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Police Dog Attacks Prompt YANQ Call for CJC Review

YANQ has called on the Criminal Justice Commission to conduct an urgent review of systems and procedures related to the use of police dogs, following recent incidents in which young people were attacked by the dogs.

The incidents, in Brisbane and Rockhampton, saw young people attacked in the presence of a number of police officers, and in circumstances where the reasons for the dogs' presence remain unclear, given that their normal role is the tracking of suspects. In both cases the young people sustained significant injuries. A medical report prepared for the CJC inquiry into the Rockhampton incident states that one of the victims sustained "two large puncture wounds on the right hand side of the neck with muscle exposed." In the Brisbane incident, the young people were handcuffed and so had little opportunity to defend themselves.

In both cases, the young people were subsequently charged with offences, including "assaulting a police dog" and "resisting arrest."

The CJC is currently carrying out investigations into the attacks. However, YANQ believes that these cases demonstrate inadequacies in the operational guidelines governing the use of police dogs. In its letter to the CJC, dated the 4th August, YANQ argued that it is insufficient to treat each of these cases individually, as if they are unrelated, and requested that the CJC conduct a review of these guidelines as a matter of urgency.

The Youth Advocacy Centre also circulated a media release when the young people who were the subject of the Brisbane attack were acquitted on charges of attempting to injure a police dog.

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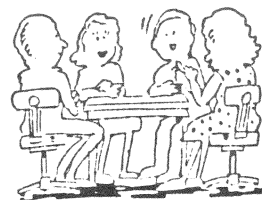
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Coordinating Committee

Update August - September 94

1994 YANQ AGM

Don't Forget...

The 1994 Youth Affairs Network of
Queensland Annual General Meeting
will be held at the State Youth Affairs
Conference:

Date: Thursday 7 September

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Kondari Resort
Hervey Bay

Nominations for the Coordinating
Committee closed on 24th August
1994, and the new Committee will be
appointed at the AGM.

Decisions Made July - August 1994

That the staff supervision program,
currently being undertaken by
Andrew Jones with staff at YANQ,
be extended for a further six month
period to December 1994.

That the current software at YANQ
be upgraded, through the

purchase of MS Office, Corel Draw
and anti-virus software.

That the Employment
Subcommittee prepare a
Discussion Paper to be presented
to the committee meeting,
addressing the staffing structure
review.

Police dog attack - two youths acquitted of "attempting to injure a police dog"

Two youths who allege police subjected them to an attack by a police dog were acquitted of a charge of "attempting to injure a police dog" in the Brisbane Children's Court on 28 July 1994.

At the hearing before Mr Pat Smith, the Children's Court Magistrate, police gave evidence that following an altercation in Alexandra Hills the youths were arrested, handcuffed behind their backs, and transported by police van to the Holland Park Watchhouse on the morning of 22 November 1993.

The wagon was then reversed into an encaged area at the watchhouse.

The youths, who were 16 at the time, gave evidence, which was corroborated by a number of witnesses, that one youth was dragged from the vehicle and thrown to the concrete floor of the watchhouse.

A police dog was then allegedly directed by its handler to attack the youth, whilst other police officers in the immediate area watched on without protest. The youth suffered serious injuries.

The youth was then picked up and taken to be charged with a number of

offences, including attempting to injure a police dog. The second youth was then dragged out of the vehicle and submitted to the same treatment. The court was shown a photograph of one youth taken some hours after the incident which showed, amongst other injuries, that he had sustained a "rip" or "tear" wound that was fifteen centimetres long, running from the boy's right hip to his chest. He was later treated at a hospital for his injuries.

The police who were present gave evidence that the boys had individually alighted from the vehicle and attempted to kick at the police dog. The dog had then attacked the youths in self defence.

Mr Smith indicated he had difficulty in establishing what was the truth in the case and accordingly there was a reasonable doubt in his mind that the youths had attempted to injure the dog.

The Youth Advocacy Centre, which acted for one of the youths, has laid a complaint with the Criminal Justice Commission and is investigating the possibility of commencing a civil action against the police officers involved.

**Craig Mackie, Solicitor
Youth Advocacy Centre**

Grant for NESB Youth Affairs

YANQ has been granted \$40 000 by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs to promote the consideration of the needs and interests of non-English speaking background young people in policy and program development, and to develop a statewide network of people in the youth and ethnic affairs fields with an interest in NESB youth issues.

The funds, under the Migrant Access Projects Scheme, were granted in response to a submission prepared in consultation with the NESB Youth Issues Network, for a three year NESB youth policy and networking position. The original proposal will now be revised to fit within the more limited budget.

Funding will commence in October 1994, and the project will be overseen by the NESB Youth Issues Network. More information on the project will be available after the September 1994 meeting of the Network. Contact Rino Randazzo (07) 357 1155 or Francine Seeto (07) 221 5443 for details.

Tim Wilson

YSTP Ceases to Operate as a Statewide Network

Queensland's Youth Sector Training Program (YSTP), which has provided entry level training for youth sector workers and volunteers since the mid 1980s, has ceased operating as a state-wide program.

For some time, the trainers network had expressed a preference to operate as an independent organisation, outside the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing's (DTSR) Youth Bureau. In mid 1993, the Youth Bureau and the YSTP management group developed a range of options that might have ensured the future of YSTP beyond June 1994. However, the management group and the Youth Bureau were unable to reach agreement in relation to the suggested future options and the management

group resolved to hold in abeyance the operations of the YSTP state-wide network of trainers.

The management of the YSTP was carried out via a committee of trainers in relation to program, content and delivery. This committee of youth sector trainers also managed the operational aspects of the YSTP, supported by a resource position located in the Youth Bureau.

Prior to the decision to cease operating as a statewide network, discussions occurred between the YSTP, the Youth Sector Training Council (YSTC), and a range of other industry parties, including the Youth Bureau, which had developed a proposal for an Australian

Vocational Certificate pilot project for the youth sector. This proposal is currently under ministerial consideration. The three year pilot features a two year delivery phase (including formative evaluation), formalising entry level training delivered to existing and new workers in the sector by a mix of public and community providers. The Youth Bureau has given full support to this application. Further news on the progress of this submission should be available later in 1994.

The possibility still exists for regional YSTP programs to be run by seeking resources through the grants program of DTSR or other funding sources.

