth Union, as around 50% of our members (and the majority of our active members) are homeless young people. We are now in the process of negotiating our own scheme to provide supported housing for young people. We are also taking housing issues to the State Youth Forum and presenting them before the state government. Youth Union will also be producing and launching a video relating directly to homeless youth issues, around the time of the Forum (20th - 22nd July 1994.)

Another issue being given serious attention at the Union is police harassment, where youth victimisation is prominent. Questioning and searches under the Drugs Misuse Act and Mental Health Act are common in Brisbane. They allow invasion of privacy and rape of young people's rights, without any form of warrant. This is just one aspect of police attitude towards young people and their rights. This has to change if young people are in any way expected to have some form of respect for the police force, and ultimately, the government it represents.

We are also attempting to start a Young Parents project, and are in need of support to assist this. In addition, we are also looking at issues relating to

youth recreation and ways to make events more affordable and accessible to young people. Most activities are far too expensive and public transport is quite often completely inadequate or non-existent. In conjunction with this we are organising an affordable concert with organised transport. Abseiling, music workshops, T-shirt designing and radio workshops are also being organised as events for young people to promote their issues.

We have already successfully mediated between missing persons and their parents and authorities, with positive results. As well as this, we are planning mediation between young people in detention and relevant authorities, to improve relations between them. We are also assisting young people on parole and work-release programs.

The one thing we are in desperate need of at the moment, is more support from young people, to voice their opinions as a youth community that is impossible to ignore, rather than as individuals who are impossible to hear.

Please contact Youth Union at:

**836 Brunswick Street,
New Farm, 4006**

**Ph: (07) 254 1131
Fax: (07) 254 1156**

For more information and support

Australian Festival of Youth Arts

Before the last election the Federal Government committed \$2.3 million over four years for the Australian Festival of Youth Arts. The festival is being managed by the Australia Council and a youngish planning committee includes: David Branson, Karen Bryant, Sophie Cunningham, Lesa-Belle Furhagen, Natalie Jenkins, Liza Lim, Deborah Milman, Hiram To, and Zane Trow. Australia Council member, Robyn Archer will liaise between the Council and the Planning Committee. The Festival is likely to be held in 1996.

**For further info contact the Australia
Council on: ☎ (02) 950 9018**



**Confused? Bored? Frustrated? Out
of work? Then YETI is for you!**

Youth Employment Training Initiatives (YETI) is all about helping you (if you're between 15-20 years of age) to get a job, training or education. The program is also an information and referral service linking you with a range of health, legal and crisis services. In short, assistance is available if a problem is stopping you from getting a job, training or education.

YETI offers you one to one personalised assistance with the things that are important to you. You can either enrol in an appropriate course you want or just come in and meet people your own age to get good ideas about what jobs and courses they're doing. Maybe you don't have time to do a course but still need a hand with a few things or need some ideas on what to do next. What can YETI do for me? It can help you with:

- ♦ A job
- ♦ Training & New skills
- ♦ Someone to talk to about anything!
- ♦ Somewhere to live
- ♦ Ideas on how to manage your own flat
- ♦ Food & Clothing
- ♦ Budgeting
- ♦ A drivers licence
- ♦ To meet new friends
- ♦ Or basically to get help with any problem at all

To be eligible for YETI you have to be between 15-20 years of age and registered with the CES for 6 months or more, however if you're got major hassles and have been registered for a shorter period, you may still be eligible. YETI is completely free!

Don't be left out in the cold...

Talk to a YETI Today!

**Contact Rob Wolski, YETI Coordinator,
The Employment Action Centre on
(07) 891 5966 or pop in to:
5 Reid Street, Woolloongabba Q 4102**

Government Response to Wanted: Our Future

A Commentary

Carole Croce, AYPAC Policy Officer

The day before the Employment White Paper was tabled, the Government quietly released its long overdue response to *Wanted: Our Future*, the 1992 report of the Inquiry into youth unemployment conducted by the Senate Standing Committee of Employment, Education and Training. The response was brief (25 pages) and acknowledged that the White Paper would address in more detail several of the Committee's recommendations.

The Government's response to *Wanted: Our Future* was a disappointment. The report and its recommendations were unanimously supported by members of all political parties on the enquiry and AYPAC anticipated that this endorsement would result in concrete strategies for the implementing of many of the recommendations. Instead, several of the recommendations that AYPAC considered critical (eg., increasing income support to the Henderson Poverty Line) were not supported by the Government and were quickly dismissed.

Chairman Terry Aulich noted in the report's introduction that income support arrangements for young people should be examined as a "matter of urgency". He also noted that any reassessment should include a re-examination of waiting period, activity tests, age differentials, and centralisation of income support arrangements into one department. Yet it is precisely the recommendations which address these issues that the Government does not support.

Wanted: Our Future Contains 30 recommendations concerning employment, unemployment and income support issues for young people. In May 1993, the AYPAC National Representative Board

reviewed and endorsed the recommendations concerning income support issues for young people. This commentary will look at the Government's response to those recommendations.

