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Juvenile Justice reshuffle not the issue for YANQ members

Administration of Juvenile Justice should remain with the Department of Family Services: this was YANQ's recommendation to a recent government review of the location of juvenile justice responsibilities.

The review was conducted over the last eight weeks and had a mandate assess the current administration of juvenile justice, and if there are any better options.

A submission by YANQ to the Review Team voiced concerns about the process of the Review as well as the broader context within which it was conducted. The YANQ submission concluded with six recommendations.

Of grave concern to YANQ was the brevity of the process and the lack of major consultation with the community sector. Groups or individuals who became aware of the process through their own means were granted a meeting with the Review Team and were invited to submit position papers. However, the process, to our knowledge, was not publicised, and passed without most of the community sector even being aware

of it. Similarly, the document to come out of the review is not public.

The inadequate resourcing of juvenile justice, rather than inappropriate administrative location, was the concern expressed by many YANQ members who completed a survey in direct relation to the Review.

Juvenile justice is currently a branch of the Division of Protective Services and Juvenile Justice within the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs.

A range of options was being considered, including setting up an Office of Juvenile Justice either within the DFSAIA or elsewhere (possibly the Corrective Services Commission or Police Department), moving the branch to another department, or maintaining the status quo.

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

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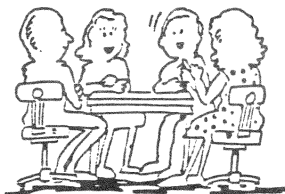
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Coordinating Committee Update

Jan - Feb 1995

WELCOME!

The Coordinating Committee has undergone some recent membership changes and is pleased to welcome aboard three new members. Rachel McLaren, Jenny Thompson and Catherine Black have taken up vacancies left by the resignations of Helen Latemore, Liz Pyle and Donna Densley.

Rachel is a Social Sciences student at QUT, enrolled in the Youth Work stream.

Jenny is a worker at the Cherbourg/Murgon YACCA project and is an active member of the Murri and Islander Working Party.

Catherine is a sexual abuse worker at Zig Zag and is actively involved in WAYWARD.

With the resignation of Donna Densley, the position of Secretary was vacated, and Paul Martin was voted into this position.

The Committee is also pleased to welcome Penny Carr onto the staff secretariat, filling the position of Policy and Research Officer. Penny has many years of work experience within the youth sector, her most recent position being as youth development worker with the Hills and Samford District Welfare Association.

Decisions Made January - February 1995

That Catherine Black and Jenny Thompson be accepted as the new Committee members, to fill the vacancies left by Helen Latemore and Donna Densley.

That Paul Martin be appointed to the position of Secretary to replace Donna Densley.

That the draft roles/responsibilities of Coordinating Committee members be presented to the Committee meeting in February.

That staff continue to have staff supervision with Andrew Jones until the end of June.

Industry Commission Inquiry in Queensland again

The Industry Commission Inquiry into Charitable Organisations has recently completed its second round of hearings in Brisbane.

These hearings were held as a follow-up to the release of the Commission's draft report, which recommends major changes to the operation of community social welfare organisations in Australia.

Twenty-five recommendations are raised in the draft report, covering such contentious areas as tendering for contracts, multi-year funding, provision for award payments, taxation arrangements, 'best practice' arrangements and research.

YANQ was one of eighteen

organisations that gave evidence to the Commission. YANQ's submission principally covered:

- (a) our support of the recommendation of a cooperative partnership between the sector and government in the planning, delivery and evaluation of services
- (b) our opposition to any notion of competitive tendering by community agencies for service delivery contracts
- (c) the importance of input from the sector in the direction and conduct of research, and
- (d) support for the development of legally enforceable funding agreements which clearly define the

responsibilities of both the funding body and the community organisation.

If you would like a copy of the Draft Report (approximately 600 pages) or the Overview of the Draft Report (a more readable 42 pages), please contact:

Charitable Organisations Inquiry
Industry Commission
Locked Bag 2
Collins St East Post Office
Melbourne VIC 3000

or contact Gaylene Moseley by fax on (03) 653 2302

Lindsay Granger

Juvenile Justice Review

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Another of YANQ's concerns was the broader context in which this Review was undertaken. Recently, we have seen much media hype about the 'juvenile crime wave' which exists not in reality but in the media outlets' bid to sell 'news'. Further, with this an election year and pressure from the Opposition over escapes from juvenile detention centres, there is a fear that pressure to be seen to be doing something may override any rational review of the situation.

The Review Team's report will be presented to the Premier on his return from overseas, around the middle of March. What will happen from then is up to the Premier.

It is yet to be seen what will happen from this review. If anyone would like further information on this review or the YANQ submission, please contact Penny Carr at YANQ on (07) 852 1800.

Penny Carr

Youth protocols, six months on...

Confusion still reigns, even though six months has passed since the introduction of Commonwealth/State protocols for unsupported young people.

A meeting in Brisbane in February with DFSAIA, DSS and local non-government youth services revealed a number of concerns over the implementation of the protocols and their effect on young people. While participants endorsed the principle of clarifying which level of government has responsibility for these young people and ensuring that they meet those responsibilities, the complex and 'merry-go-round' nature of these protocols for young people was criticised.

Local youth services expressed the opinion that many organisations working with these young people are still unaware of the protocols, what they mean and how they operate. This seemed to be confirmed by anecdotal evidence suggesting that young people are getting caught in the system or falling through the net, yet very few complaints or concerns have been

voiced to the DSS. It is vital that youth workers formalise complaints and concerns over the effect of these protocols with their local DSS Area Manager.

An Interim report on the protocols was due at the beginning of March. It has not yet been confirmed whether that report is available. To date, no statistics appear to be available to compare how many young people under 15 years who front up to DSS for income support fall out of the system due to the lengthy process and the fact that they must then turn up at DFSAIA for 'assessment'.

Look out for a more in-depth article on the protocols in the next edition of *Network Noise*. If anyone has any queries about the protocols please call Penny Carr at YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or 1 800 177 899.

Penny Carr

Enabling young people to achieve their rights

A five-day workshop by Suzi Quixley

This intensive workshop will focus on theory and practical skills development in two areas:

- how to support young people to take collective action to achieve their rights
- understanding the barriers faced by particular disadvantaged groups of young people

The workshop will address issues such as:

- the impact of our values on our approach to human rights
- the rights of young people
- different ideas on what empowerment involves
- how these impact on service provision
- enabling young people to access information
- developing networks amongst young people
- understanding different cultural contexts/issues for young people
- overcoming barriers to participation

A key goal of the workshop is to meet the learning needs of the group. That is why participants will have the opportunity to continually reflect on, and modify, the program throughout the workshop. Regardless of specific content and process chosen, the workshop will be highly participatory and engaging! A wide range of different learning tools will be used. We will constantly reflect on how any theory covered applies, to practical work with young people.

The details:

The workshop will be held from April 3 - 7 1995 from 9am - 5pm daily. The venue is yet to be chosen and will depend on where participants live.

There will be a maximum of 12 participants. This is to allow a high level of learning and interaction within the group. Participants will be selected using the following criteria:

- willingness to commit to the whole five-day process
- a maximum of two workers per agency
- equal number of urban and rural workers
- workers within DTSR's Near North Coast region
- otherwise, "first in, first served"

If the workshop is not fully booked by Friday March 24, workers from other areas will be free to register.

Registration forms and further details are available from:

**Siyavash Doostkhah, Deception Bay Community Youth Programs,
PO Box 154, Deception Bay Q 4508 ☎ (07) 204 0277**

This training is coordinated by Deception Bay Community Youth Programs and has received support from the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing. Participation in the workshop is free.