YANQ WORKING PARTY UPDATES

The Rural and Isolated Working Party - This group has been reviewing its activities over the last two years to prepare a report to the 1994 YANQ Policy Forum. The Working Party has acted as a venue for information exchange and networking. If it continues after the Policy Forum, it hopes to take on a more active role, trying to generate change in rural communities. The Working Party has also begun to look at particular issues in each of its monthly teleconferences. In August it discussed the use of school facilities outside of school hours. There have traditionally been informal arrangements between school principals and local groups regarding the use of school facilities. The State Government is currently developing a formal policy on the use of government resources. It is expected that this will more clearly identify the costs for schools in allowing the use of school resources, and introduce guidelines for recovering costs. It will also encourage schools to promote the use of facilities outside school hours. The Education Department will consult the Working Party in the development of the policy.

The Recreation Working Party - Having received funding from the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, the Working Party has engaged Linda Ray to conduct a review of data on young people and recreation drawn from local needs assessments from around the state. Linda will finalise a report on the project around the time of the Policy Forum. Initial data suggests that young people are seeking relatively unstructured activities in an environment clearly identifiable as a youth space. The Working Party will build on this material to develop a policy statement for YANQ.

The Employment Working Party - A copy of the recommendations from the Draft YANQ Policy Statement on Employment, Education and Training have been circulated to all YANQ ordinary members. YANQ is hoping to receive written comments from members prior to the 1994 Policy Forum. At the Forum, the statement will be amended and adopted as YANQ 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

Please Note

The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland office will not be staffed from Monday 5 to Friday 9 September inclusive, as all staff will be attending the State Youth Affairs Conference.

However, enquiries can be made direct to the YANQ conference office at Kondari Resort by phoning (071) 289 702 ext 324. Fax messages can also be sent direct to YANQ during this week on (071) 255 477.

For a short time after the conference, YANQ's office in Brisbane will be operating on a skeleton staff, so please be patient with any enquiries...

PROJECT OFFICER

Youth Sector Training Council of Queensland

Salary 35,600pa
(pro-rata six months)

The project will coordinate, develop, promote and implement a process of training needs identification and prioritisation across the Youth Sector in Queensland. The project officer will be responsible for the conduct of this six month project.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate:

- *experience in the design and implementation of training needs analyses and resource material*
- *an ability to manage a diverse workload*
- *high level research and consultation written and oral communication skills*
- *knowledge of the Training Reform Agenda and competency based training experience/understanding of the youth sector*

For further information and a Duty Statement phone YSTC on ☎ (07) 852 2311. Send written applications by 9 September 1994 to:

Youth Sector Training Council
PO Box 459, Fortitude Valley 4006

Australian Rural Policy Non-Existent

Australia is lacking a coherent rural policy, according to the keynote speaker at the Issues Affecting Rural Communities Conference, held in Townsville in July 1994.

Dr Jonathon Sher said that, in the absence of such a policy, it had often been assumed that the interests of rural Australia were the same as those of farmers. However, less than 4 percent of Australia's rural population could be classified as farmers. Farm products are no longer the core of Australia's rural industries, in terms of export earnings, having been eclipsed by coal and gold mining. Furthermore, the vast majority of Australia's rural communities have their economic foundations in industries other than farming, including tourism, mining, conservation, education, Aboriginal development, paper milling, military establishments, or retiree spending. While not wishing to denigrate the contribution of farm industries, it clearly cannot be assumed that the interests of farmers are the interests of rural people generally.

However, it is precisely this assumption which has guided decisions about rural issues in the past. Sher points out that most states do not have Departments for Rural Affairs, and that the Commonwealth's rural policy unit is one of the eight units within one of the seven groups into which the Department of Primary Industries and Energy is divided. When government bodies seek policy advice on rural issues, they usually consult the National Farmers Federation or other agricultural organisations. Furthermore, there is not one report that comprehensively analyses the future prospects of

Australia's rural economy, though there are numerous reports on agricultural industries.

Sher called for the development of an explicit, powerful and comprehensive rural policy, with priority given to six goals:

- i) A growing rural population base
- ii) An equitable share of the rewards derived from rural resources being reaped by rural communities and people
- iii) A growing and diversifying rural economic base
- iv) A growing rural employment base
- v) An improved quality of rural life
- vi) Stronger, more cohesive rural communities.

Sher's address set the scene for this broad-ranging and controversial conference, which brought together around 230 academics and practitioners in a variety of disciplines from the USA, Canada, Asia, New Zealand, other Pacific nations and all states of Australia. The speech prompted a harsh response by the local Federal member for Herbert, the Hon Ted Lindsay, ensuring good media coverage for the rest of the week.

The Conference was structured around three key issues: health, education, and community and economic development, each of which occupied a day of the program.

There were a number of themes which emerged across the three topics.

Many speakers stressed the importance of developing indigenous responses to local problems, drawing on the skills and resources contained within the community. This is likely to be far more successful than the imposition of solutions by an external bureaucracy. Resources for community development are vital if communities are to do this effectively.

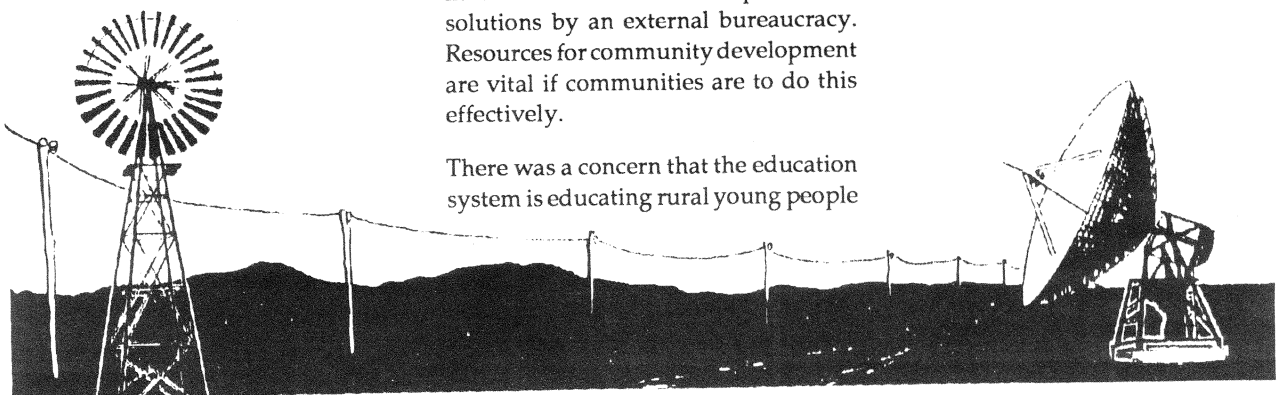
There was a concern that the education system is educating rural young people