Recommendation 17

The Committee recommends that income support should be increased to a level commensurate with the revised Henderson Poverty Line in the first instance. This is to be funded from savings arising from a 150% tax deduction initiative for new employment recommended earlier in the report.

The Government did not support this recommendation. Their response notes that devices like the Henderson Poverty Line measure poverty "relative to average community income rather than providing an absolute measure of need". In justifying their lack of support, the Government cited "competing objectives and pressures" they must balance, including:

- the principle that parents should, where possible, retain primary responsibility for supporting their children under the age of 18;
- the recognition that young people living with their parents generally have lower costs of living than those living independently; and
- the need to take into account prevailing differentials between adult and youth wages to ensure that young unemployed people have sufficient financial incentive to take up full-time work.

The Government's response merely restates assumptions that the Inquiry

found to be invalid. For example, the Committee noted that calculating income levels on the presumption that family support is available "further disadvantages those who are denied support". The report cites evidence presented during the inquiry that young JSA and AUSTUDY recipients were often expected to "make a significant contribution to household expenses". As for wage differentials providing a financial incentive for young people to take up full-time work, the Committee questioned whether the incentives worked in the opposite direction when young people on very low wages were as poor as young people receiving JSA.

The Government's response does not acknowledge the inadequacy of current income support benefits for young people nor does it state what they believe are appropriate living costs. While rejecting the Henderson Poverty Line as a valid measure of need, the Government does not advocate for an alternative indicator. The Committee agreed that \$200 per week was a reasonably accurate estimate of costs faced by young people on income support and hence recommended increasing benefits to a level to meet those costs.

Recommendation 19

The Committee recommends that waiting periods for benefits be reduced.

The Government did not support this recommendation. In their response, they said that waiting periods "assist in targeting income support by requiring those with available funds to be more self-reliant and encouraged close contact with the labour market." They also noted that waiting periods for school leavers make income support

available **only** after other education, training and employment options have been explored.

This recommendation resulted from the Committee's concern that some waiting periods seemed unnecessarily punitive and perhaps counterproductive during times of high unemployment. The report took note of several of the changes cited in the Government's response but commented that the situation remained unchanged for the majority.

AYPAC favours the abolition of waiting periods. Once a person becomes unemployed, leaves their studies or is forced to live independently, their needs should be met promptly to prevent them from falling into poverty and desperate situations. While recognising the changes outlined in the Government's response, it must be noted that under the new Youth Training Initiative, the waiting period to qualify for the independent rate will **increase** from 17 to 26 weeks.

Recommendation 20

The Committee recommends that the CES and DEET introduce greater flexibility into activity/work test arrangements, at least while unemployment levels remain high.

The Government felt this recommendation required further investigation. Their response cites activity testing as a key component in the "reciprocal obligations" between the Government and the unemployed. For disadvantaged unemployed young people, "activity testing is an integral part of a positive strategy, to help young people establish an early attachment to the workforce". The Government considers the existing activity/work test arrangement to be very flexible but noted they were looking at alternative forms of activity testing, such as the Community Activity Program (unemployed people working with community groups as part of their JSA/NSA agreement). They also acknowledged that they need to provide better information to clients about acceptable activities.

The Committee believed that during periods of high unemployment, the Government should exercise more flexibility in how they interpret job

search and activity tests. The report also advocated for greater flexibility concerning studies, i.e. loss of unemployment benefits if studying more than 6 hours per week; inability of part-time workers to study part-time and receive AUSTUDY. The Government did not respond to these suggestions.

AYPAC supports increased flexibility of the activity/work test for JSA/NSA and those about to begin on the new Youth Training Allowance. As reported in *A Living Income*, "activity tests enforce the notion that unemployment is fundamentally a problem of individuals rather than a problem due to the changing structure of the labour market and economy".

Recommendation 21

The Committee recommends that the age of independence for AUSTUDY be reduced to 21 over the next four years (rather than to 22 over the next three years as currently planned)

The Government did not support this recommendation. Primarily, their objection is one of resources: the estimated cost of reducing the age of independence to 21 is about triple that of reducing it to age 22. The Government believes the resources can be put to better use elsewhere. They did recognise the arguments for lowering the age to 21 but noted this must be balanced against public expectations that parents will support their children while in education.

Other beneficiaries for income support are considered to be independent when they are 21 years old. The Committee believed that the anomaly with AUSTUDY should be resolved by recognising 21 as the age of independence. AYPAC supports the Committee's position.

This article is an excerpt from AYPAC's commentary on the Government's response to the income support recommendations made in *Wanted: Our Future*.

A copy of the Government response to *Wanted: Our Future* can be requested from the Committee ☎ (06) 277 3520

POSITION VACANT

GOLD COAST YOUTH HEALTH AND EDUCATION SERVICE

PROJECT COORDINATOR

This service is jointly managed by Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth, Family Planning Queensland and the Gold Coast Drug Council and targets disadvantaged and at risk young people.

