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We met the challenge! 1996 state youth affairs conference



Young people and workers at the 1996 state youth affairs conference

Well, another state youth affairs conference has come and gone!

For me, the highlight of the three days was seeing over 340 people, from a diversity of backgrounds and a range of experiences, debate, discuss, learn, share, network, participate and take a few risks in developing skills and new ideas to improve services and resources for young people.

In planning for this year's conference, we aimed to make it as accessible as possible for people outside the Brisbane area. One of the strategies used to achieve this was a budget allocation for travel subsidies. Each

request for assistance (received by the due date) was honoured. The result was a high percentage of registrations from outside the south-east corner, including Mornington Island, Moura, Longreach, Hervey Bay and Thursday Island to name a few.

The 85 conference workshops ranged from the technical, *how to use the internet*; to the thought-provoking, *participation*; the strenuous, *physical theatre*; the challenging, *corporate sponsorship*; through to the less brain-draining workshops like *silk painting*. I had diligently (or naively) selected

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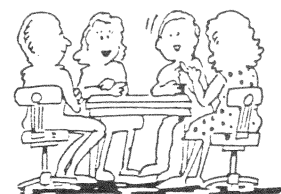
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Coordinating committee update

March–April 1996

Welcome to the new committee!

On 5 September 1996, the YANQ annual general meeting was held, and a new committee was elected. The 1996–97 committee is:

Hussein Ahmed
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Nerang YACCA
Individual
Youth and Family Service (Logan)
Individual
Individual

Look out for a profile of the new committee members in future issues of *Network Noise*.

Thanks must go to those outgoing members of the coordinating committee for their tireless efforts over the past twelve months. In particular, our thanks go to Jenny Gilmore, YANQ's chairperson for the past twelve months and editor of the journal for the past two years. Jenny has been involved with the YANQ committee for over four years, and her support and guidance will be sadly missed.

In the lead-up to the AGM, the committee was working hard to finalise YANQ's strategic plan and funding submission for 1996–97.

Decisions made July–August 1996

That the Employment subcommittee be responsible for employing a coordinator and the workers for the statewide NESB networking project.

That Sandra write to Lyn Anderson and offer support that YANQ could provide to the Murri and Islander Network for Young People.

That YANQ take up Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.

That Penny attend the AYPAC national youth gathering in Melbourne.

That the Administration Officer duty statement be ratified.

That the amount of petty cash float be increased from \$100 to \$200.

That changes to the constitution regarding policy consultation delegates be put to the AGM.

That a committee meeting be held prior to the AGM to accept new member nominations.

Forum identifies YANQ priorities for next twelve months

Over forty people from across the state attended YANQ's annual policy forum. The forum, held at Bardon Professional Centre from 1-3 September, brought together representatives from regional interagencies, population groups, issues groups and young people's groups.

The forum identified the three priority issues for YANQ's proactive work for the coming twelve months. The three issues identified were:

- Rural and isolated issues
- Education/alternative programs
- Policy reference group

As part of the forum, delegates reviewed YANQ's guidelines for policy development. There was also a session which evaluated the role of the policy consultation delegates and their involvement with YANQ over the next 12 months. A list of those delegates is on page 7.

Delegates were presented with a summary of the reports from other

delegates, indicating key areas over the past twelve months. Staff and working parties from YANQ also presented an overview of their work over the last year, as well as some expectation of what the next twelve months will bring.

Guest speakers at the policy forum were Grazia Catalano from the Youth

Bureau, Carol Croce from AYPAC, and Amelia Callaghan from the state youth advisory forum. These speakers gave delegates an opportunity to gain some understanding of the 'big picture' issues, in relation to state government activities, national issues, and also feedback from the State Youth Advisory Forums.



Above: Janet Greene with her two friends Chad Briggs (left) and Graham Mikaere (right)

Left: Forum delegates take a well-earned lunch break

Get involved!

YANQ will be looking at the following three issues as priorities for the next twelve months. If you have an interest in:

- ☒ **Rural and isolated issues**
- ☒ **Education/alternative programs**
- ☒ **Policy reference group**

then we'd like to hear from you!