DTSR launches Youth Week '95

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing will be launching Youth Week '95, to be held from 7 to 15 October, 1995. This year the theme, developed in conjunction with young people, is *Valuing Voice and Cultures*. The intention is to focus on the role young people play in community life, emphasising that young people have views to be voiced and that those views reflect various cultural perspectives expressed in many different ways.

Funding for Youth Week '95 is available through the Youth Week Grant Scheme, with funding ranging from up to \$1000 for projects and activities, to funding up to \$3000 for significant regional initiatives. For more details, see the advertisement in the funding section on page 18.

The Department will also be producing a Calendar of Events for Youth Week '95. This calendar will promote all activities funded under the Grant Scheme, as well as any additional projects staged under the banner of Youth Week '95. If your organisation is planning an event or activity which will occur during Youth Week and matches the objectives of Youth Week '95, you may wish to promote that event through the Calendar. Calendar information forms are available from DTSR.



TOWARDS AN ETHNIC HEALTH POLICY

Interested members of the public are invited to comment on Queensland Health's discussion paper, *Towards an Ethnic Health Policy for a Culturally Diverse Queensland*. Copies of the paper can be obtained from:

**The Ethnic Health Policy Unit, Queensland Health, GPO Box 48, Brisbane Qld 4001.
Tel: (07) 234 1778/9 Fax: (07) 234 1582**

Written submissions should be received by 31 March 1995.

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Call for YANQ members to support Election Working Party

In the lead up to the 1995 Queensland Elections, YANQ is seeking members to be part of a Working Party that will promote a youth issues campaign.

The Election Working Party was an outcome of the 1994 YANQ Policy Forum and the Policy Forum selected a range of objectives and strategies.

With the election likely to be held around September, it is important for this working party to gain momentum

quickly. The next meeting of the working party will be held on Friday 31 March at 9.00am. If you are interested in being part of this working party, please ring Lindsay Granger at YANQ to find out how you can be part of this meeting, regardless of where you are in Queensland.

The working party will meet monthly up until the elections and will adopt a number of strategies, including

encouraging accurate and positive media reporting of youth issues, surveying politicians on youth issues, producing 'factsheets' on current issues, and promoting young people's role in the election.

Please give YANQ a call and be part of promoting a just outcome for young people from this year's state election.

Lindsay Granger

YANQ WORKING PARTY UPDATES

Murri and Islander Working Party - The Working Party's main project, to establish a statewide network of Murri youth services, came closer to happening this month with the agreement of the Department of Housing and Local Government to part-funding of the project.

Funding for 75 per cent of the project has now been gained, with successful agreements already existing with the Youth Bureau (DTSR) and the Office of Aboriginal and Islander Affairs (DFSIA).

Working Party convenor Tong Galiki said that they were now hopeful of completing the funding arrangements quickly and getting the project under way.

The other major project that the Working Party is conducting at the moment is to develop a model for the operation of the Community Development Employment Programs (CDEP). This project will be based in the Aboriginal community of Cherbourg, 285 km north-west of Brisbane. The Working Party is presently trying to appoint a worker for this DEET funded project.

The Rural and Isolated Working Party - With the commencement of YANQ's new Policy and Research Officer, Penny Carr, the Rural and Isolated Working Party has taken the opportunity to recap on its actions over the past twelve months. Penny is in the process of summarising the actions of the Working Party, and will prepare a formalised list of the Working Party's objectives. These will be presented at the next meeting on 5 April.

Two resignations from the Working Party have recently been received, so any members who are interested in joining the Working Party are invited to contact Penny at YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or 1 800 177 899.

These Working Parties meet monthly. Any enquiries can be directed to YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or 1 800 177 899

Youth protocol makes homeless payment even less accessible

One of the findings of the Welfare Rights Centre's study into the Young Homeless Allowance (YHA) was that the payment was not widely understood or accessed by young homeless people.

This was despite an intense media campaign using anecdotal evidence in an effort to demonstrate the 'ease' with which YHA was assessed and granted.

It would now appear that the Commonwealth Government intends to make eligibility criteria even tougher for under 15's - often the most vulnerable group of homeless young people.

This will happen by transferring the responsibility for assessing homelessness from the Commonwealth (Department of Social Security) to State authorities (Department of Family Services, Aboriginal and Islander Affairs).

This is despite the fact that DFSIA Guidelines are not widely known or subject to the same processes of review as DSS.

The overall effect is a bureaucratic sleight-of-hand which will eventually make YHA all but inaccessible to young homeless people.

Steve Duckham
Welfare Rights Centre

NESB Youth Issues Network expands

The last *Network Noise* reported the establishment of a new YANQ project focusing on non-English speaking background young people's issues. YANQ received one year's funding from the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs to employ worker Susan Ferguson to resource the Non-English Speaking Background Youth Issues Network (NESBYIN).

The last two NESBYIN meetings have seen a dramatic rise in the numbers of people attending the Network meetings, with more than 20 people attending each meeting. This is a very encouraging sign for NESBYIN and has meant that we have more energy and human resources to work together on particular projects which may start to improve young NESB people's access to services.

Several new working parties are emerging from NESBYIN. A group of members will be creating a workshop which will provide an opportunity for information exchange between mainstream service providers and workers from NESB services. The workshop will be designed to give information to mainstream youth service providers about particular cultures, as well as enabling workers from ethno-specific services to have contact with workers in the youth sector. We are hoping to invite youth workers to a forum to present the workshop, or arrange meetings with individual organisations or other Networks. If you are interested in this project, please let Susan know.

Another project that NESBYIN members are hoping to organise is an information exchange between young

people, families and interested services, in a bid to come up with creative solutions to some of the difficulties mainstream workers may face when working with young people from NESB. Another goal of this project would be to convey information to families from NESB about mainstream youth culture in Australia. One of the problems that young people from NESB face is being caught between cultures. That is, many young people feel that they cannot fully participate in "Australian" youth culture or fully fit in with their family's culture of origin. We are hoping that this information exchange will be a start in breaking down some of the barriers that young people experience.

These projects give you some idea of NESBYIN's activities, but they are just a start. There are many other possibilities, depending on input from members. Interested people are welcome to join at any time, simply by attending a meeting.

Please ring Susan at YANQ if you would like any further information about NESBYIN, which meets every month on the last Tuesday between three and five. See you there!!!

Susan Ferguson

The next NESB Youth Issues Network Meeting is on Tuesday 28 March, 3.00-5.00pm, at Yungaba's conference room. Yungaba is situated at 120 Main St, Kangaroo Point.



COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH

Initiatives to Improve Specialist Medical Service Delivery in Rural and Remote Areas

In 1993-94, the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) commissioned a study to investigate possible strategies to increase access to specialist medical services in rural and remote areas (an issue highlighted for surgical specialties by the recent Baume Inquiry).

A report of the study has been produced and the Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, in conjunction with State/Territory health authorities, is now seeking to establish pilot projects which will test the impact of strategies proposed in the report.

Eligible sponsors are likely to include local/regional health planning authorities, rural Divisions of General Practice, larger rural hospitals, or well-established health services/group practices. Funding will be time-limited and preference will be given to proposals which demonstrate both Commonwealth and State support and links to ongoing sources of funding.

Proposals must address the following core selection criteria:

- location in suitable rural or remote pilot area
- support from all major relevant local players
- high potential to result in longer term increased access to cost-effective, high quality specialist service provision
- effective professional support to trainee specialists and local medical practitioners, including links to Colleges and tertiary institutions
- linkages to the achievement of local health goals
- comprehensive evaluation strategy

Project proposals should be forwarded to State or Territory health authorities who will collate and submit projects to the Commonwealth by 24 March 1995.