The Project Coordinator will be responsible for

- assisting in the planning and development of the service model for the youth health service
- coordinating the establishment of the youth health service
- developing relevant operational plans, policies and procedures for the service
- supervising the day to day maintenance of the service.

Applicants must possess:

- relevant training and experience in health/health education or social sciences
- demonstrated program development skills
- sound organisational and management skills
- excellent communication and counselling skills
- the ability to lead a team
- Drivers Licence essential.

Annual salary is \$32,000 negotiable.

A position description is available. Telephone (075) 311 577.

Written applications should include a curriculum vitae and contact details for three referees. Closing date 29 July 1994.

Forward applications to:

The Administrative Assistant
Gold Coast Youth Health and Education
Service
25 Queen Street
SOUTHPORT QLD 4215

YSTC ACT

On the Move...

From 11 July 1994, the YSTC ACT will have a new home, as well as a new Executive Officer. The new EO - Peter Galvin - officially started at YSTC on 1 July.

The YSTC ACT will be located at the Civic Youth Centre, 14 Cooyong Street, CIVIC.

The telephone and fax numbers, and postal address will remain the same.

Phone: (06) 257 6321
Fax: (06) 247 1679

Postal Address: P O Box 152, Civic Square ACT 2608.

Literacy Course Information Urgently Needed

If you're designing or running a family or community literacy program for primary aged children and/or their parents/care-providers, then you have a vital contribution to make to a landmark research project commissioned by the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

Please phone Trevor Cairney, Dean of the Faculty of Education, to provide details of your program. It will only take a couple of minutes, and your information will help us build a picture of the current initiatives in parent or family literacy in Australia, how we can improve, and where we need more funding. This information will subsequently be made available to all respondents.

Please phone us now on (047) 360 214. Or if you know anyone who could help us, please cut out this ad and give it to them. Thank you.

*Trevor Cairney, Dean
Faculty of Education.*

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SYDNEY, NEPEAN
P O BOX 10,
KINGSWOOD NSW 2747

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL YOUTH LAW CENTRE

What is it?

The centre has been established to promote the legal rights of Aboriginal children and young people. The Centre is a joint venture of the Aboriginal Legal Aid Services in the NT, the Centre for Aboriginal and Islander Studies and faculty of Law of the Northern Territory University (NTU) and the Law School of Flinders University of South Australia.

Where is it?

The Centre operates from the Faculty of Law at NTU. In July, 1994 the Faculty and the Centre will be moving (from Myilly Point) into a new building at the Casuarina Campus of NTU.

What will the Centre do?

The Centre will identify the major legal issues facing Aboriginal children and youth and promote the protection of their legal rights through publications and lobbying. This will involve promoting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, International law applicable to indigenous peoples and the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. The Centre will work with and provide advice and assistance to Aboriginal organisations involved in assisting Aboriginal children and young people.

Funding?

The Australian Youth Foundation (AYF) will fund the Centre for three years from 1 January 1994. NTU is providing accommodation and other support. The Centre will pursue funding from other sources for projects.

Who to contact?

If you are interested in the work of the Centre you should contact:

Ms Margeret Friel
Director
National Aboriginal Youth Law Centre
Northern Territory University
PO Box 40146, Casuarina NT 0811

TELEPHONE: (089) 466 833
FACSIMILE: (089) 466 852

Youth Legal Aid

Because of the increasing need for specialised assistance for young people, the Legal Aid Office (Qld) has introduced a new service - Youth Legal Aid. Youth Legal Aid is run by Mark Green, Barrister, with part-time assistance from Sharon Butson, Social Worker.

The focus of the service is broader than young people "in trouble". Although resource pressures will result in emphasis being placed on young people with urgent problems, the Legal Aid Office sees the need to provide a service that takes a holistic approach to problems young people face.

Youth Legal Aid will initially concentrate on the Brisbane region, but the model being developed will have state-wide applications. A training scheme is also being introduced state-wide for Children's Court duty lawyers, to lift the standard of representation in all Children's Courts. Youth Legal Aid will be networking and sharing resources with other agencies which provide services to young people.

For information and feedback please contact Mark Green on 238 3378 or Sharon Butson on 238 3467.

YOU can get legal advice from.....

Arts Law Centre (Qld)

4th Floor, Metro Arts Building,
109 Edward Street

Brisbane Q 4000

Advice Session: Monday 6-8pm

*Legal and accounting advice for people
working in the arts industry.*

Bayside Community Legal Centre

23 Lorraine Street

Capalaba Q 4157

☎ (07) 245 2117

Advice Session: Monday 6.30-
8.30pm

By appointment only.