Contact Penny Carr, Policy and Research Coordinator at YANQ on (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899 or by e-mail yanq@thehub.com.au

State Budget 1996 — a brief overview

This is a quick and brief article **right before the newsletter goes to press**. Because of tight timelines **can only highlight some of the areas within the budget which will affect on young people:**

- ◆ Employment services suffered a \$11.2m decrease in funding. **At least 50 per cent of these cuts are to services to young people, primarily disadvantaged young people.** most severe impact will be through the abolition of the Youth Employment Scheme (YES). Originally existed as a service in its own right, previous budget reductions saw it subsumed into a generic service; this budget sees it totally dismantled. Alongside YES's demise is abolition of funded training which YES case managers could use to buy appropriate training places for the young people they worked with, no other service offers this. Abolition of the self employment venture scheme (SEVS) — a loans scheme for those wanting to start a business. Also abolished is the Community Jobs and Training Program — this program offered funds to incorporated groups to offer pre-employment and pre-traineeship skills to the unemployed eg. self-esteem, life skills and job creating enterprise projects. Abolition of the public sector traineeship subsidies which resulted in access by (approximately 200 per year) disadvantaged young people to traineeships. Increased cost of TAFE courses.
- ◆ \$0.25m to police, provided for the establishment of a school-based policing program.
- ◆ Queensland Corrective Services Commission (QCSC) budget increased by about \$50m: \$20m for costs associated with increase in inmate numbers; \$31.7m allocated to the expansion and upgrade of juvenile detention facilities (now transferred from FYCC).
- ◆ Education: \$6.9m for behaviour management in schools including development of alternative programs for suspended school students; \$0.51m for education services for additional young people sentenced to detention due to JJ Act changes.
- ◆ Department of Families Youth and Community Care (DFYCC):
 - ◆ \$9.85m allocated over three years to implement key legislative changes of the Juvenile Justice Act including strengthening requirements for parents to accept responsibility for care and supervision of children, tougher sentencing options e.g. resources into FYCC to cope with almost doubling of community service hours and introduction of community youth conferencing; \$2.3m of this will go on new information technology in the area of juvenile justice; money into case management systems to be developed as a result of legislative changes; money into education of Department of Justice workers and legal practitioners on operational aspects of the JJ Act; \$0.5m into improving procedures and practices to increase the compliance rates of non-custodial orders for Aboriginal young people. Therefore most of the juvenile justice money will be absorbed by effects of the more punitive changes to the legislation brought down recently, not a great deal into programs directly benefiting young people in the system though there is some.
 - ◆ YACCA funding will remain the same although it seems all projects may be reviewed to see which are most effectively achieving the goals. The Minister has stated that YACCA will not be used for suspended students as it does not have an educational aspects.
- ◆ New monies: \$1.9m over three years for about eleven projects to work in areas of high numbers of homeless students or those at risk of homelessness. This is an exciting development as it may take up some of the slack due to the demise of the Federal STAR program.
- ◆ New monies: \$1.9m over three years to be allocated to community organisations and local government in rural communities to employ youth workers to address the needs of young people who have limited employment and recreational options.
- ◆ Increase in foster care allowance and \$3.3m over three years for training, recruitment and support of care providers by the non-government sector.
- ◆ \$3.75m over three years to establish office of the Children's Commissioner — an independent mechanism to handle complaints from children, young people and adults, seek remedy, promote the interests of children and establish an Appeals Tribunal under Children's Services Act 1965.
- ◆ \$2m over three years increase to residential services for children and adolescents who have a long history of abuse and disrupted placements.
- ◆ Housing: **overall finance to the housing portfolio seems to have taken a net decrease of \$30m.** Focus on **community housing particularly in rural and regional areas.**

Penny Carr
Policy and Research Coordinator

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the workshops I wanted to attend, however 11 minutes was about the sum total of my workshop attendance — there's always next time, right? Feedback from those of you who did attend the workshops was overwhelmingly positive. A comment from one of the participants:

I liked the opportunity to attend workshops that will assist in my effectiveness in my job and the chance to network with a wide base of youth sector workers.

Keynote speakers and panel discussions were also a feature of the program.