For further information on the initiative, application guidelines, copies of the consultant's report to AHMAC, and contact numbers for relevant officers in State/Territory Health authorities, please ring (06) 289 8323.

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The health needs of young NESB people

The Ethnic Communities' Council of Queensland (ECC) is currently conducting a small research project into the health needs of young NESB people, aged from 15 to 24 years, concentrating on the Brisbane region.

The project, entitled *Ethnic Youth Health Needs Analysis*, is funded by the Youth Health Policy Unit, Queensland Health, under the Grants for Young People's Health Program 1994/95. The project will last for approximately six weeks, ending in early April.

The project's primary aim is to identify the health needs of NESB young people. Despite the presence of a large population of NESB young people, their health needs have not been comprehensively analysed and documented. Anecdotal information about issues such as sexual health, and alcohol and drugs suggests that NESB young people are disadvantaged in accessing and receiving information about health services and health issues and problems.

The objectives of the study are to consult with NESB young people through focus groups, and identify and document their needs. GIA workers, ESL schools, youth networks and other community groups and organisations will also be contacted for input. A final report will be submitted to the Youth Health Policy Unit.

The ECC is a voluntary organisation which has been representing ethnic organisations and interested individuals since 1976. The Council encourages the effective participation of ethnic communities in matters which affect them, and advises government of the needs and priorities of ethnic communities.

Should you wish to discuss the project, or participate in the project itself - for example, by providing information regarding the health problems, needs and concerns of NESB young people (especially those from specific ethnic communities) - please contact Ms Jacinta Sartori, at the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland, 26 Merivale Street, South Brisbane 4101 on (07) 844 9166.

Jacinta Sartori
Ethnic Communities Council Queensland

Employment Forum

Building Bridges between Migrant Job-Seekers and Employers

The South West GIA Network is a coalition of Grant-in-Aid workers in the South West Corridor of Brisbane. Formed two months ago, its first project was to organise a forum to address issues of migrant employment, including migrant young people, which will be held on Friday 21 April at the Inala Community Hall.

The objectives of this forum are:

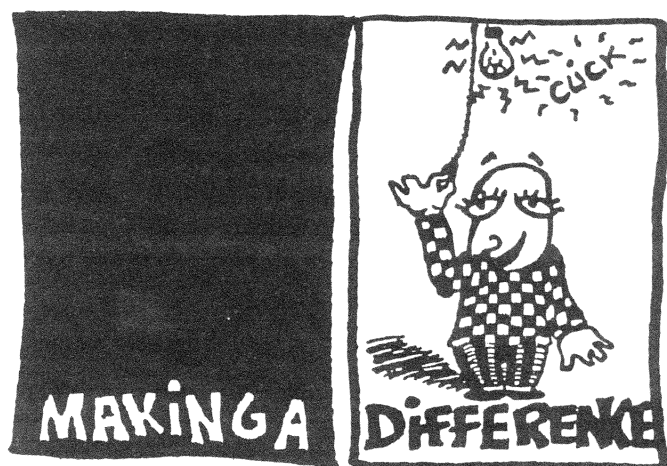
- to present a realistic view of how people from migrant backgrounds cope with unemployment
- to provide a venue and build bridges of communication with mainstream networks, government departments and the business sector
- to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by migrants in seeking employment
- to recognise the potential of migrant job seekers

Guest speakers at the forum will include employers, government officials, service providers and migrant job-seekers. Lunch will be provided.

For further information, contact:

Anh Tran	(07) 375 5700
Maria Coop	(07) 818 1443
Grace Lui	(07) 375 1929
Erica Fernandez	(07) 844 8457

Queensland 1994 Youth Affairs Conference Report



The papers for the Conference Report from the 1994 State Youth Affairs Conference have finally been gathered, compiled, edited, rechecked, double-checked and printed!

The report includes evaluation feedback from conference attendees, as well as papers from Rob White, Grazia Catalano, Suzi Quixley, Ross Homel, Cec Fisher, and other speakers from the Conference.

Copies have been posted to all conference attendees, and a limited number of extra copies are available from YANQ.

If you would like any additional copies please contact YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or 1 800 177 899.

Youth Gathering '94

The papers, descriptions, recommendations and photos that capture the first AYPAC national conference are finally available. All conference participants have been forwarded a copy. Further copies are available for \$15 plus \$5 postage from AYPAC ☎ (06) 241 8055.

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AYPAC Federal Budget Submission

This is a summary of the key points of AYPAC's Federal Budget Submission to the Economic Planning Advisory Commission (EPAC). The submission also identified and commented on various DEET training wage and labour market programs, youth grants, HIV/AIDS education for young people, acceptance and support of gay and lesbian young people, and health education/harm reduction in marijuana use by young people.

Background

The Government must establish targets between now and the year 2000 to ensure that the youth unemployment rate is reduced to no more than 5 per cent, as is the target for the unemployed population group. The unemployment rate for 15 to 19 year olds is three times that of people over 20 years old, yet the White Paper offers, at best, a 15 per cent unemployment rate for young people aged 15 to 19 years old by the year 2000. Government must provide a guarantee of job placements through programs like New Work Opportunities to meet these targets.

DEET Responsibilities

Youth unemployment and job creation

The Government has not incorporated any major public sector job creation strategies, despite numerous recommendations by key organisations to do so. Current economic growth is not delivering sufficient jobs for young people and, therefore, the Government must do so. The Government needs to do more than better equip young people through labour market programs, as employment success depends as much on available jobs as it does on providing

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a high level of training.

White Paper Initiatives

The following initiatives should be incorporated into the monitoring and evaluation process:

- monitor employment targets towards a goal of 5 per cent by the year 2000
- evaluate job growth in terms of who is benefiting most and getting the jobs
- evaluate the success of Jobs Compact positions after the subsidies have run out, with a breakdown by individual industries and enterprises, comparing geographic locations
- evaluate all government job creation strategies re their ability to meet a 5 per cent youth unemployment target by the year 2000
- establish ways for young people to provide feedback and advice on labour market programs and other White Paper initiatives
- conduct public consultations on Government's plans to monitor White Paper initiatives.

Young people and mental health

The Government must develop a comprehensive national strategy on young people and mental health as a matter of urgency. The immediate aim should be to stabilise the incidence of mental health disorders among young people, particularly in critical areas such as youth suicide, and increase resources and services specifically tailored to young people.

It has been amply demonstrated that the mental health of young people is an area in which the Federal Government has done little when measured against the extent of the demand for assistance and services. Mental health issues relating to young people have been extensively documented within numerous Government reports and inquiries, and possible solutions have been recommended. The Government must now act upon these recommendations within this Federal budget.

AYPAC recommends several initiatives for consideration:

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- establish an interdepartmental committee to re-distribute mental health funds more equitably
- develop a national young people and mental health strategy and prevention of youth suicide, and provide funding to support initiatives identified through this strategy
- fund action research to evaluate current youth suicide intervention models and review implementation of recent mental health reports
- establish mental health outreach teams in rural and remote areas
- establish a national education/information campaign around youth mental health issues and disorders, including services and preventative measures
- immediately increase the number of psychiatric beds available nationally to young people to meet at least 50 per cent of the current demand.

Youth Suicide

As part of an overall approach to mental health, the Federal Government must take immediate steps to reduce the current rate of youth suicide. There must be a review of recent work in relation to youth suicide prevention and a youth suicide prevention strategy specifically included with the proposed National Mental Health Strategy.