to leave their communities. This is true of both the school system, the curriculum of which is designed by urban bureaucrats and academics, and the tertiary system, where campuses draw people from small communities to regional centres or capital cities. As a result, many small rural towns are being drained of their young people, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract professionals to work in schools or health services. A range of responses were discussed, including flexibility in curriculum development to allow programs to be moulded to suit local needs and conditions, greater use of communications technology to provide education in rural settings, and the establishment of systems to enable students and new graduates to gain experience and support in a rural environment.

A number of speakers emphasised the importance of entrepreneurialism in expanding the economic and employment bases of rural communities. Increasingly, employment growth in communities will rely on small business initiatives, particularly in the adding of value to primary products. The education system has a vital role to play in equipping people with the skills required to initiate and operate their own businesses. Other speakers focused on the importance of economic development schemes as a means of generating employment.

Detailed conference proceedings are currently being collated. If you are interested in perusing them when they become available, contact YANQ on (07)852 1800 or 008 177 899.

Tim Wilson



Family Planning Clinic for Young People

From 25 August, Family Planning Queensland will be holding regular clinics at the Logan Youth Health Service, providing a range of sexual health and reproductive services for young people under 25.

This joint initiative will be staffed by Family Planning Queensland and the Logan Youth Health Service. It has been developed in response to issues identified in the report "Doin' It", written by Helen Ferguson for Family Planning. This study confirmed the need for a service like this in the Logan area and identified a number of principles for effective operation.

The clinic will operate every Thursday between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Services will include:

- information and advice
- counselling and support
- referrals
- access to contraception
- pregnancy testing and counselling
- HIV and other STD screening
- pap smears
- Hepatitis B injections
- education on breast and testicular self-examination

These services are confidential and no appointment is required. Service providers are encouraged to bring their clients along and support them where appropriate. YFS staff are available to provide support where necessary. Young people are welcome to come and check the clinic out, have a look around and a chat without committing themselves to anything.

An informal launch of the clinic will be held on Friday 16 September at YFS.

If you would like to have more information or would like to attend the launch, please call James Finn or Aurora Bermudez on (07) 208 8199.

Silly Cows are Go

A team of young Brisbane women are making a new television program. The show, called *Silly Cows*, is being made in conjunction with Brisbane's new community access television station, Briz-31.

The show's producers are chiefly making *Silly Cows* to give people a laugh. "There'll just be lots of stupid jokes and stuff, but hopefully some of them will be a bit sophisticated," said Adrienne Collings, one of the presenters.

The 13-week series will also aim to give a bit of an insider's view into living in Brisbane on a budget. "Information on cheap places to eat, where to get free entertainment, that sort of thing. Also, because it's actually made in Brisbane, people can make use of the information," explained producer Christabel Wills. One of the other presenters, Nadine Eckert, adds, "Yeah! How often do you see a band play on a TV show, and when they're asked about their up-coming gigs - they're all in Sydney or Melbourne! I always think, 'well, I'll make a point of going to that!'"

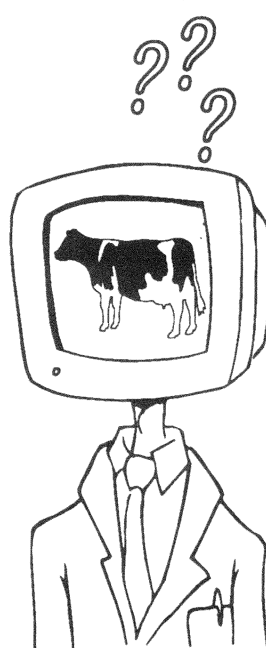
Not only will *Silly Cows* be a Brisbane-based program made for young people who don't have much money, but it will be made by young people who don't have much money. The production team won't do a story on a restaurant, shop or product that is out of their own price range (which is not that huge!).

The production managers also realise

that not everyone has the time to make their own TV show, and will be welcoming contributions from the general public - whether you want to put forward a political viewpoint, tell a joke, or just let people know about a cheap clothing shop you've discovered - they want to give everyone a go.

The planned broadcast date for *Silly Cows* is May 1995. It will be a 13-week series, with a half-hour episode each week. If you're trying to tune in to Briz-31 Community Access Television right now, you'll find it on the UHF band, three stations up from SBS. Briz-31 has already begun broadcast. For more information on Briz-31 itself, phone 844 3131. If you want to get involved with

Silly Cows, or even if you'd just like to share an idea, phone 371 7454.



"Get Busy"

A second young people's program called "Get Busy", is due to commence a weekly half hour time slot on Sunday 4 September, airing on Briz-31.

The show will revolve around youth activities, hobbies, interest groups, clubs, where to go, what to wear and is aimed at 10 - 17 year olds. The general "Get Busy" philosophy is to provide Brisbane young people with a more urban level of information and entertainment and to motivate the audience to become an active member of the community organisations featured in the program.

Program Producer, Darren Tyers has set his sights on having the show staffed by a youth crew, where a group of teenage volunteers will be trained in all aspects of television production by the station. At this stage there are three young people who will be trained as camera operators for the first series.

AYPAC's Youth Gathering '94 attracts 300

Youth Gathering '94, the first national youth sector conference since 1991, attracted 300 people to Sydney in July. The three-day conference provided a venue for young people and youthworkers to discuss a wide range of policy issues, attend workshops and listen to keynote speakers.

Held at the University of New South Wales, the conference catered for an enormously diverse range of people, ranging from young Aboriginal people and youthworkers from Arnhem Land to academics, bureaucrats and a range of youth and advocacy organisations.

Subsidies had been provided by the Australian Youth foundation to promote the attendance of disadvantaged young people, including a number from Queensland. Also from

Queensland were a range of workers from young women's, Murri, service delivery and political organisations as well as representatives from state government and YANQ.