Issues raised throughout the conference have been documented and a comprehensive outline will be included in the conference report. Our challenge as a sector will be to respond to these issues and encourage governments and communities to take action.

The conference cabaret, hosted by Arial Overall (sporting a beautiful gold lamé frock), was an evening not to be missed. It was an opportunity for delegates to let their hair down thanks to a wonderful night's entertainment. Rumour has it that small groups throughout the state have gathered to practise the ancient art of belly-dancing.

The conference evaluation process will include feedback from participants, workshop presenters, organisers, the Steering Committee and YANQ staff. This will enable us to take a closer look at where improvements can be made for the future. On completion of this process a conference report will be written and sent to all participants. Additional copies will also be available from YANQ for \$5.

A million thank you's to the conference organising team of Peter See, Rebecca Lister, Tony Kelly and

Tania Collins, for doing an absolutely fantastic job in pulling it all together — it was certainly no easy task. Thank you also to the steering committee for guiding and informing the planning process and to YANQ staff for their support and late nights.

Congratulations and thanks to all of you who facilitated workshops, were involved in a panel, gave a keynote address or attended the conference. In particular, thank you to the young people and their supporters from Cherbourg and Murgon for making such a huge effort.

For those of you who missed out this year ... get ready for 1998 ... we are!

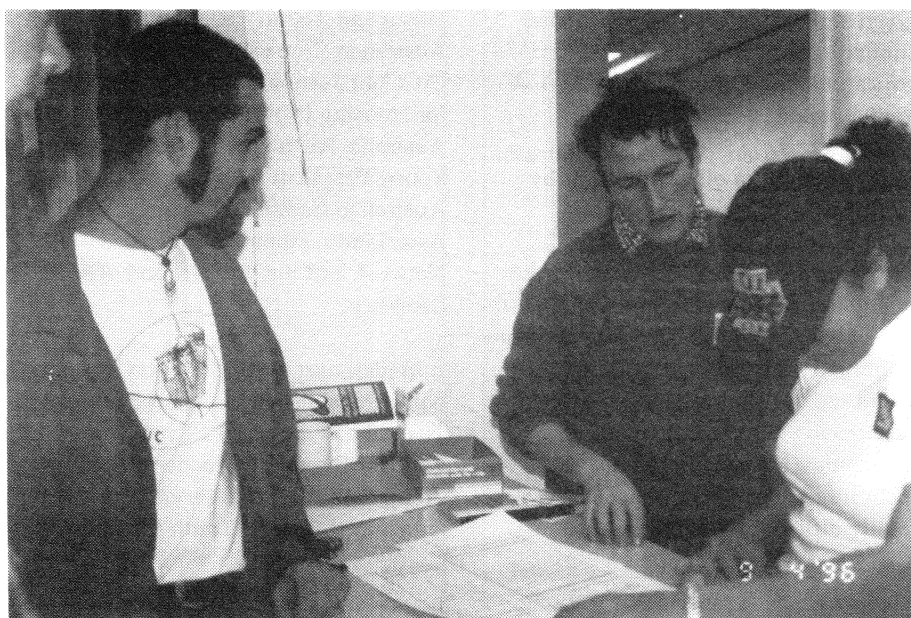
This year's conference would not have been possible without the support of the Department of Families Youth and Community Care through the Youth Bureau.

Sandra Fields
Network Development Coordinator



Above: Shake it, shake it! Maria Masselos performing a spectacular belly-dance at the conference dinner

Below: Conference workers Peter See and Tania Collins sweating over another registration



State youth advisory forum

I was honoured to have been invited to the local Youth Forum by the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care, Youth Bureau. This was held in May to discuss the issues which affect young African people in my local area. That led to the regional and state youth advisory forums which I participated in from 31 July to 2 August 1996.

The State Youth Advisory Forum was held at the Bardon Professional Centre. Over 20 young people from different regions of Queensland attended the forum, as well as many facilitators and supporters. Issues which were addressed by the young people came from four main areas. After our discussion we presented our ideas to government representatives.

It was a wonderful experience to be there and to have met many people from different places in Queensland. We exchanged many different experiences and ideas. The aim of this state forum was to give young people the opportunity to identify and to present their needs to the government.