Young people and access to justice

Young people under 18, who make up 27 per cent of Australia's population, do not have access to legal services dedicated to meeting their needs. Many young people come in contact with the legal system: as victims of violence, in custody disputes when relationships break down, and through suspension and exclusion from school as alleged offenders. Young people are relatively powerless and lack knowledge of their legal rights.

AYPAC, as part of a broad based group of youth legal services and youth affairs organisations, supports Government funding of a Justice Strategy for children and young people. This strategy has four components:

- A national children's and young

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people's legal advocacy program, providing a network of specialist advice and advocacy services, delivered through community legal centres or youth legal services. This network would be coordinated by the National Children's and Youth Law Centre.

- A review by the Australian Law Reform Commission of barriers to justice for children and young people
- Establishment of a Commissioner for Children to monitor and report on the implementation of children's rights in Australia
- A charter of children's and young people's rights enacted in Commonwealth legislation.

Young people in rural and remote areas

Service delivery and funding for youth-specific services and remote areas are issues of great concern to young people in these communities. AYPAC supports a proposal to establish a pool of funds specifically for the provision of welfare services in rural and remote areas, initiated by combining a percentage of funding currently allocated to community-based welfare services from all departmental service programs. Non-government organisations would make submissions to this pool to provide needed services and programs.

AYPAC also supports a National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH) recommendation that all non-metropolitan services funded by State/Territory and Commonwealth governments receive automatic, additional funding to cover the expense of a 008 number, vehicle, travel expenses and STD telephone/fax calls.

AYPAC supports continued funding for the Rural Youth Information Services as a separate program outside the Australian Youth Initiatives Grants Scheme.

For more detailed information about AYPAC's submission, contact Julian Pocock or Carol Croce at AYPAC ☎ (06) 241 8055.

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

EARNBACK INITIATIVES

The Australia Council allocates a limited proportion of its funds in projects by and for artists and arts organisations which could generate financial returns for recycling to other arts activities.

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

Project proposals may be submitted at any time addressed to Earnback Initiatives, Secretariat, Australia Council. Enquiries should be directed in the first instance to Jonathan Thomson, (02) 950 9014.

VISUAL ARTS/ CRAFT BOARD 1995 PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE

The Visual Arts/Craft Board of the Australia Council seeks to foster a dynamic visual culture in Australia by supporting the creation, presentation and interpretation of contemporary visual art and craft nationally and internationally. Through this the Board aims to increase appreciation of contemporary art and craft, and enable fair reward for artists and craftspeople. In 1995 the Board will offer the following programs of assistance:

Closing Date: 1 May, 1995

National Infrastructure Support Annual Administration Program

- Annual Administration
- Recurrent and Non Recurrent Annual Administration; Artist Run Initiatives; Craft Cooperatives and Workshops; and Special Purpose Administration

Closing Date: 16 June, 1995 Special Projects Program

- Exhibitions (including Performance/Installation)
- Conferences/Seminars
- Residencies
- Market Development
- Other Projects

Writing and Publishing Program

- Writing Fellowships
- Journals
- Projects

Closing Date: 12 May, 1995 Professional Development of Artists and Craftspeople

Professional Development Program

- Fellowships (including multi-year Fellowships)
- Projects
- Group Initiatives
- Franchiseships

Overseas Development Program

- Overseas Fellowship Residencies
- Overseas Studio Residencies
- Overseas Travel

Please note that the board will hold Information Forums in some states and territories after 13 March 1995. Contact the Visual Arts/Craft unit for details.

Closing Date: 16 June, 1995

International Promotion Program

- "Australia as a Site" for major international exhibitions in Australia
- Exhibitions and Projects — Please note that the Board will not offer this grant category in 1995

APPLICATIONS TO THE AUSTRALIA COUNCIL

The work of the Australia Council is governed by the Australia Council Act and guided by the Council's Corporate Plan and current objectives. Information regarding Council's objectives and the peer decision-making framework are set out in the Programs of Assistance booklets published by each Board.

These booklets also provide details of the Boards' policies and programs, and full guidelines for applicants. Because competition for the Council's limited funds is intense, all applicants are urged to read the relevant booklet and guidelines carefully prior to lodging an application.

For booklets, current application forms and further information, contact the relevant staff on the contact numbers given above, or call toll free (008) 226 912, or write to:

THE AUSTRALIA COUNCIL
PO Box 788, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012

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All Year

- Quick Response

International promotion for artists and craftspeople: International visitors to Australia.

Quick Response grants will only be offered while funds are available.

Closing Date: 12 May, 1995

Special Initiatives

- Emeritus Awards and Medals Nominations

All Year

- Earnback Scheme

For further information, the Programs of Assistance booklet and application forms (available in February), please phone (02) 950 9123 or (02) 950 9159 (Individuals), (02) 950 9134 (Organisations), (02) 950 9128 (International)

LITERATURE BOARD

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

Closing Date: 3 April, 1995

Translation Grants

1. Australian literary translators with a published track record and a letter of support from a publisher may apply for assistance to undertake literary translations.
2. Publishers registered with the Board may apply for assistance with translation fees for Australian translators to undertake literary translations. Registered publishers may also apply for assistance for the production costs of translations of works by living Australian writers.
3. Australian literary agents and registered publishers selling rights overseas may apply for assistance with fees for Australian translators to translate sample sections of works by living Australian writers.

NB. All enquiries and requests for application forms and guidelines should be directed to the Executive Director, National Book Council, Suite 3, 21 Drummond Street, Carlton, VIC 3053. Phone (03) 663 8655 Fax (03) 663 8658.

Closing Date: 15 May, 1995

Senior Writers' Fellowships (4 years)

For four years at \$20,000 per annum for January 1996.

Category A Fellowships (1 year)

One year at \$30,000, from January 1996.

Both Senior Writers' and Category A Fellowships are for published writers of substantial achievement (at least three full-length works published or performed).

Category B Fellowships (1 year)

One year at \$24,000, from January 1996. For writers who have had one or two full-length works published by recognised publishers or performed professionally.

The Literature Board will also offer the following Fellowships:

Asian/Pacific Writers' Fellowships

Applicants who comply with Senior Writers', Category A or B Fellowship eligibility criteria, must nominate writing projects concerned with the Asian/Pacific region (excluding Australia).

Art and Working Life Fellowships

Applicants who comply with either Category A or B Fellowship eligibility criteria, must nominate writing projects dealing with current or historical issues which would attract union assistance.

Writers' Project Grants

\$5,000 to \$15,000, available from November 1995. For writers who have achieved some publication or performance of their works.

For Application Forms and Conditions contact: (02) 950 9000.



PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Senate Employment, Education and Training References Committee

Inquiry into Austudy

The following matters relating to Austudy is referred to the Employment, Education and Training References Committee for inquiry and report to the Senate by 29 June 1995, such matters being in addition to the issue of the impact of assets tests on farming families' access to Austudy, which is currently subject to inquiry by the Rural and Regional Affairs References Committee:

The Committee will, with regard to the structure and operation of Austudy:

1. (a) Assess the extent to which the problems identified in the 1993-94 Report of the Commonwealth Ombudsman, relating to questions of eligibility, inappropriate advice to applicants, and inconsistency between the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) and the Department of Social Security (DSS) in the interpretation and application of rules, are reflected in the experience of students more generally;
- (b) Examine and report on progress by DEET and DSS in the joint resolution of administrative and associated inconsistencies between these agencies in the management of applications for benefits; and
- (c) Identify any structural features of the policy, regulatory or operational framework of Austudy which might impede resolution of the above difficulties.
2. (a) Examine the level of indebtedness amongst students and the implications for student support funding policies; and
- (b) Assess the level of satisfaction of students with the Commonwealth's interest free loans-in-lieu-of-Austudy scheme.
3. Report on allegations of Austudy fraud arising from alleged failure to declare parental income and assets as required.
4. Assess any other perceived deficiencies in the current Austudy scheme with regard to such matters as loans and repayments, access to complementary benefits such as Health Care and rental assistance, and the commensurability of Austudy with other employment and social security income support schemes.