A conference report will be available to conference participants and AYPAC members shortly. Others who may be interested can obtain a copy of the report from AYPAC on (06) 241 8055.

Lindsay Granger



Aussie Sport Offering Young People Opportunities

Aussie Sport is an excellent tool for workers with young people, especially in the following areas of crime prevention, homeless young people and young people with alcohol and drug problems. The opportunity is there for a young person to take control of their life by developing social and leadership skills while having fun.

Programs in Aussie Sport provide a supportive structure for participants. The programs are community and school based which offer training, support from their community and an opportunity to display their useful skills to the adult fraternity.

One of the Aussie Sport programs CAPS (Challenge Achievement and Pathways in Sport) is designed to develop skills such as administration, coaching, refereeing, umpiring and judging, team or event management, sports health and sports participation

The CAPS leaders choose their own sport and pathway with help from a coordinator and the local sporting club. In establishing set standards the leaders receive certificates recognising their commitment, organisation and communication skills.

Through working with their peers and people younger than themselves the participants develop social skills such as self esteem, confidence, friendship, commitment, cooperation, team work and attitudes.

Young people are given the opportunity to gain valuable "Life skills" in a sport oriented leadership program. The participants acquire coaching and management skills which prepare them for volunteer or paid work in such organisations as PCYC Youth clubs, sporting clubs and the work force.

Aussie Sport is a national initiative of the Australian Sport Commission, the Education Department and the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing. We aim to develop and encourage young people through the skills acquired in sporting roles.

The schemes train leaders in skills necessary to run programs for young people. Individual leaders receive accreditation and also become part of the volunteer base for the local sports community.

For more information about the Aussie Sports Program, contact your local office of the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, or the Aussie Sports Office GPO Box 354, Brisbane 4001 ☎ (07) 235 4069

Aussie Sports in Central Queensland

In consultation with the Youth Development Officer, Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, Wide Bay/Burnett Region, Hervey Bay Youthcare Homeless Youth Service has initiated two projects which will have an impact on 500 homeless/disadvantaged young people.

The first is an adventure based program for disadvantaged/homeless young people incorporating activities such as camping, abseiling, bush/orienteering skills and canoeing. The anticipated outcomes are:

- Improving young people's:
 - self esteem
 - team building and negotiation skills
 - employment and training opportunities
- Decrease in crime and other anti-social behaviour
- Improving community perspective of homeless/disadvantaged young people

The second program will see 20 youth workers trained in the Aussie Sport principles and activities relevant to adventure base/sports activities.

Tony Christensen

For more information about these programs contact Tony Christensen, Aussie Sport Development Officer, Emerald ☎ (079) 821 510.

The National Youth Housing Strategy

HOW'S IT SHAPING UP?

by Sally Watson, Coordinator - National Youth Coalition for Housing

The National Youth Housing Strategy was announced as part of the August, 1993 Federal Budget. The purpose of this Strategy was to set clear goals and objectives for the improvement of housing options for independent young people on low incomes. The Strategy was to occur over a period of two years, with a budget allocation of \$600,000.

The National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH) heralded this as a momentous occasion, because it represented the first real opportunity for this country to respond to the long term housing needs of young people. Prior to this Strategy the youth housing policy landscape had been dominated by responses to the crisis accommodation needs of young people. The announcement of this Strategy represented a major policy shift in this country's approach to young people's housing needs.

That was August 1993; it's now September 1994, so what has eventuated? Very little, and time has been running out. Despite promise after promise, the Strategy did not really begin until one year later, in August 1994. Time lines have not been lengthened to allow for the tardiness of the Strategy, in fact quite the opposite has occurred - time lines have been brought forward! A mid term Strategy Report is now due in November 1994, and the final report is due in April 1995. What can be achieved in such a short time frame remains to be seen.

To date, a Commonwealth Interdepartmental Steering Committee and a Non Government Reference Group (of which NYCH and AYPAC are members) have been established; a

Principal Consultant, Frank Maas, has been appointed; a National Workshop to focus the Strategy has occurred; and a number of sub consultancies to undertake research on major issues identified by the National Workshop, are about to begin. These are the processes that have been put in place to 'drive' the strategy, but what of the content?

The National Youth Housing Strategy Workshop held in early August, worked hard to prioritise the Strategy Agenda. Approximately 50 representatives drawn from the following major areas attended this workshop: Peak Bodies (including NYCH, Shelter, AYPAC, ACOSS, Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia, Disabled People's International, Ecumenical Housing Council and ATSIC), Commonwealth Government (including DHARD, DEET and DSS), State Governments (Community Services and State Housing Authorities), academics (predominantly from the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute) and other interested bodies (including Radio Triple J, the Youth Research Centre and the National Advisory Committee on Housing, Urban and Regional Development).

The workshop continually struggled with whether to focus the strategy on the major structural issues impacting on young people's access to housing, or whether to tinker around existing policy and program edges with a view to achieving outcomes for young people

in the short term. The problem was that if we went only for the obvious structural changes that were needed, the strategy could in fact result in very little if the political will to implement these changes wasn't there. The result was that there ended up being a mixture of recommendations for both macro and micro reform. The specific outcomes of this workshop are reflected in the consultancies that will be undertaken as part of the strategy, which are outlined below.

The Principal Consultant, Frank Maas, will be conducting a series of national consultations. The 'Role of State Housing Authorities in Housing Young

People' will form a major focus of these consultations. Frank will be reviewing State Housing Authorities' data and policies in relation to young people, and will be measuring these against the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement's

social justice objectives. He will also be investigating the State Housing Authorities' capacity to link housing for young people to broader aspects of young people's lives including employment, education and training, income support and SAAP.

In addition to the work of the principal consultant, a series of sub consultancies will investigate the following issues:

- Community Housing - with a focus on 'Appropriate Models' for young people

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- Housing Financing Mechanisms - with a focus on innovative private and public funding mechanisms for low cost housing for young people
- The Integration of Links between Housing and Related Services - eg. SAAP, training, employment, education and transport
- The Private Rental Market - with a focus on how to improve young people's access; and
- Income Support for Young People - with a focus on the adequacy of current levels.