Cairns Community Legal Centre

128 Martyn Street

Parramatta Park Q 4870

☎ (070) 317 688

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-
5pm

*Advice Session: Please contact the
office for times.*

Caxton Legal Centre

28 Heal Street

New Farm Q 4005

☎ (07) 254 1811

Advice Sessions:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday,

6.30-8.30pm No appointment

necessary. *Appointments required for
Wednesday 9.30am - 4.30pm*

Community of Inala Legal Service

28 Wirraway Parade

Inala Q 4077

☎ (07) 372 7677

Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8.30am-4.30pm

*Advice Session: Tuesday & Thursday
6-8pm. Appointment necessary.*

Environmental Defenders Office

2nd Floor, Sutton House,

133 George Street

Brisbane Q 4000

☎ (07) 210 0275

*Environmental legal advice. By
appointment only.*

Financial Counselling Services

1st Floor, 60 Berwick Street

Fortitude Valley Q 4006

☎ (07) 257 1957

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-
5pm

Advice by appointment only.

Logan Legal Advice Centre

(operates from Logan Youth Legal
Service)

2 Rowan Street

Woodridge Q 4114

Advice Session: Wednesday 6pm-8.30pm.

No appointment needed.

Nundah Community Legal Centre

14 Station Street

Nundah Q 4012

☎ (07) 260 6820

*Advice Sessions: Third Tuesday of month
6.30-8.30pm*

Petrie Legal Service

730 Gympie Road,

Lawnton Q 4501

☎ (07) 205 6355

Advice Session: Thursday 7-8.30pm.

*Staffed by volunteer solicitors and
receptionists.*

Prisoners' Legal Service

1st Floor, 106 Boundary Street

West End Q 4101

☎ (07) 846 3384

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-
5pm

*Advice Sessions: Tuesday & Thursday
9am-1pm & 2pm-5pm.*

Queensland Advocacy Inc. (QAI)

Suite 5/40 Tank Street,

Brisbane Q 4000

☎ (07) 236 1122

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-
5pm. *Specialist legal advice for people
with disability over the phone or by
appointment. Fully accessible.*

Roma Legal Service

44 Hawthorne Street

Roma Q 4455

☎ (076) 224 547

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-
5pm.

South Brisbane Immigration and Community Legal Centre

1st Floor, 97 Vulture Street,

West End Q 4101

☎ (07) 846 3189

Advice Sessions: Monday &
Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm

*No appointment necessary. Specialise in
immigration law. Interpreters can be
arranged.*

Suncoast Community Legal Service

5th Avenue

Cotton Tree Q 4558

☎ (074) 437 827

Advice Sessions: Monday 6-8pm &
Tuesday 6-8pm.

*Telephone advice available. Appointments
are required. Staffed by volunteer
solicitors.*

Tenants' Union of Queensland

109 Commercial Road

Teneriffe Q 4005

Tenancy Advice Line (07) 257 1108 or
008 177 761 (toll free).

*Advice lines are open from 9am-4pm.
Tenancy advice only.*

Toowoomba Community Legal Service

Ground Floor, Trades Hall

Russell Street

Toowoomba Q 4350

☎ (076) 383 950

Office Hours Monday - Friday 9am-
1pm & 2pm-4pm.

Advice Sessions: Monday 5.30-7.00pm.

*Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday during office
hours. Regional advice sessions*

Stanthorpe (076) 813 777, Goondiwindi

(076) 713 574. Thursday 1pm-3pm at

local Neighbourhood Centre.

Appointments are necessary.

Townsville Community Legal Centre

Suite 1, St James Place (via Denham St)

☎ (077) 215 511

*Office hours: 8.45am-5pm, closed from
1pm-2pm. Outreach throughout region.*

Welfare Rights Centre

1st Floor, Keeper House, 99 Gregory
Tce, Spring Hill

☎ (07) 832 2922

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-
5pm. *Appointment necessary. Telephone*

*advice for people in remote areas. Advice
for social security beneficiaries.*

Women's Legal Service

30 Thomas Street

West End

☎ (07) 846 2066

*Advice Sessions: Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday 6.30-8.30pm. Drop in or ring -
no appointment needed. Daytime advice*

*by appointment only. Run for women by
women.*

Youth Advocacy Centre

217 Lutwyche Road, Windsor

☎ (07) 857 1155

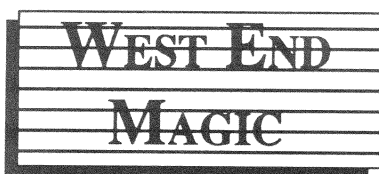
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-
5pm.

*Advice for young people aged 10 - 17
living in or near Brisbane.*

ATTENTION

Youth Housing Project is seeking new members for its Committee. If you are interested in issues surrounding youth homelessness and would like to contribute to a community based management committee, please contact Cathy Beadnell ☎ 252 8022

The Youth Services Program
proudly presents:



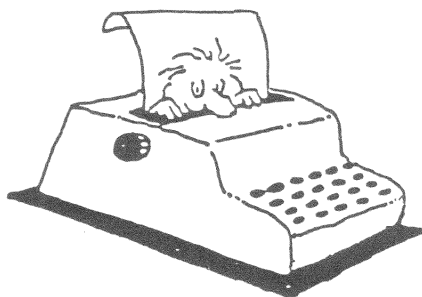
On September 2 & 3 the Youth Services Program Equal Opportunities Chapter will be hosting the concert event of the year - WEST END MAGIC!!