The Committee seeks the views of members of the public on the above issues. If you would like a copy of the information pamphlet pertaining to this inquiry, please ring (06) 277 3521. All persons and organisations with an interest in these matters are invited to make a submission to:

**The Secretary
Senate Employment, Education and Training
References Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600**

Submissions should reach the Committee by 13 April 1995. Public hearings will be held in most States and Territories during April-June of 1995. The Committee is required to report to the Senate by 29 June 1995.

For further information contact Mr Brenton Holmes, Committee Secretary (tel: (06) 277 3520; fax: (06) 277 5706; TTY (06) 277 7799 Main Switchboard, Parliament House).

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New Certificate course for Aborigines and Islanders

Mt Gravatt TAFE has recently launched a new and innovative course for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, a Certificate in Specialised Clothing Production.

The course, held over two semesters, will teach the skills to design, decorate and make clothing based on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and art. The course is offered full time, only to Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

Course Coordinator, Audrey Evans, explains about the course's expected outcomes. "This new and innovative course will allow the indigenous people of Australia the opportunity to design, manufacture and embellish garments



and accessories in their traditional style and colour.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders to express their artistic talent and entrepreneurial skills."

Students will learn skills in sewing, pattern-styling, design and decoration, as well as undertaking cultural studies in religion, dreamtime and the arts. Students will have the opportunity to make the garments they design, and will also study communications and small business methods.

The course is eligible for ABSTUDY course assistance, and may also lead into other fashion courses, with the possibility of credit for modules to reduce study time for advanced courses.

Classes commence March 27. For more information about the program, contact Dorothy or Sharyn at Mount Gravatt College of TAFE ☎ (07) 215 1435.

Improving training into the future

We all aim to improve on the past and existing situations in our industries. One of the most practical and effective ways to achieve this is through well planned and adequately funded training.

This presents us all with a challenge. The community services and health industries are large and complex, with many 'grey' areas existing within their six identified sectors and 30 identified subsectors.

Preliminary research by the Queensland Community Services and Health Industries Training Council (QCS&HITC) suggests that between 14 and 19 per cent of Queensland's paid workforce is employed in our industries. This estimate does not include an estimated 200,000 volunteers who also provide valuable service to our patients, clients and service beneficiaries.

However, no comprehensive information and data has been gathered about our workers and the profile of our workforce.

This makes it difficult to put our case to major funding bodies for additional and more appropriate funding. It also makes it hard to determine what training is needed in our industries and the priorities we should have in addressing those needs.

For example, only around 4 per cent of TAFE Queensland's budget is currently allocated to training which relates to our industries. This is due to the lack of quantifiable information about the nature and profile of our workforce.

We will change this with your participation and support.

The ITC is about to undertake the first component of the Workforce Profile

Project which will identify the numbers of paid and volunteer workers in our industries in Queensland.

Our project team will be forwarding a questionnaire to your organisation. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire so we can redress the inequities we face and make training more practical and effective in the future.

**Gail Sanderson
Executive Officer
QCS&HITC**

For further information about the Workforce Profile Project, please contact Andrew Cole on (07) 878 5959. Should you wish to discuss training initiatives or ITC activities, please feel free to contact Gail Sanderson or Glenn Ryan on (07) 234 1789.

VOTES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Why Australian young people should have the right to vote...

Australians believe in democracy and universal suffrage. But what does this mean when we deny over a quarter of Australians the right to vote in elections? Unfortunately, 'one person, one vote' usually means: one adult, one vote - one child, no vote. Under 18 year olds have no say in the choice of their leaders yet they make up 27 per cent of Australia's population. In Australia, when it comes to having a say in politics, children and young people are considered non-persons.

The right to vote is perhaps the most important of all rights because it allows people to exercise some influence over the nature and quality of the society in which they live and over laws and policies affecting their daily lives. A United States Supreme Court Judge, Justice Black, states: "Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined".

The National Children's and Youth Law Centre has identified electoral rights for young people as a priority for 1995. The Centre and the national peak youth body, the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC) will be working together on a campaign to reduce the voting age in all government elections.

South Australian Youth Affairs Minister Bob Such welcomes proposals for legislation to provide for optional voting from the age of 16. He said that while lowering the voting age had been on the political agenda for some years, the issue had been re-ignited by a strong plea for youth voting rights made by high school student Mia Handshin at the recent AGM of the South Australia Youth Affairs Council. The South Australian Opposition is also considering a proposal from the Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs for optional registration and then compulsory voting for young people aged 16 to 17 years.

Ten reasons why the voting age should be reduced

1

No group should be denied the vote unless there are convincing reasons to justify that denial

The denial of voting rights to young people is a violation of the democratic principle that no individual or group should be subject to laws which they

have not participated in making. Voting rights of adults are reduced only in limited circumstances.

2

Young people are capable of political choices

The assumption that anyone under 18 is incapable of making a

political judgement is contrary to everyday experience and social research. It is unfair and discriminatory. Research shows young people have well formed political views by the age of 15.

Voting is not a privilege restricted to those of demonstrated intellectual development and maturity. One does not have to pass a test in English

language, literacy, intellectual ability or political knowledge to vote.

It is nonsensical to suggest that all people who vote exercise a rational and informed judgement having carefully scrutinised and weighed up the policies of all candidates.

3 The right to vote is an essential part of individual freedom

All human rights and freedoms, other than the right to vote, can be compromised or endangered by laws or government policies. By denying under 18 year olds the political power to secure fundamental human rights and freedoms we are also denying them the right to influence laws and policies affecting their daily lives.

4 Responsibility needs to be learned

Young people are more likely to act responsibly if given responsibility. Elusive qualities such as "maturity" and "responsibility" do not suddenly descend on young people the day they turn 18. These qualities are learned largely through experience and trial and error.

5 Direct political power would reduce negative stereotyping

Young people are scapegoated for various social problems. Young people are easy targets for politicians and the media. Adults would have to think more carefully before making assumptions about young people.

6 Young people have distinct views and interests

We are constantly being reminded that a separate youth "culture" has developed. Young people are not just small adults - they have

their own interests, life experiences and cultural icons. Their attitudes and values are sometimes in conflict with those of adults. A government of adults elected by other adults can never fully reflect the interests and priorities of young people.

7 Young people are citizens

Young people deserve both the rights and obligations that flow from the concept of "citizenship".

The power to influence political and social policies through voting is the right of every person by reason of their status as a human being and as a citizen of Australia. The illiterate and the genius, the pauper and the millionaire, the infamous and the famous have a right to vote.

It has been argued that young people should be denied the right to vote because they are incapable of "self-maintenance". However young people can, and do, leave school for work in paid employment, often leaving home before the age of 16. Many children work part time even while at school and every child who receives income is expected to pay taxes.

8 The quality of decision making would be improved

Involvement in making a decision will encourage young people to act on that decision. It is likely to be a better decision as a result. Young people will bring fresh ideas and innovations, new solutions to old problems.

9 International agreements support votes for young people

The *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* states that governments shall give children the right to express their views freely in all matters affecting them. It

also states that under 18s should not be discriminated against on the grounds of their status or any other grounds (Articles 12 & 2).

The *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* states that "every citizen shall have the right and the opportunity, ... without unreasonable distinctions: (a) to take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives; and (b) to vote and to be elected at genuine periodic elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage..." (Article 25).