It is imperative that everybody involved in the youth housing or related fields participate to the best of their capacity in the range of consultations which will be held around the country in the very near future.

are expected to comprehensively 'articulate young people's housing needs' for the Strategy.

It is imperative that everybody involved in the youth housing or related fields participate to the best of their capacity in the range of consultations which will be held around the country in the very near future. It is up to us to ensure that the best

possible housing outcomes are achieved for independent young people on low incomes, as a result of this strategy.

The far reaching implications of this strategy should not be underestimated. Young people will be better equipped to participate in

employment, education and training if their access to stable, good quality housing is improved. An over reliance on crisis and other insecure accommodation makes access to employment, education and training very difficult for the majority of independent young people today. If young people cannot access these 'mainstream social pursuits' they will

become the 'displaced generation' that we speak of.

There are approximately 800 000 young people between the ages of 15 to 24 who live independently in Australia right now. Of these about 230 000 are on very low incomes, and at least 30 000 are chronically homeless.

For independent young people on low incomes the private rental market is usually unaffordable and often discriminatory, public housing is extremely difficult to obtain and home ownership is simply out of the question.

This strategy must work out ways for us to offer our young people somewhere decent to live. But the biggest challenges for the strategy will be to ensure that its outcomes are firmly woven into the very fabric of government policy, and to find the resources that will enable these outcomes to be implemented.

The National Youth Housing Strategy must be a strategy for action. It is not a research project and it is not an inquiry. NYCH will be using this opportunity to push for real housing outcomes for young people, and we encourage each and every one of you to join us.

Sally Watson

Supporting young mothers :

teenage pregnancy and motherhood in Toowoomba

Kathleen Fahy, a midwife and associate professor in nursing is collecting in-depth interview data from 15 young women during their transition to motherhood. The research is being conducted at the Young Women's Place in Toowoomba.

Single teenage mothers have become increasingly stigmatised over the past twenty years. However, in the same period the adolescent birth rate has more than halved.

The stereotype of single teenage mothers is that becoming a single teenage mother ruins a girl's life and forces she and her child to live in poverty.

For the young women in this study, becoming a single teenage mother is more frequently preceded by poverty and poor educational attainment.

There are no published Australian studies that address this question. The idea that poverty and poor educational attainment are the causes, rather than the effect of single teenage parenthood, is consistent with the latest international literature.

Poverty is the primary factor and the single best predictor of adolescent parenthood. Girls in the lowest socioeconomic group are four times more likely to become single teenage parents than are girls in the highest socioeconomic group.

Poor academic skills and low family income have a compounding effect such that 20 per cent of young women who have poor academic skills and who come from families with incomes below the poverty line will become adolescent mothers compared with only 4 per cent of young women with average academic

skills who come from families which are not poor.

Community values often limit the options of sexually-active young women.

Contraceptive use, abortion and adoption are all socially proscribed in Toowoomba and other rural communities.

Young women who are sexually active or pregnant frequently have very few personal or material resources during and immediately after childbirth.

The Young Women's Place is a community-based organisation offering a safe environment for young women to explore their range of life choices and to support them towards independent action. It is an important resource for information and support for young women. Enquiries can be made to Kathleen Fahy on (076) 39 4380.

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W I R E D Y O U N G P E O P L E A N D T H E A R T S

Thousands of young people are about to be asked for their ideas and input into Australia's first national youth arts festival which is being planned by the Australia Council. Called **Wired - young people and the arts**, it will be the first festival of its kind. **Wired** aims to reach all young people in all parts of Australia and is likely to be held in late '96 or early '97.

"**Wired** is another example of why Australia is a world leader in youth arts. We have just two years to plan and to ensure it's the best youth arts event ever seen. We are going to consult with as many young people as we can. We're going to schools and to youth groups and we'll be speaking to those young people who would not normally have ready access to the arts, like young people in regional areas and homeless young people," said Karen Bryant.

Karen is a young circus director and manager and one of the nine youth arts practitioners making up the artistic team which will help put **Wired** together. "Young people's views and input will be as important as the views of people who are currently involved in youth arts. During the next two months we are holding meetings at 30 places around Australia with youth arts practitioners and young artists to discuss the direction of **Wired**," she added.

"The whole focus is on young people and giving them the opportunity to be involved in the arts. Many young people may not recognise their creative expression - be it body piercing, graffiti or interactive CD-ROM - as art, yet in many cases it can be identified as such," said Liza Lim, one of Australia's foremost young composers and a member of the artistic team.

"There may be other art forms which we don't know about and that's what we want to find out. That is why we are asking young people what they would like to see included," says young actor Deb Mailman, who is also part of the artistic team. "**Wired** will reflect who and what we are as a nation. The more young people that can tell us their views, the better **Wired** will reflect a truly youth perspective."

Robyn Archer, one of the Australia Council members involved in the initial planning, says, "**Wired** will be an expression of how young people see 'the arts'. It will include everything from rap, fashion, dance, design, virtual reality, graffiti and grunge to ballet, orchestras, street art, skateboards, murals,

mime, film and theatre. The team running **Wired** are energetic and full of great and adventurous ideas." Other members of the artistic team are: visual artist Hiram To, actor David Branson, editor/writer Sophie Cunningham, publisher Lesa-Belle Furhagen, artist and artistic director Zane Trow, and young arts manager Natalie Jenkins.

The Federal Government has committed \$2.3 million and the Australia Council an additional \$400,000 to **Wired - young people and the arts**.

A special **Wired** phone line has been set up. Young people (12 - 25 years old) can phone 0055 39900 before 14 October 1994 and leave their ideas on what should be in **Wired** and be eligible to win fashion from Arch Classics and CODY Jeans to the value of \$1000 dollars. (Maximum call cost 50 cents).

For further information on **Wired** please contact Susanne Briggs/Vanessa Liell
☎ (02) 519 3299

For further information on the Australia Council please contact Libby Greig/Kerry Mumford ☎ (02) 950 9013

The Australia Council is the Federal Government's arts funding and advisory body.