The YSPEqual Opportunities Chapter endeavours to provide young people with opportunities to express and enhance their talents. We network with many large production companies and encourage them to have 'talent scouts' present at the show. We also keep them informed of varying individual involvements as well as reference the young people for their support.

The West End Magic concert will be held at the Suncorp Piazza, South Bank Parklands. This production will feature the talents of ten young soloists, the Queensland Youth Orchestra II, and the West End Magic Chorus. Up to 200 young people are involved with the event, from the production team to the performers. Notable contributions have been made by Stig Bell (Executive Producer), Daniel Sparrow (Assistant Producer), Jane Massingham (Musical Director), Scott Mackenzie (YSP Secretary) and Shane Warren (YSP Director).

Tickets are available from Ticketworld 223 0444. \$15 adults, \$13.50 student/concession, \$14/ticket for groups of 10+, \$50 family (2 adults, 2 children).

HINTS FOR INCORPORATION



Is your committee protected?

1. Why incorporate?

The main benefit of incorporation is that it provides protection to members of an Association. Members of unincorporated bodies face the possibility of being sued as individuals. The creation of a separate legal entity through incorporation usually prevents this happening.

Some of the benefits to be obtained from incorporation are:

- it allows the association to sue and be sued in its own name;
- it allows the body to hold property in its corporate name;
- it allows the association to enter into contracts in its corporate name.

2. Is your association eligible?

Generally the Act applies to any association that is formed or carried on for any lawful objective or purpose but not for pecuniary gain. In particular, it applies to associations which are carried on for sporting, charitable, community, religious, educational, patriotic or pastime purposes.

3. Do you wish to incorporate?

If an association wishes to apply for incorporation, the members must hold a general meeting at which they shall:-

- (a) by special resolution, resolve to apply for incorporation of the association;
- (b) by resolution, appoint a person to prepare the relevant application;
- (c) determine the name under which they intend to apply for incorporation and two (2) alternative names in the event that the preferred name is not available for registration;
- (d) determine rules which the association wishes to adopt.

4. So you have decided to incorporate...

The person appointed at the general meeting to prepare the application shall complete the Application for Incorporation (form) and lodge this form with the Director-General, Department of Consumer Affairs, GPO Box 3111, Brisbane 4001 or 4th Floor, State Law Building, Cnr George and Ann Streets, Brisbane. For further information please phone (07) 239 0416.

Accompanying this form shall be the following documents:-

- (a) The Application fee.
- (b) Details of any land owned, leased or proposed to be acquired by the association.
- (c) A copy of the latest statement of financial affairs of the association.
- (d) A copy of the latest annual report or President's report for the association.
- (e) If the association is a branch of another association incorporated in Queensland, a letter of consent to the making of the application.
- (f) A copy of the proposed rules of the incorporated association in duplicate.

5. Deciding on your rules

A. Model Rules

The Department of Consumer Affairs offers a set of model rules specifically drawn up to address all the requirements of the Associations Incorporated Act 1981. Any association wishing to apply for incorporation may adopt these rules as their own.

(a) In Clause 1 - Insert the first name choice of the association (including either the word Incorporated or the abbreviation Inc.). This name is the same name as indicated as the First Choice on the Application for Incorporation (form 1).

(b) In Clause 2 - Insert the objectives for which the association is established.

(c) In Clause 3 (1) - Insert the name of the present unincorporated association which is applying for incorporation.

(d) In Clause 4 (1) - Insert the name of any class of membership other than Ordinary Membership as this is already provided for in Clause 4 (1). If the association has only Ordinary members this clause will not require any insertions.

(e) In Clause 30 - Insert the date on which the financial year of the incorporated association will end. This date should be the same as that on the Application for Incorporation (form 1).

(B) Drafting your own rules

Where the association wishes to draft its own rules, the rules must contain all Mandatory Rules and Mandatory Matters listed in the Third Schedule of the Regulations.

Associations drafting their own rules must complete a blank Third Schedule indicating which clauses in their rules deal with each Mandatory Rule and Matter. This document also contains a declaration on the reverse side which must be completed stating that all mandatory Matters and Rules have been provided for.

It is strongly suggested that the Department of Consumer Affairs Model Rules be used as a basis for the preparation of any set of rules.

6. Other Matters to Consider

(a) When choosing a name for the incorporated association ensure that the name-

- (i) is not misleading as to the nature or identity of the association
- (ii) is not similar to the name of an existing organisation ;
- (iii) included a word such as club association or group etc.