Australia young people call for the right to vote

10 A 1993 Youth Poll organised by the Australian Democrats found that young people believed they lacked a voice in the decision making process. They wanted greater consultation and more opportunity to have their views represented.

A recurring theme emerged during the National Centre's Australia wide consultation in 1994. Young people did not feel listened to, and their views were seldom taken seriously. They saw this as being related to their lack of a right to vote and proposed a lowering of the voting age. Similar feelings were expressed in earlier national consultations by the Australian Youth Foundation.

AYPAC's Youth Gathering '94, attended by over 150 young people, asserted that governments recognised the right of young people to participate in democracy by giving them a right to vote at the age of 16. AYPAC and the National Centre will release discussion papers soon.

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Jobs for Young Australians

27 - 30 August, 1995

Adelaide, South Australia

An International Conference is being held to bring together international expertise and knowledge at an academic and practitioner level. The Conference will examine solutions to youth unemployment and explore the creation of pathways into employment for youth.

Aims of the Conference

- To promote young people's achievements in education, employment and training
- To enhance the capacity of regions to respond to youth employment issues by identifying and sharing international and national models of local employment development
- To facilitate the development of a range of industry and public sector pathways

Conference Speakers

The Conference will feature a wide range of international and national speakers and showcase youth employment projects from around Australia. Speakers include:

Professor Frank Coffield, from the University of Durham

Professor Coffield is a leading writer on enterprise and training for disadvantaged young people. He has recently co-authored 'Risky Business' with Robert MacDonald.

Dr Howard Williamson, from the University of Wales.

Dr Williamson is internationally known for his work on youth enterprise, training and education. Widely published and a leading expert in his field, he also manages an established youth enterprise project in Cardiff.

Dr Peter Kenyon

Dr Kenyon has extensive experience in regional economic development, having worked in Australia, Europe, South Africa and Papua New Guinea.

Professor Bettina Cass

Professor Cass is a renowned expert from the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University.

For further information about the Conference contact:

Jobs for Young Australians
c/-Hartley Management Group
Suite 6, 128 Fullarton Road,
NORWOOD SA 5067
☎ (08) 361 2220
Fax: (08) 364 0031

1995 Wilderness courses for young people

Quite a few readers may not yet be familiar with the Youth Enterprise Trust (YET). It is a charitable body founded in 1990 to assist disadvantaged young people into responsible and fulfilling careers by:

- sponsoring young people onto a specially designed wilderness program, and
- helping these 'graduates' convert the personal enthusiasm and aspirations flowing from this extraordinary wilderness experience into practical opportunity, by providing ongoing assistance.



Archbishop Peter Hollingworth is a Patron of YET.

The wilderness program is based on 'Saddler Springs', a remote 20,000 acre cattle property in the Carnarvon Ranges. Participants are 16 to 21 years old. Courses are single sex.

In our first two years of operation (1993/94) we have kept a low profile, in order to get established and to be sure the program was fundamentally on the right track. The results of the program

have been remarkable. Graduates, through gaining a deep understanding of themselves (and of each other) seem to have come back from their wilderness experience with a real sense of action.

Many who were previously long-term unemployed found jobs under their own steam, or undertook by their own choice an area of training or study. Nearly all have made, and are making, progress of a personal nature and within family and other relationships.

The wilderness courses run from June to September. We are now welcoming applications for the 1995 program. If interested, please contact Margie Hancock for all information ☎ (07) 857 5907. Fax (07) 857 2173 or write to YET, 102 McDonald Road, Windsor Q 4030.

Please note that potential applicants who cannot afford the course cost can apply to the Youth Enterprise Trust for a part or whole scholarship.

Margie Hancock

For YOUNG AUSTRALIANS *and* ORGANISATIONS

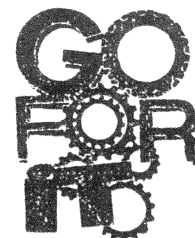
Grants are now being awarded to help YOUNG AUSTRALIANS, aged 18 to 28 years, in the

The **QUEEN'S TRUST**
GRANT AWARD *scheme*
\$15,000 in any one year

Pursuit of Excellence and personal development in their chosen fields. ORGANISATIONS supporting youth *with a special project* may also apply. \$15,000 in any one year may be awarded

In addition, a special national award of up to

\$25,000 to honour SIR EDWARD DUNLOP'S memory, may be made to a YOUNG AUSTRALIAN ACHIEVER displaying special qualities of character and community service. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE APRIL 30... APPLY NOW**
PHONE 008 033 625 or write GPO Box 239E Melbourne VIC 3001





Regional Interagency Meetings

March/April 1995



Cairns Region Youth Services Network

30 March 1995 at 3.30pm
Family Resource Centre
218 McLeod St, Cairns

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

Regional Queensland Interagency Meetings

Rockhampton Youth Interagency

11 April 1995 at 12.00pm
Youth Access Centre,
Fitzroy Street, Rockhampton

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

Mt Isa Youth Forum

Not available
DTSR Office, Mt Isa

Contact Sue Matthew
C/- DTSR
PO Box 1605
Mt Isa 4825
PH: (077) 432 130

Grapevine Youth Info Centre Committee

Not available
Grapevine Youth Centre

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

Bundaberg Youth Forum

6 April 1995 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

SunCoast Youthworkers Forum

20 April 1995 at 10.00am
The Place, Beach Street,
Maroochydore

Contact Patrice O'Callaghan
C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1174
Maroochydore 4558
PH: (074) 439 661

Gold Coast Youth Network

29 March 1995 at 10.00am
Gold Coast Youth Service
15 Oak Ave, Miami

Contact Kerry Schonfisch
Gold Coast Youth Service
PO Box 740
Burleigh Heads 4220
PH: (075) 720 400

Beaudesert Interagency

29 March 1995 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

Toowoomba Youth Interagency

23 March 1995 at 10.00am
Marlu

Contact Ed Bradbury
Department of Education
PO Box 775
Toowoomba 4350
PH: (076) 384 899

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

22 March 1995 at 10.30am
HHS, Hugh Street, Gulliver

Contact Sylvia Fisher
C/- DFSAIA
PO Box 5941 MSO
Townsville 4810
PH: (077) 221 476

Mackay Youth Connection

19 April 1995 at 3.00pm
Venue to be decided

Contact Lloyd Rees
C/- Youth Employment Service
PO Box 139
Mackay 4740
PH: (079) 518 861



Regional Interagency Meetings

March/April 1995



Western Suburbs Interagency

28 March 1995 at 3.30pm
(Venue to be determined)

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

Caboolture Youth Network

5 April 1995
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

28 March 1995 at 3.00pm
C'wealth Centre, Cnr Ewing Rd
and Carmody St, Woodridge

Contact Pat Taylor

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

Wynnum Youth Interagency

21 March 1995 at 2.00pm
Wynnum North High School,
Wynnum

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

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 67
Indooroopilly 4068
PH: (07) 821 2917

Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY

Not available
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 May 1995 at 12.00pm
Ipswich Health Plazq
Bell Street, Ipswich

Contact Russell Cuning

C/- JPET West Moreton
PO Box 309
Goodna 4300
PH: (07) 818 3365

North Albert Youth Interagency

Not available
DFSIA
100 George St, Beenleigh

Contact Graham Higgs

C/- Beenleigh Skillshare
PO Box 1024
Beenleigh 4027
PH: (07) 807 5614

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Youth Week 1995 Grant

Youth Week celebrates the valuable contribution young people make to Queensland. This year's theme is "Valuing Voice and Cultures."