GET INVOLVED

You are invited to join the following Queensland Wired Public Forums:

Brisbane Thursday 1 Sept
1 - 3 pm
Metro Arts
109 Edward St

Townsville Friday 2 Sept
10am - 12pm
Perc Tucker Gallery
Flinders Mall

Cairns Saturday 3 Sept
11am - 1pm
Cairns Regional Gallery
Cnr Abbot & Shield St

Mt Isa Thurs 6 October
7 - 9pm
Mt Isa Civic Centre
23 West St

Young People In Business - The Gaff Gear Project

As an extension of a commitment to young people in the Ipswich area, it was necessary to find a project that was long term, could provide the required workplace skills in a professional environment, and provide the necessary focus for the encouragement of personal growth. Hence the idea for the Gaff Gear project.

With these objectives in mind, and consideration to the level of skill within the youth sector, it was obvious that a screen printing venture would be a suitable vehicle for the project. With the help of a grant from the Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation, in conjunction with the Ipswich Independent Youth Service, the project has become a reality.

Gaff Gear is a professionally run operation that offers the community a complete screen printing service, from the generation of initial artwork through to the production of printed t-shirts and other associated products. As a more creative outlet, if the workload permits, the participants can design and print their own range of material.

Gaff Gear is staffed by Jeannine, Peter and Mandy, whose combined skills cover all facets of art, design, office and screen printing procedures. This expertise is supplemented by volunteers who are also encouraged to take part in all stages of the day-to-day running of the business. Consequently the business has the overall expertise to handle any client requirements that are requested while maintaining a foundation as a training ground for those young people involved in the project.

The project has been set up in such a way that those young people involved in the business gain valuable experience in a wide range of areas such as office procedures, artwork design, pre-print production techniques, printing and

final finishing. This experience in turn provides the grounding and reference for future employment prospects and career directions.

Many of the young people that have come through Gaff Gear have shown considerable initiative and interest in the project and are encouraged by staff members to pursue areas that are of further interest, whether it be venturing into new areas of creativity or further training through participation in work related college courses, so that an overall sense of achievement and self-worth can be gained.

Further experience can also be gained by young people as they are an integral part of the Advisory Subcommittee and therefore provide input into the operation of the business at a Committee level.

As well as providing a sound professional base for young people in the Ipswich area, the project has also been successful in encouraging the development of new skills, interaction

between young people and professional clients, confidence and self-esteem building, as well as workplace interaction.

The long term goal of the Gaff Gear project is to be a self funding commercial business, and one that will continue to be a training ground for young people in the Ipswich area. There are promising signs that this will come to pass as commercial orders are being placed and filled continually, with jobs being done for both the private and business sectors. Future projects would include a range of printed designer clothing and runs of hand painted fabric.

In order for Gaff Gear to be self funding and for the project to survive, it must obtain more screen printing orders over the next month. It is hoped that this article will prompt you to be a sales person for the project and direct any work from business or community organisations to its door. This is a worthy project which needs your support.

Gaff Gear is a self employment project for young people in Ipswich. We offer quality screen printing at competitive prices. Small orders welcome. For further information

**please contact us
at Gaff Gear, 17A
Clay Street, Ipswich**

(07) 812 1377



GAFF GEAR



Regional Interagency Meetings

September/October 1994



Cairns Region Youth Services Network

27 October 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 Sept 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

13 Sept 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

(Not available)

Contact Sue Matthew

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

Grapevine Youth Info Centre Committee

21 Sept 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

6 October 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

13 October 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

28 Sept 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

14 Sept 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

September/October 1994



Western Suburbs Interagency

27 Sept 1994 at 3.00pm
(Venue to be determined)

Contact Julie Atwood

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

Caboolture Youth Network

5 October 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

27 Sept 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

15 Sept at 10.00am

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

13 October 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

14 Sept 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

5 October 1994 at 3.00pm
DFSAIA
100 George St, Beenleigh

Contact Linda Ford

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

STAFF PROFILE

YANQ's New Administration and Publications Officer



Name:
Judith Wootton

Star Sign:
Aquarius

Brief training and work history:

- Completed a Bachelor of Business - Accountancy at QUT in 1991
- Worked for three years as the administration officer for Kangaroo Point Training Centre, the commercial training unit of Kangaroo Point College of TAFE. My work there was diverse and involved all administrative functions of the unit as well as preparation and publication of training material, flyers and newsletter.

Most loved food:

Home cooking

Most hated food:

Bad chinese takeaway/anchovies

Favourite female:

My mum

Favourite male:

Too many to choose from

Favourite word/s

Chocolate/holidays/it's a shocker!

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

Lots of nice words... (well, they *might*!)

What word/s would you use to describe yourself:

A little mad, good for a laugh

What is your idea of perfect happiness:

Champagne and prawns on a deck overlooking Point Lookout on a perfect summer's day

What do you procrastinate most often about:

Getting out of bed in the mornings

What makes you most depressed:

Having to get out of bed in the mornings

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself:

Being a stress merchant (sometimes)

What is the trait you most deplore in others:

Selfishness

Which words or phrases do you most overuse:

Is it lunch time yet?

What is your greatest regret:

Not having my motorbike licence - yet

What one thing would improve the quality of your life:

A deck on my house

How would you like to be remembered:

As an outstanding talent

1994 Policy Forum Delegates

The following people have been elected as delegates to the 1994 Policy Forum.

Interagency reps

Kerry Schonfish	Gold Coast Youth Network Forum
Paul Pease	Sunshine Coast
John Flanagan	Logan Youth Interagency
Bill Briner	Ipswich Youth Focus
Angela Baker	Rockhampton Youth Interagency
Paulline Easterbrook	Beenleigh Youth Interagency
Sylvia Fisher	Magnetic North Youth Service Providers
Robert Hasson	Central Highlands Youth Link Network
Karen Mowett	North West Youth Interagency Forum
Jenny McAllister	Westside Youth Interagency
Marg Joughin	Inala LARGEFLY

Issues Based groups reps

Marianne Ellsworth	South East Qld Youth Accommodation Coalition
Lawrie Moynihan	Youth Justice Coalition
Kaye Nunan	Youth Arts Queensland

Population group reps

Tong Gallik	ATSI Working Party
Francine Seeto	NESB Youth Issues Network
Paul Martin	Toehold (Gay and Lesbian young people)
Catherine Black	WAYWARD

Statewide organisation reps

James Finn	Youth Sector Training Council
Nicole Rossiter	YMCA
Marissa Patchell	Australian Association of Adolescent Health

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Community Jobs and Training Program

The Queensland Government's Community Jobs and Training Program provides grants for community-based job creation, job training and job placement projects. Applications are invited from eligible non-profit, incorporated, community-based organisations, development boards or local authorities for financial assistance towards the cost of investigating or implementing these projects.