(b) Departmental officers will give every assistance to members of associations seeking information on procedural and administrative aspects of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and the Associations Incorporation Regulations 1982. Officers are not able to provide legal advice on matters affecting the ongoing operation of the association, disputes between member or whether an association should be incorporated. Members should seek their own legal advice in these cases.

(c) Should the members of the association wish to make themselves more aware of incorporation legislation, the Associations Incorporation regulations 1982 may be purchased from:

GOPRINT - PO Box 364
Woolloongabba, Qld 4102
Phone: (07) 896 3360

As from 1st July, 1993

- On lodging an application for incorporation and covering the issue of a Certificate: \$57.00
- On lodging a notice of a special resolution to amend rules: \$10.00
- On lodging a return of members of the Management Committee and audited financial statements: \$19.00
- On lodging an application for approval of change of name and the issue of a new Certificate: \$38.00

"The Incorporated Associations Manual" produced by QUT Program on Non profit Corporations contains a wealth of information about incorporating associations, management committees and AGM procedures, financial and report preparation and much more. The manual is available for \$51.00 from QUT on (07) 864 1268.

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TRAINERS!



CAFWAQ is seeking nominations/expressions of interest from experienced practitioners able to conduct training.

Our aim is to develop a register of trainers in a variety of general and specialist areas available to provide training for the field.

To register your details of experience and availability, please contact:

Karen Bachmann
Training Coordinator - CAFWAQ
P O Box 159
PADDINGTON Q 4064

☎ (07) 368 1050

YHP On the Move...

YOUTH HOUSING PROJECT HAS RELOCATED

Our new office is at:

Level 3 K Tower
269 Wickham Street
Fortitude Valley.

Our postal address is PO Box 953, Fortitude Valley, 4006. You can call us on (07) 252 8022. If you are a community organisation please adjust your records accordingly.



Regional Interagency Meetings

July / August 1994



Cairns Region Youth Services Network

25 August 1994 at 3.30pm
Family Resource Centre
218 McLeod St, Cairns

Contact Dale Wadeson

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1108
Cairns 4870
PH: (070) 422 242

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

20 July 1994 at 10.00am
Conf Rm - Dept Human
Services and Health
Cnr Hugh and Woolcock Sts

Contact Maryanne Divine

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

Rockhampton Youth Interagency

9 August 1994 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

28 July at 2.00pm

Contact Sue Matthew

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

Grapevine Youth Info Centre Committee

20 July 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

4 August 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

11 August 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

27 July 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

3 August 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

July/August 1994



Western Suburbs Interagency

26 July 1994 at 3.00pm
St Mary's, Toowong

Contact Julie Atwood

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

Caboolture Youth Network

3 August 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

Logan Youth Interagency

26 July 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

11 August 1994 at 2.00pm
29 Ernest St
Manly

Contact Bev Cooper

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

South East Queensland Interagency Meetings

Brisbane Youth Interagency

(Not available)

Contact Julie Atwood

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

Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY

11 August 1994 at 1.00pm
Inala Youth Access Centre
Inala Plaza

Contact Zim Sully

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

Ipswich Youth Focus

3 August 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

3 August 1994 at 3.00pm
DFSIA
100 George St, Beenleigh

Contact Linda Ford

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

FRAMING THE FUTURE

Preventative Work with Young People

Increasingly, people who work with young people are being required by funding authorities and the communities in which they work, to create programs with young people for the purpose of preventing them from becoming involved in destructive or negative behaviours. This forum and training program aims to provide us with essential information about frameworks for doing that.

DATES: 23 - 24 July
VENUE: Warilda Conference Centre, Woolloowin

For further info, contact Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services, Neighbourhood Centre, Bracken Street, Bracken Ridge Qld 4012 ☎ (07) 269 0044

QCAN WORKSHOPS - School Aged care services

Workshop 1 - Roles and Responsibilities of Committees and Staff. This workshop aims to provide information on the requirements and responsibilities involved in operating a school aged care service.

Workshop 2 - Programming for Quality. This session will look at a process for programming and developing strategies to assist in providing a quality care service.

Workshop 3 - Resources and Activities
The aim of this workshop is to give info on where to get assistance and resources and also to provide practical ideas.

DATES: 1 - 3 August
VENUE: Boulevard, 284 Witton Road, Indooroopilly

Other dates/venues available.

For more information contact QCAN, PO Box 1438, Toowong 4066

SUBMISSION WRITING

Submission writing is an essential skill to workers in the community sector. This half day workshop looks at the components of writing a successful submission.

DATE: Friday 22 July 1994
VENUE: Volunteer Centre of Queensland

For further info contact the Volunteer Centre of Queensland Inc. 4th Floor, Penney's Building, 155 Adelaide Street, Brisbane 4000 ☎ (07) 229 9700

EXPERIENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING

Realistic and effective learning is greatly enhanced when what is learned can be quickly applied, and when the learning situation allows for immediate and direct feedback and reinforcement. Experiential Skills Training will focus on:

- Use of The Experiential Learning Model
- Modelling and Practice in framing implementing and processing experiences
- Exposure to the use of adventure mediums to promote learning
- The use of reflective mediums to facilitate processing experiences
- Information and frameworks for running programs from: getting a group together, through implementation to follow up and ongoing support.