Eligible organisations are invited to apply for funding for Youth Week projects that:

- encourage young people's planning and participation in community activities;
- promote diversity of cultures and expression and provide opportunities for young people to express their views through different cultural mediums;
- acknowledge the positive contribution young people's voice and cultures make to the community.

Up to \$1000 is available for local projects and up to \$3000 for significant regional projects. Applications close 31 May, 1995.

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



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Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing



QUEENSLAND HEALTH

Community Development in Health Program 1995/1996

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN HEALTH PROJECTS

Program Development Branch invites applications for the 1995/96 financial year from non-government organisations and local government authorities interested in implementing a Community Development in Health project within their community.

The goal of the program is to improve the physical, emotional and social health of Queenslanders through innovative models of community development which address the inequities of identified priority groups within a social health and social justice framework.

To be eligible for funding, organisations must be incorporated and non profit based or sponsored by an incorporated organisation.

Funding is available either for a one-off non-recurrent project up to \$50,000 or for recurrent funding over two years to a maximum of \$105,000.

Applications will only be accepted on the formal application forms. Applicants should note that the funding process is highly competitive and that funds are limited.

The closing date for applications is 5.00pm Thursday 13 April 1995. Late applications and faxed applications will not be accepted.

To obtain a copy of the application package telephone Program Development Branch, Queensland Health on:

(07) 234 0040

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QUEENSLAND HEALTH

Primary Health Care Program 1995/1996

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROJECTS

Program Development Branch invites applications for the 1995/96 financial year from Regional Health Authorities interested in implementing a Primary Health Care project within their community.

The goal of the program is to improve the physical, emotional and social health of Queenslanders through innovative models of service delivery or program development which address social justice issues and provide the framework and impetus for change in the way health services are structured and delivered.

Funding is available either for a one-off non-recurrent project up to \$55,000 or for recurrent funding over two years to a maximum of \$110,000.

Applications will only be accepted on the formal application forms. Applicants should note that the funding process is highly competitive and that funds are limited.

The closing date for applications is 5.00pm Thursday 13 April 1995. Late applications and faxed applications will not be accepted.

To obtain a copy of the application package telephone Program Development Branch, Queensland Health on:

(07) 234 0040

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Local Cultural and Festival Grants Program

The Brisbane City Council is introducing a new Local Cultural and Festival Grants Program in 1995/96. This grants program aims to:

- enhance the texture and quality of life of Brisbane residents by encouraging cultural projects, festivals and forms of expression which foster cultural diversity and local identity; and
- provide a grants program that specifically relates to local communities.

We strongly advise all intending applicants to contact relevant Community Arts Officers listed below before completing an application.

North Region
Glenda Johnson
Ph: 404 7607

West Region
Genevieve Searle
Ph: 870 8179

ATSI Officer
Getano Bann
Ph: 225 6465

South Region
Roberto Malara
Ph: 404 7731

East Region
John Jeffery
Ph: 847 2591

For a copy of the guidelines, application forms, and RSVP details for the workshops please contact the Cultural Services Section on 225 6393.

Closing date for applications: 30 March, 1995.



Brisbane City

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Commonwealth Grants for Hostels for Rural Students

The Commonwealth Government will be making \$1.3 million available in 1996 for building and refurbishing projects at non-government hostels and boarding schools which cater for rural students.

Applications may now be submitted for funding in 1996 under the Hostels for Rural Students. Non-government Element of the Commonwealth's Capital Grants Program for schools.

Non-government organisations such as parent groups, churches and other welfare agencies and boarding schools can apply. Local government authorities can also apply.

Application forms and information on application requirements can be obtained from the National Office of the Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education and Training in Canberra. Enquiries should be directed to: Ms Gill Webber (06) 240 7016.

Applications must be submitted by 31 March 1995 to:

The Assistant Secretary
Schools Programs Branch
Location Code 431
Department of Employment,
Education and Training
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Innovations in Community Health

The Australian Community Health Association 5th National Conference

This conference features innovation and collaboration in community health practice, research, policy, service delivery and education. Hosted by the Community Health Association of Queensland.

Dates: 3 - 5 May 1995
Venue: Brisbane Hilton
190 Elizabeth St
Brisbane

For more info, contact Australian Community Health Association, 5th National Conference, PO Box 1280, Milton Q 4064. ☎ (07) 369 0477

Workshop 2

Languages Other Than English:
Information and Management
Communication

This one-day workshop will help you to develop skills to communicate with clients or employees of NESB, and will address issues such as ethnic media coverage, multicultural marketing, workplace literacy training and multilingual information strategy

Date: 23 March 1995
Venue: Parliamentary Annex
Alice St, Brisbane

For more info contact Dick Swan, Qld Govt Literacy Strategy Coordinating Committee ☎ (07) 834 2198.

Men's Health Conference - 'Promoting the case'

This conference aims to raise the awareness of issues affecting men's health, encourage a cooperative approach to address men's health issue, and provide a forum for sharing research findings.

Dates: 17-19 September 1995
Venue: University of Southern
Queensland, Toowoomba.

For more info, contact Meetings and Events, USQ, PO Box 282, Darling Heights Q 4350. ☎ (076) 312 581.

Positive Vibes - AMA Youth Forum

This three-day conference will look at different aspects of health and lifestyles that affect and direct the lives of young people.

Dates: 31 March - 2 April 1995
Venue: Sheraton Airport Hotel
Sydney

For more info, contact Australian Medical Association, PO Box E115, Queen Victoria Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600 ☎ (06) 270 5400.

Association Development Management Conference

This is an intensive two-day conference on how nonprofit associations are adapting to the need to operate like business entities.

Date/s: 10 - 11 May 1995
Venue: Hilton on the Park,
Melbourne

For more info contact Birdwood Meetings PO Box 614, Box Hill 3128 ☎ (03) 899 3166

Dealing with Drugs: Ethics, Economics and Efficiency

This conference will address the diversity of issues associated with alcohol and other drug problems.

Dates: 10-14 July 1995
Venue: Brisbane Convention &
Exhibition Centre
Brisbane

For more info contact Winter School in the Sun, Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Qld, PO Box 332, Spring Hill Q 4004. ☎ (07) 832 3798.

Social Policy and the Challenges of Social Change

National Social Policy Conference

Coordinated by the Social Policy Research Centre of New South Wales.

Dates: 5-7 July 1995
Venue: University of NSW

For more info, contact Marilyn McHugh ☎ (02) 385 3863

Focus on Creative Employment

This workshop will provide youth workers with eight separate workshops which they can run with young people. The workshop aims to teach participants creative workshop and facilitation skills, workshop planning, costing, closing and debriefing groups.

Date/s: 27 - 31 March 1995
Venue: West End, Brisbane

For more info, contact Shawn Paris, 25 Skinner Street, West End Q 4101 ☎ (07) 844 6040



This set of six posters was designed to produce positive images of young women, and was developed by a group of young women involved in a Young Women's Health Project in Victoria. The posters identify themes including Young Women Speaking Out, Our future in the hands of young women, and Young Women = Wisdom.

Available for \$25 per set from Women's Health in the South East, PO Box 1278, Frankston VIC 3199. ☎ (03) 783 3211



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A resource on the development of a self-support group for young women with a mild intellectual disability.

The Wild Women's Group Project has produced a resource that describes and explore the efforts of a group of women to develop a self-support group for young women with a mild intellectual disability. The resource includes personal accounts which highlight, the fun, the highs and lows, and the conflicts experienced during the group's development.

Available for \$20.00 from Wild Women's Group Project, 211 Hudson Road, Woolloowin Q 4030

Youth Worker Training Project Report

The Drug and Alcohol Services Council has produced a report entitled *The development and evaluation of a pilot alcohol and other drugs training program for youth workers*.