It was really good because I got to meet so many people from all over Queensland and I made some new friends. I also had the opportunity to meet representatives from the government, and the Minister for Youth Affairs, Ken Lingard. If anyone is offered such a chance again, I would highly recommend that you take it!

Reem Tekle

JPET funding re-established

In the lead up to the 1996 election, the Coalition announced in its policy statement, Pathways to Real Jobs, the re-establishment of JPET with funding of \$11m per annum for the next two years to assist young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

JPET is aimed at assisting students and unemployed young people under 21 years (with priority to be given to those aged 15 to 19), who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Assistance will also be provided to young people who are/or have been wards of the State, are refugees or have been in the juvenile justice system. These latter groups need not necessarily be homeless to be given support, as they also encounter similar barriers to employment, education and training as homeless young people.

JPET differs from other programs by providing a holistic approach to helping young people overcome problems preventing them from maintaining stable accommodation and entering into full-time education, training or employment. JPET will offer ongoing support and referral services to young people to help overcome a range of problems, including housing, substance abuse, family difficulties, sexual or other

abuse, lack of self esteem, income support, and other barriers to employment, education or training.

Work has commenced on preparing JPET Guidelines and associated material. Consultations have also been held with representative peak youth organisations and with a range of service providers including the Salvation Army, Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC), Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS), National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH), Family Services Australia, Australian Association of Young People in Care (AAYPIC), Australian Catholic Welfare Association, Ethnic Youth Issues Network and the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

A limited number of JPET services will be established in the near future. To establish the full JPET program, which will reflect a broader target group than the initial services, it is anticipated that the Youth Bureau will

advertise in late September for expressions of interest from potential JPET providers. Advertising will be in all major metropolitan and rural daily newspapers. Applications will close towards the end of October with successful organisations being notified in November. It is envisaged that the full JPET program will be fully operational by 1 January 1997.

The JPET pilot program, which was administered by the former Department of Housing and Regional Development, was completed on 30 June 1995. It was funded at approximately \$5m per year, involved 42 providers and assisted some 4000 young homeless people over the two-and-a-half years of its operation.

If you have any queries regarding JPET call the information line on 1800 657 569.

Frances Davies
Assistant Secretary — Youth Bureau,
Department of Employment,
Education, Training and Youth Affairs

Bill sets up children's rights body

On August 26, State cabinet approved draft legislation to set up a children's commission with the aim of reuniting children with their natural parents. The commission would promote the principle that children's parents or legal guardians, not the state, have the primary responsibility for the upbringing and development of their children.

The proposed legislation would also merge the adoption and child care appeal tribunals into one, to be called the Children's Services Appeals Tribunal.

The new law would oblige the commissioner to reunite children with their parents where possible.

The commissioner would be empowered to receive and provide information on paedophilia and other criminal offences to the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence, the Queensland Police Service and other relevant entities.

The commissioner would not have the powers of search and entry, as early drafts of the Bill proposed, but would be required to refer any information on suspected child abuse and other criminal offences to the police.

The children's commission would monitor and review children's services and suggest ways to improve their quality, adequacy and effectiveness as well as advising the Minister on the standard of child care and foster care.

Youth Affairs Network of Queensland policy and research coordinator, Penny Carr, said she supported the concept of a commissioner, but reserved her full support until she had seen detailed legislation and was assured there was adequate funding. 'The children's commission role would be more of an independent checking mechanism on the services given to children and that is a good thing,' Ms Carr said.

edited extract from The Courier Mail, 27 August 1996.