DATES:
Part 1 7 August - 10 August
Part 2 30 August - 2 September

VENUE The Outlook Training and Resource Centre

For more info ☎ (074) 631 900 or fax (074) 631 185. The Outlook Training and Resource Centre, P O Box 26, Boonah QLD 4310.

NSW Youth Arts and Skills Festival

This festival is being organised on a regional basis throughout New South Wales.

DATES: 21 Aug - 3 Sept 1994

For info contact North Coast Region on (066) 223 599

MEDIA MANAGEMENT

A practical half day workshop presented by Anthony Frangi. This workshop will cover issues relating to:

- Using the media to recruit volunteers and promote your organisation.
- Writing press releases
- Writing and distribution of community announcements
- How to keep a media file.

DATE: Friday 12 August 1994
VENUE: Volunteer Centre of Queensland Inc.

For further info contact the Volunteer Centre of Queensland Inc. 4th Floor, Penney's Building, 155 Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000 ☎ (07) 229 9700

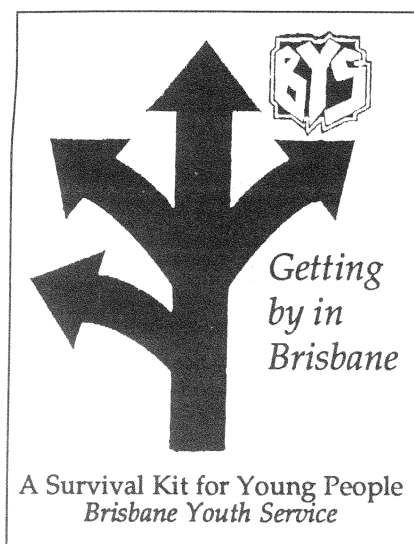
MAINTAIN THE FOCUS ON EMPLOYMENT

A Pre-Budget and Post Budget Public Policy Forum "Exploring Alternatives: Responses to Unemployment in Australia". Speakers include Dr Frank Stilwell, Dept of Economics, University of Sydney and Mr John Eastgate, Queensland Council of Social Services.

DATE: Friday 2 September 1994
VENUE: Room 82, Lower Seddon Bldg, University of Queensland

For details, please phone Allan Halladay, ☎ (07) 365 3341 or (07) 365 2068.

Getting by in Brisbane



Getting by in Brisbane is a compact and valuable resource for young people. In booklet form, it provides information, phone numbers and short descriptions of services which provide a range of assistance - including accommodation, food and clothing, legal advice, renting, health, sex, drugs, Aboriginal and Islander resources, women's resources, employment and education.

Available for **FREE** for young people and for **\$2.50** for organisations from Brisbane Youth Service.

☎ (07) 254 1311

Youth and Ethnicity: Issues for the 1990's

Proceedings from the one-day conference Youth and Ethnicity: Issues for the 1990's, held in September 1993 have now been published. The conference provided an opportunity to move discussions beyond identifying problems into policy formulation and program development. The papers focus on youth policy issues and how they impact on young people from ethnic backgrounds as well as school and community based programs to combat racism. The conference was organised by the Multicultural Centre of the University of Sydney with the support of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Available for **\$12.95** from The Multicultural Centre, A36 University of Sydney, 2006. ☎ (02) 660 2897.

Get Ready for Action... The Action Pack

To help Queensland families to make the most of recreation and sport, the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing has released a new lifestyle publication called **The Action Pack - Imaginative, Inexpensive Recreational Options for Families**. The book suggests alternatives to costly activities that the whole family can do together - around the home, in the great outdoors and in the local community. **The Action Pack** also provides a list of more than 150 Queensland organisations offering free or low-cost vacation/after school care and holiday activities for children and teenagers. For families planning holidays, **The Action Pack** also includes a directory of tourist authorities State-wide to help with holiday planning and accommodation in Queensland and beyond.

Available for **FREE** from the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing in Brisbane. ☎ (07) 224 7020 or by contacting your nearest Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing Regional Office.

The Independent Social Security Handbook



The Independent Social Security Handbook is an independent comprehensive guide for people who give advice about social security and unemployment problems. The Handbook explains:

- how the social security system and the Departments of Social Security and Employment, Education and Training work
- how to deal with both Departments
- how to challenge DSS & CES decisions
- how to appeal to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal

The Independent Social Security Handbook looks in detail at the types of problems which advisers are likely to encounter. It explains relevant rules and procedures and provides many valuable hints. It includes examples of completed applications forms, sample letters to the Department of Social Security and DEET and useful contact details for DSS & DEET in every state.