Assistance is available for the following:

Job Training and Placement Projects (up to \$45,000)

These projects improve the employment-readiness and job prospects of unemployed Queenslanders through:

- job placement
- training tailored to identified job opportunities
- training linked to enterprise projects

Labour Market Feasibility Studies or Pilot Projects (up to \$7,500)

- seed funding for pilot employment projects
- funding for the investigation and development of employment activities.

Further information:

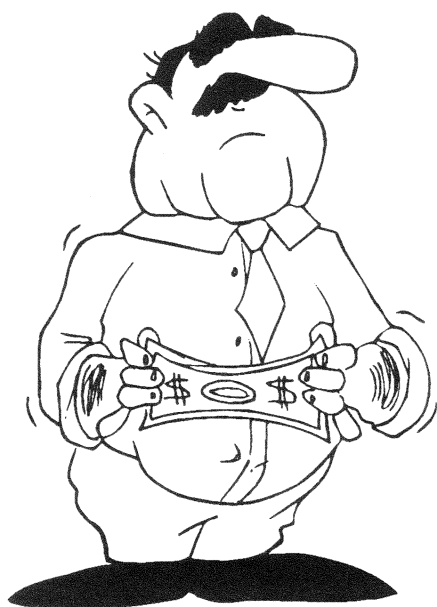
Guidelines and application forms will be forwarded to interested eligible groups on request by contacting:

The Program Officer
Ph: (07) 858 5138 or (07) 858 5142
Fax: (07) 367 2891



DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Department of Employment, Vocational Education, Training and Industrial Relations



'THE MONEY PIT'



DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Community Relations Agenda Grants

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is administering grants under the Community Relations Agenda to encourage involvement of community organisations, particularly national and State/Territory umbrella organisations in the development and implementation of practical and innovative community relations projects.

Grants will be available for selected projects which promote harmonious community relations in Australia through encouraging a greater degree of acceptance of, and respect for, cultural diversity.

Applications are invited from interested organisations. Priority will be given to projects that meet these objectives in the areas of:

- Youth
- Media
- Police and the Law
- Local Government

Project proposals will be considered strictly according to identified guidelines. Guidelines and application forms can be obtained by ringing the telephone Hotline 241 4841.

Applications should be sent to:
Office of Multicultural Affairs
3-5 National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 30 September 1994.

Rural Access Program (RAP)

Department of Primary Industries and
Energy

Funding is available through the Commonwealth Department of Primary Industries and Energy for the support of projects designed to improve the access of people, in rural and remote communities, to services and opportunities.

Second round funding applications close 31 January 1995. For an application form, contact:

Rural Division
Department of Primary Industries and Energy
Edmund Barton Building
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Ph: (06) 272 5962
Fax (06) 272 4414



YOUTH & COMMUNITY CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM "CONNECTIONS"

The Foundation is pleased to announce a nationwide grants program to assist young people who might otherwise not have the opportunity to engage in cultural activities with their communities. Proposals for projects should be proactive, can be broadly based and may include creative and recreational activities that reflect:

- the diversity of cultural backgrounds among young people, and
- an understanding of the importance that culture has in the lives and development of young people.

It is a fundamental part of the program that projects find community co-sponsorship.

The priority areas for funding in 1994/95 are:

- young long term unemployed
- young offenders
- young homeless people

Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Applications close September 30 1994.

For further information and Guidelines contact:

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION
302/134 William St, East Sydney NSW 2011
Ph: (02) 357 2344 or 008 252 316 Fax: (02) 358 5635

PUBLIC NOTICE: Funding has been withdrawn from the Redlands Adolescent Support Group Inc.

Referrals should no longer be made to this organisation.



Queensland Government
Department of Education

Non School Organisations Applications for 1995

Commonwealth National Equity Program
for Schools
Special Education Component

Subject to the availability of Commonwealth funding in 1995, the Commonwealth National Equity Program for Schools, Special Education Component, Non School Organisations Committee invites applications for funding.

Funds may be accessed by incorporated bodies which have a constitution to provide:

- education support to child/students between the ages of 0 - 18 years with disabilities; and
- education support and other services for child/students in residential care.

Eligibility guidelines - please refer to page 60 and page xi, "Commonwealth Programs for Schools 1994 Administrative Guidelines" for details.

Funding is made available for education services, therapy, equipment and other services provided by Non School Organisations.

Programs are funded on a calendar year basis.

Further information and application forms are available from:

Coordinator
National Equity Program for Schools
Special Education Component
Target Groups Unit
Studies Directorate
Department of Education
PO Box 33
Albert Street
BRISBANE Q 4002
Phone: (07) 237 0075 or (07) 237 0042

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Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund

Second round offers for funding from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund close on Friday 30 September 1994.

For more information about the fund, contact:

Rod Setterlund,
Manager,
Gaming Machine Community Benefit
Fund Secretariat

Ph: (07) 227 4290

 Illusion Free Zone

the conference

IFZ the conference is hosted by AAYPIC, the national consumer network of children and young people who live in residential, foster, semi independent or any other form of out of home care. IFZ the conference is for any young person aged 12 - 21 years who is, or has been in care. Limited numbers of workers are able to attend the conference if accompanying young people and with prior knowledge of the committee.

DATES: 9 - 11 September
 VENUE: Naamaroo Conference Centre
 Lane Cove
 Sydney

**For further info, contact Jan Owen at
 AAYPIC PO Box 82, Brisbane Roma
 St PO Qld 4003 ☎/Fax: (07) 217 1362**

 Beyond the Beauty Myth and
 Endless Diet

A public seminar on sustainable
 weight control

This seminar is presented by The College of Dietitian-Nutritionists in Private Practice. Speakers at the seminar are qualified Dietitian-Nutritionists who work as consultants to the health industry, food companies and in private practice. Speakers will be addressing topics such as: "The Dieting Dilemma" and "The Struggle to be Slim".