Policy consultation delegates 1996-97

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Trang Nguyen *NESB Youth Issues Network* ☎ 07-3252 2555

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Call for submissions on the proposed youth allowance

Information about the Government's proposal for a Youth Allowance, which replaces most of the current payments for students and young unemployed, is available as a discussion paper on the Web at: <http://www.deet.gov.au/budget96/allow.htm>

It is also available by phoning the DEETYA Youth Allowance hotline on (06) 240 8481. The Youth Bureau is coordinating the consultation process — see the address below for submissions. There is also a Youth Statement which outlines future directions for the Government's youth policies. This is at: http://www.deet.gov.au/budget96/budget_statement/youthst.htm

YANQ will be preparing a submission on the youth allowance. If you would like to have input into this submission, please phone, fax or e-mail Penny Carr, Policy and Research Coordinator at YANQ, by Friday 18 October 1996 ☎ (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899, fax (07) 3852 1441, e-mail yanq@thehub.com.au

Submissions should be sent **before 31 October 1996** by mail to: Frances Davies, Assistant Secretary Youth Bureau Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs GPO Box 9880, Canberra ACT 2601 or by e-mail to Frances.Davies@deet.gov.au The DEETYA Youth Allowance hotline is (06) 240 8481 for quick comments or questions.

Non-English speaking young people and Costello's budget – an existence in denial!

The federal budget is not fair for all of us. Young people of non-English speaking backgrounds constitutes migrants, refugees, children of new arrivals and children of those who have been here in Australia for a number of years.

Minister Vanstone in her youth statement *Australia's Young People — Shaping the future* seems to ignore the broader issues for migrant young people and only focusses on refugee young people, who are, unarguably, on a scale of disadvantage, on the extreme end. This does not mean other migrant young people need specific targeting to compete equitably in Australian society.

As the Government is unable to produce a Youth Statement which is inclusive of us all, then it is reasonable to conclude that the Government is shaping the future only for some of us. Migrant young people's existence is an existence in denial in Minister Vanstones' *Shaping the Future* youth statement.

The good news in the Budget is:

- The category for the Job Placement, Employment and Training (JPET) Program in DEETYA has been extended to include refugee young people. This means migrant and ethno-specific organisations will be able to apply for funds under specific guidelines to target employment and training for refugee young people to make them job-ready.
- A common Youth Allowance will be welcomed by the sector as there was much confusion for many young people having to deal with Government bureaucracy for the first time when they turned 16 or 17. (*Although this was a Budget suggestion from AYPAC, it is important for the sector to ensure that a Common Youth Allowance does not imply a lesser payment or services that young people could previously access from DEETYA or DSS.*)
- \$5 million for an anti-racism education campaign in 1996–97 which will include programs covering schools, work places, supporting organisations and the community.
- Current funding of \$24 million will be maintained for the 1996–97

budget for migrant resource centres, grant-in-aid workers and the Migrant Access Projects Scheme. Also \$6.1 million for refugee resettlement programmes such as the Community Refugee Settlement Scheme will also be maintained.

- Maintaining the election commitment of an additional funding of \$3 million over three years to multicultural broadcasting.

The bad news for young people of non-English speaking background is:

- Inclusion of Austudy in the two-year waiting periods for migrants. This means children of newly arrived migrants who are either 16 or will turn 16 within the two-year qualifying period for Social Security Benefits will not be eligible for Austudy payments.
- ESL funding to schools is provided via Targeted Programs Grants through states and territories as an overall pool of money. Specific allocation to the ESL area is not spelt out in the budget papers.
- Full cost recovery of Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP). From 1 October 1996 the concessional rate (\$2,205) will cease and all people will have to pay the full charge of \$4,405 and, subject to legislation, \$5,500 from 1 January 1997.
- The age of independence raised from 22 years to 25 years for Austudy/Abstudy. This will mean parents have responsibility to support offspring to the age of 25. This is seven years past the voting age, when the Government considers that a young person becomes an adult.
- The Higher Education costs will have dramatic impact on many middle to low income NESB families. Unlike many Australian families they have had to start from scratch in their 'new lucky, safe country'. It is clear that the Government is committed to ensuring that higher education is for the wealthy. In the best case scenario, a BA Social Science

Graduate at the end of the three years full-time study will have a debt of \$9,900 before they hit job search, let alone find a job! Is this 'Giving Hope to our Youth'? (Giving Hope to our Youth: *The Liberal and National Parties' Youth Policy — Election 1996*)

- The worst scenario is the overall cuts to labour market programs including the abolition of the Special Initiatives Program and the contracting out of labour market funds. This will have significant long-term implications for NESB young people. The new arrangements have every possibility of ensuring a 'creaming process' of favouring those most likely to find a job.