Available for **\$34.95** from the Welfare Rights Centre, 5B, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, 2010.

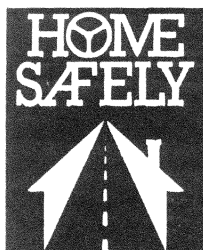
☎ (02) 211 5300

Unmasking Young Women's Issues

A Community Arts Project with Young Women Exploring Issues of Sexual Violence.

Produced in 1993, this report documents a series of workshops conducted with young women using community arts. The focus of the project was to encourage the creation of a space where they could gather and begin to share and challenge views on sexual violence and other issues of concern. The document records the process used, the issues that arose, relevant resources as well as the voices of the young women through their art.

Available for \$15.00 from Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre, 575 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill QLD 4152.
☎ (07) 843 1823.



Teenagers combining alcohol with driving is an issue which concerns the community in general and parents in particular.

Home Safely, released in June 1994, will provide users with material to speak to their community on the issue of teenagers, alcohol and driving. Home Safely will also provide a free help and information line to assist with your speaking engagements, and support material will be provided at no cost. Home Safely is an initiative of the Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia Inc. and is supported by the alcohol industry and endorsed by various Federal and State Ministers for Health and Education and the Australian Medical Association.

To order, call Home Safely PO Box 1098 City Road, South Melbourne VIC 3205. ☎ Freecall 1 800 809 213.

Our Multicultural Society

Schools seeking to present multicultural issues in Australia in a lively way, guaranteed to hold student attention, will be interested in **Our Multicultural Society**, a 39 minute video commissioned by Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Directed specifically at years 5 to 10, it examines a wide variety of issues through the eyes of a schoolgirl "investigative reporter" as she embarks on making her own TV program while on work experience at SBS. The video looks at the history of migration to Australia, and at issues such as racism, migrants' contribution to Australia and the benefits of cultural diversity.

Although aimed at students, the video's broad approach makes it also suitable for interested adult groups who want to discuss promoting multicultural understanding in their own communities.

The kit (video and booklet) is available for \$52.00 from Visual Media Pty Ltd, PO Box 186, Alstonville NSW 2477 (066) 283 838 Fax (066) 280 884.

Hands Off!

The Anti-Violence Guide to Developing Positive Relationships - a teaching and learning resource for primary and post-primary schools.

Hands Off! uses student centred learning to assist young people to:

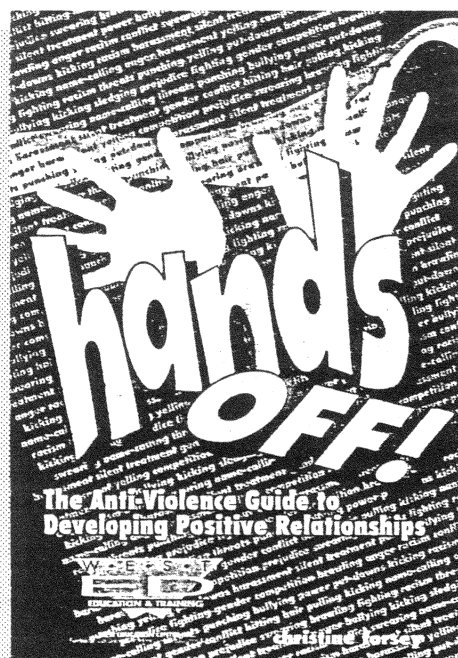
- understand violence, why it occurs and the consequences;
- develop communication and negotiation skills for preventing violence in personal relationships;
- raise awareness of how popular culture and sport institutionalise violence in Australia.

Hands Off! has been successfully trialled in over 30 primary and post-primary classrooms, and includes:

- detailed and sequential lesson plans
- handouts and research activities for students
- comprehensive teacher's notes
- facts about criminal violence
- facts about violence in Australian schools

Available for \$35.00 from West Education Centre PO Box 517 Footscray VIC 3011

☎ (03) 314 1075



YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK OF QUEENSLAND INC

WHAT IS YANQ?

The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) Inc. is the independent, non-government umbrella organisation of groups and individuals from Queensland's youth sector.

Operational since 1989, YANQ was incorporated in January 1991. The Network acts to promote the interests and well-being of young people in Queensland, especially disadvantaged young people. It advocates for them to government and the community and encourages the development of policies and programs responsive to the needs of young people.

YANQ also supports the development of regional networks in the non-government youth sector. It is YANQ's view that the development of stronger networks will lead to better services for young people as information and skills are shared.

YANQ consists of over 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 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		\$5.00
Individual	Income < \$16,000	\$10.00
	\$16,000 - \$50,000	\$25.00
	Income > \$50,000	\$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

Individual	Income < \$16,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00	Organisation	No Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
	\$16,000 - \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00		Funding < \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00
	Income > \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00		Funding > \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60.00

Young Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	Government Department or Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00
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SUBSCRIBERS	<i>Transitions & Network Noise only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60.00
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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