DATE: 10 September
 VENUE: Wesley Hospital
 Auchentflower

**For further info, contact CDNPP c/-
 124 Kedron Brook Road, Wilston 4051
 ☎ (07) 856 4133**

 Heart Politics Conference

 Creating a Culture of Positive
 Social Change

This gathering is a blend of conference, workshop and celebration. It will be a highly participatory event, with speakers, workshops, support groups, circle sharing, interest groups, fun campfires, music dancing and relaxation.

DATES: 23 - 27 September
 VENUE: Camp Drewe
 Lennox Head NSW

**For further info, contact Bobbi Allan
 346 The Channon Road, The
 Channon, 2480 ☎ (066) 886 147**

 Pacific Rim Conference

 International Association of
 Adolescent Health

The theme for this first Pacific Rim Conference is "Youth and the Family", focussing on the position that young people take in families, and how they can relate to their families at the same time as striving to become independent of them.

DATES: 6 - 9 November
 VENUE: Auckland City Travelodge
 Auckland, New Zealand

**For further info, contact Stephanie
 Humphries, The Planit Group Lt, 201
 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch,
 New Zealand ☎ 64 3 366 5955**

 Women, Power and Politics
 Conference

The Conference is to celebrate the South Australian Centenary of the rights for women to stand for election to

Parliament (world first) and to grant women the right to vote.

DATES: 8 - 11 October
 VENUE: Adelaide

**Registration forms and information
 kits are available from Union of
 Australian Women (Qld Branch) PO
 Box 8320, Woolloongabba 4102.
 ☎ (07) 391 1902**

 The Super Highway to Social
 Justice

 6th National Community
 Information Conference

Seminars and workshops will address: A National Agenda for community information, community information and technology, better use of resources, social justice and community information.

DATES: 9 - 11 November
 VENUE: Canberra Travelodge Hotel

**For further info, contact Natanya or
 Adam at the Citizens Advice Bureau
 of the ACT, GPO Box 669, Canberra
 ACT 2601 ☎ (06) 257 1687**

 Mental Illness - Seeing through
 the Maze

This one day seminar addresses issues such as Adolescent psychiatry, family support issues and difficulties, and mental health services for children and young people.

DATE: 7 September 1994
 VENUE: Yungaba Conference Room
 Kangaroo Point

**For further info, contact Katie at
 CAFWAQ on ☎ (07) 368 1050 or fax
 (07) 368 1160. CAFWAQ, PO Box 159
 Paddington, 4064.**

IT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T DO IT

Expanding Options for Young People at Risk with a Mild Intellectual Disability

This report focuses on a group of young people with a mild intellectual disability who are disadvantaged in their access to mainstream services and whose disability often goes unrecognised.

As a group, these young people appear to be over-represented in the criminal justice system. They are often inappropriately involved in the psychiatric system and are, in the main, at risk of becoming homeless, transient and in unstable accommodation, or homeless. Some of the issues of concern raised in the report are the lack of appropriate accommodation options for many young people at risk, the use of psychiatric medication to control behaviour, and the exploitation and abuse of this group.

In addition to bringing together the experiences of these young people, the views of service providers and the observations of the researchers, the report looks at ways of addressing the needs of this group and proposes a model of service delivery which would link with young people and resource mainstream agencies in their work with the group.

For further information about the report, contact Anne Coleman at the YAR⇨MID Project, 23 Wood Street Nundah or Morrie at the Community Living Program on ☎ (07) 862 1052.

READ MY LIPS

The Read My Lips Campaign is part of the Commonwealth Community Education Program: Stop Violence Against Women. The campaign is targeted at young men and women with the aim of educating men to listen and respect women's right to refuse sex and tell women that sexual assault is not their fault - no matter where they are, how they look or what they've said or done in the past. The campaign includes posters which are being displayed on buses and billboards, around universities, colleges, pubs and clubs.

The booklet which supports the poster offers basic information about sexual assault for women, their families and friends.

Booklet produced by the Office of the Status of Women under the Commonwealth Community Education Program: Stop Violence Against Women

ACCESS BRISBANE

Brisbane City Council has updated and reprinted its "Access Brisbane" publication, which provides a directory of accessible facilities and services in Brisbane and nearby.

The booklet provides access information on a range of facilities such as banks, council facilities, sport and recreation facilities, as well as a listing of general community assistance agencies. Where there are telephone typewriters for people with hearing impairments, the relevant numbers are included. The entries list the availability of hearing loops, wheelchair accessible parking, toilets, lifts, telephones, change rooms and showers. "Access Brisbane" aims to see people with disabilities increasingly included in society.

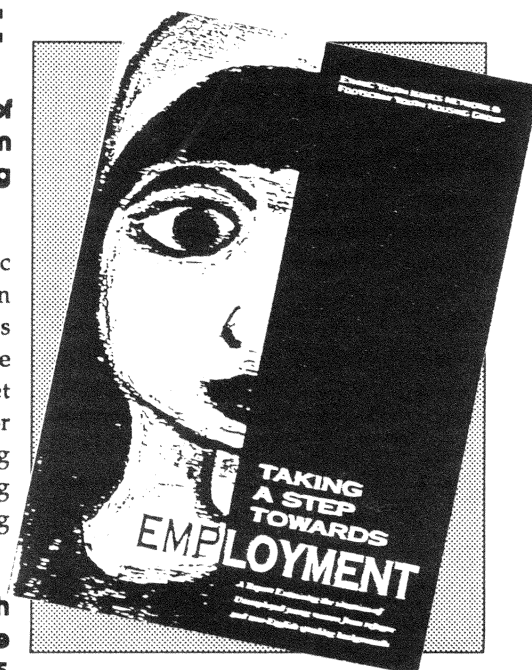
Available free of charge at Council libraries, Ward Offices, or by phoning the Council's Disability Services Section on ☎ (07) 225 4268.

Taking a Step Towards Employment:

A report examining the situation of unemployed young women from refugee and non-English speaking backgrounds.

This report was prepared by the Ethnic Youth Issues Network in conjunction with the Footscray Young Women's Housing Service, in response to the adverse impact of labour market changes and increased competition for training and employment, upon young women from non-English speaking backgrounds and in particular young refugee women.

Available for \$7.00 from Ethnic Youth Issues Network, Suite 1/250 Gore Street, Fitzroy Vic 3065 ☎ (03) 419 9122 Fax (03) 416 0450



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
	\$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

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

Transitions & Network Noise only

☐ \$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

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