As the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils point out, 'The losers are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, migrants, students, the aged and community programmes...' (FECCA 1996–97 Commonwealth Budget Brief). It is no surprise that the wider community (upper, middle and higher income earners) thinks the Howard Government's 1996–97 Budget is fair, as it hits the minorities with little voice the hardest. Although the Costello Budget has delivered on 'core' election commitments to 'mainstream' Australia, it has failed to meet its commitment to protect the most disadvantaged in our community. Unfortunately some of the long-term labour market ramifications of the 1996–97 Budget are hard to forecast but it is difficult to see how:

- the unemployment rate can be lowered from the 8.5 per cent mark in the next 12 months or,
- the Budget improves relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians or,
- the Budget contributes towards cultural and linguistic diversity, equity and social cohesion.

Roksana Bako
AYPAC NESB Youth Project Officer

YANQ receives funding to establish regional NESB networks

The Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition has granted YANQ funding to investigate setting up three other regional NESB Youth Issues Networks.

Members of the existing NESB Youth Issues Network have wanted to make links with other interested people across the state for a long time. NESBYIN is very aware that it is difficult to draw attention to the needs of young people from different cultural backgrounds in other parts of the state because there are no formalised contacts with people who are concerned about NESB young people's issues.

The three regions which will be provided with seed funding to set up a network are Mt Isa, Townsville and Cairns. These regions were chosen because members of NESBYIN have

visited there in the past and had already made some contacts. I recently visited each area to see if there was interest in being involved in the project and what workers would want to see happen in their local area. Each region had slightly different ideas about the role of the worker and this seemed to depend on the level of awareness within the communities about the needs of NESB young people. YANQ is in the process of drawing up agreements between host organisations at present and the project will start as soon as this has been completed.

This regional networking project is part of a national endeavour to

resource the establishment of NESB youth issues networks in each state. Once the networks have been established, AYPAC hopes that young people from non-English speaking backgrounds will have a far greater voice in matters which affect them in their local areas, in the state and nationally. The project is a joint initiative of the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland and the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland. One of the main outcomes of the project will be greater cooperation between the mainstream youth sector and the ethnic communities sector.

Susan Ferguson

Reflections on the situation for young people from NESB in South East Queensland — are we making a difference?

The youth sector is giving increasing attention to providing appropriate services for young people from NESB. The NESB Youth Issues Network continues to grow and new local networks are being set up.

Community workers in collaboration with workers from the Education Department are in the process of setting up two new Cultural Equity Coalitions in Inala and in Ipswich/Goodna. Working parties are being established in Goodna and on the Sunshine Coast to raise the profile of the needs of NESB young people within the mainstream youth sector. Recently, the Youth Advisory Forum process, facilitated by the Youth Bureau had a strong representation of young people from NESB in several different regional forums and also at the state forum. The *Meet the Challenge* State Youth Affairs Conference also ran a number of workshops which concentrated on working more effectively with young people from different cultural backgrounds. South East Queensland Youth Accommodation Coalition's Access and Equity project is winding up. The project will be instrumental in providing constructive ideas and

suggestions in developing and implementing access and equity policies in youth services. There is funding to establish NESB youth issues networks in regions outside the South East corner of the state. YANQ has funding to provide professional development and support to workers wanting to increase their cross cultural youth work skills. The Youth Sector Training Council has been running train the trainer anti-racism/cultural diversity work for youth workers. This has led to a number of people across the state becoming accredited anti-racism trainers.

The list goes on and the existence of the list means that there is a slow change occurring in the youth sector. People are starting to acknowledge the gap in services for young people from non-English speaking backgrounds. This is all positive. However, there are a number of negatives that young people from

NESB are facing; not least of these are the many changes to immigration law and policy especially relating to the family reunion program (please call YANQ if you are interested in more information about this); changes to Social Security payments which will effect the settlement of young people who are migrants; and cutbacks and changes in education and juvenile justice.

I am interested in hearing from members of YANQ about whether you think young people from NESB are accessing your services more. Do you think that all the work and the projects are making a difference for young people needing support right now, or do you think that there are other things that we need to do to keep the pressure on? Please call me at YANQ if you have anything that you have any ideas. Are we making a difference?