The report documents the development of drug and alcohol youth work training in South Australia and includes a discussion of the pilot program as well as process for assessing training needs, developing and evaluating a drug and alcohol training program.

For more information about the report, contact Sally Bell, Education Officer at the Drug and Alcohol Services Council, 161 Greenhill Road, Parkside SA 5063. ☎ (08) 201 7556.

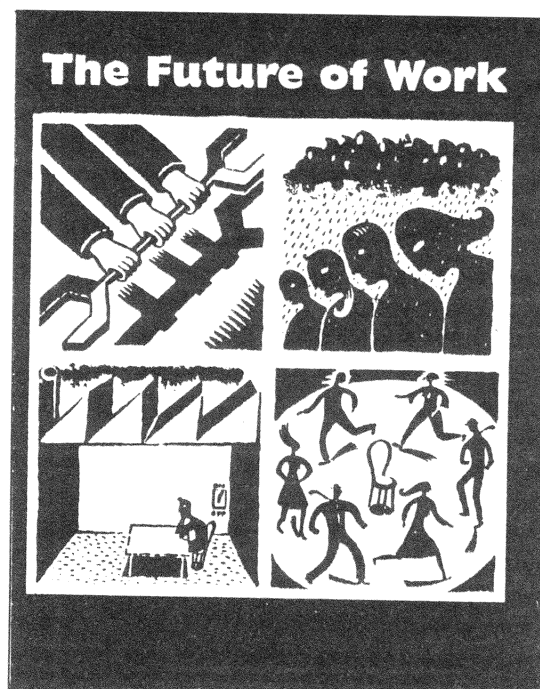
The future of work

The Future of work contributes to the current debate about employment. Published by ACOSS and Pluto Press, it addresses such issues as:

- re-defining full-time employment
- redistributing paid work
- maximising work opportunities
- competitiveness and the future of work
- recent structural changes in the labour market

The second edition is now available, and includes updated statistical information.

Available for \$14.95 from ACOSS, Locked Bag 11, Darlinghurst NSW 2010. ☎ (02) 332 4355 Fax (02) 332 1515.



Making Space for Young People

A selective review of literature on young people and recreation in Queensland

Linda Ray has recently completed a research project into the recreation needs of young people in Queensland.

The Project, funded by the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, was undertaken jointly by YANQ and the Youth Bureau in the lead up to Youth Week 1994 and the YANQ Policy Forum.

The brief was to collate information from youth needs assessments conducted at a local level within Queensland.

The resulting report *Making Space for Young People* was published in December 1994 and discusses issues such as:

- current recreation activities for young people
- barriers to participation

- types of activities sought or requested
- regional differences
- practices and preferences for particular populations
- young people's involvement in planning and control

It was clear from the needs assessment and key reports that young people feel very strongly about the need to be involved in the planning and control of recreational activities.

Young people have indicated that they are interested in participating in a variety of activities. However, by far the greatest request is for a space of their own in which to engage in recreational pursuits.

Copies of this report are available from YANQ. ☎ (07) 852 1800 or 1 800 177 899

"...like being on the moon..."

A report of a consultation in the Cairns/Atherton region: Looking into the needs of young people from non-English speaking backgrounds

This report, written by Susan Ferguson for the NESB Youth Issues Network, involved a consultation with service providers and interested community members about the needs of young people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The project aimed to identify the needs of NESB young people, raise community awareness of the issues facing NESB young people and to promote equitable access by young people from NESB to services and service providers.

A series of consultations was held at Cairns Migrant Resource Centre and the Tableland Neighbourhood Information Centre, involving service providers and interested NESB community members.

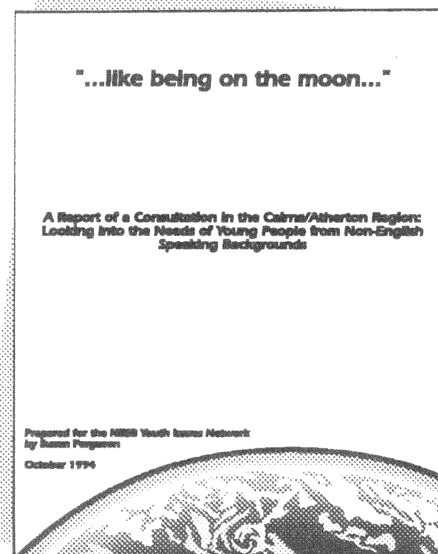
The report addresses a range of issues faced by NESB young people, including:

- Education
- Language Learning
- Racism
- Torn between cultures
- Homelessness
- Legal issues

The report also examines access to services by young people from NESB, and some of the difficulties workers face in working with young people from NESB.

The report offers a series of recommendations relating to community groups, the legal system and various government departments that deal directly with NESB young people.

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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 450 individual and organisational members throughout Queensland, including youth services, advocacy groups, church groups and community organisations with interests in areas as diverse as juvenile justice, housing, health, rural issues, young people with disabilities, young women's issues and young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-English speaking backgrounds. Associate members are drawn from federal, state and local government bodies.

WHAT DOES YANQ DO?

YANQ employs three staff in its Brisbane-based secretariat. It undertakes a variety of activities designed to raise the profile of and encourage action on issues affecting young people. Activities include:

- submissions to government reviews • making representations to government/other influential bodies • undertaking campaigns and lobbying • consulting and liaising with members and the field • publishing newsletters and journals • initiating projects • disseminating information to members and the field • providing training and • cooperating with interstate and national youth affairs bodies.

HOW DOES YANQ WORK?

YANQ is managed by a Coordinating Committee elected by the Ordinary (non-government) membership to oversee its day to day operation and supervision of staff.

YANQ holds a Policy Forum at least once a year at which delegates representing the membership give direction for YANQ's policy-making and activities for the next twelve months. Delegates to Policy Forum must be Ordinary members.

YANQ working parties on specific issues may be formed at any time during the year. Any interested member may participate in such working parties.

YANQ's decision making processes are based on a consensus model.

YANQ PUBLICATIONS

NEWSLETTER

Network Noise is the bi-monthly newsletter of YANQ. Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter which is ideal for communicating news on: • training events • youth programs • interagency or youth forum meetings • publications and resources • positions vacant • changes of address. *Network Noise* is distributed to subscribers and YANQ members only.

JOURNAL

transitions is the YANQ journal published three times per year. It presents in-depth articles on research and topical issues of relevance to youth affairs, both in Queensland and nationally. It is an ideal forum for youth service providers to describe and analyse their work. *transitions* is distributed to subscribers and members only.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership of YANQ is open to anyone with a proven interest in youth affairs.

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

Is available to individuals and organisations from the **non-government** sector and entitles you to: • nominate for the Coordinating Committee & Policy Forum • full voting right; • six newsletters and three journals per year • information on campaigns and reviews • opportunities to participate in YANQ workshops.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Is available to individuals, departments and services from local, state or federal **government** and entitles you to: • six newsletters and three journals per year • information on campaigns and reviews • opportunities to participate in YANQ workshops. Associate members do not have voting rights and cannot nominate for the Coordinating Committee or Policy Forum.

SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers receive six newsletters and three journals per year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES PER ANNUM

Young Person		\$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

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

YANQ MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTION FORM

(Contact) Name: _____

Organisation / Dept: _____

Postal Address: _____ Code: _____

Street Address: _____ Code: _____

Ph: () _____ Fax: () _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY APPLIED FOR

Individual	Income < \$16,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$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

Please return Membership/Subscription Form to: YANQ, PO Box 116, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006