Susan Ferguson

Networking seminar in the Wide Bay and Burnett region

Forty-five youth sector workers recently attended a networking seminar held in Maryborough for the Wide Bay Region. Participants from across the region were addressed by representatives from four state-wide government/non-government programs.

Grazia Catalano from the Youth Bureau, Sandra Fields from YANQ, Peter Walsh from QCOSS and Helene Fuller from the Office of Rural Communities presented and answered questions about their organisations' roles, resources and support they could provide to regional youth sector workers/organisations.

Participants also had the opportunity to form local area forum groups to generate high priority issues and

recommendations which were presented to the panel and the large group for discussion. Issues and recommendations were addressed by the panel and the larger group enabling cross-fertilisation of ideas and contact information.

Outcomes of the day included (from participant feedback)

- local (especially rural/isolated) youth services informed about state programs/organisations roles

- direction and information sharing across the region and to/from state wide organisations
- documentation of key issues/recommendations for workers to address in their own communities, and shared with state wide government and non-government agencies

Issues and recommendations included

- youth unemployment and local industry/community based employment initiatives
- lack of emergency and long-term accommodation for homeless young people in rural and isolated areas
- school truancy
- regional young people's training conferences
- funding for 'hands on' youth or recreation workers (with a developmental focus)
- recreation development officer funding availability
- family breakdown impacting upon young people
- more financial support for collaborative approaches involving workers and young people to address service delivery issues at the local (eg young people and workers forum)
- funding issues and lack of funding for hands-on workers

The day seminar was jointly sponsored by Queensland Health's Young People at Risk Program and the Youth Bureau.

Ellen Panaretos
and Michael Driscoll

Deception Bay Community Youth Programs presents

Young people's right to involvement in youth programs and Young people's right to public space

Tuesday 22 October 1996
Wednesday 23 October 1996

1st day:

A smorgasbord of guest speakers followed by a panel discussion. Guest speakers include:
Phil Crane, lecturer in youth services, QUT
Gwen Murray, director of Youth Advocacy Centre
Mark Brook, manager of PCYC

2nd day:

Workshops including:

- accessing existing expertise
- providing workers with the opportunity to look at existing programs using co-participation and/or co-habitation with young people as the future
- defining the distinction between young people's rights and needs
- developing future self-managed youth groups
- resourcing and integration

For further details please contact Fiona or Siyavash on (07) 3204 0277

This project is funded by the Youth Bureau, Department of Families, Youth and Community Care

MINTI Program — Youthcare broadens its horizons

About Youthcare

Youthcare is a non-profit community church based organisation set up by a management team to address the problems of homeless and marginalised young people in the Wide Bay-Burnett area.

Most of the young people have been living on the streets or had institutionalised backgrounds and have a particularly low self-esteem.

The program we facilitate is a 24-hour crisis accommodation centre. Young people from all walks of life come through our doors with a variety of problems ranging from living under the care of the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care to being sexually or physically abused. Funding for the organisation was first granted in 1991.

Youthcare is also involved in emergency relief with the supply of food parcels, alternate accommodation costs, bus and rail fares. In today's economy, as you can imagine, there is an ever increasing demand on services such as ours.

Youthcare also manages units and houses for people with disabilities and in conjunction with young homeless people Youthcare's community integration program is initiating a greater level of understanding between two disadvantaged groups and the community in general and leading to an acceptance of marginalised people.

Due to economic and geographical circumstances, our region is undergoing a dramatic increase in population and with this population expansion comes the inevitable increase in breakdown of family relations due to the stress of long-term unemployment and the lack of opportunity to access training that may lead to employment. This, as you can imagine, impacts on our service in respect to the ever increasing demands by families and young people seeking assistance.

The MINTI program

Some time back, Youthcare identified a gap that needed to be filled in the marine industry. Because of our location to and our affinity with the ocean, there is a vast fleet of vessels from professional fishing boats, crab boats, net boats, whale watch vessels and charter boats who are constantly seeking trained people to work on a professional level aboard their boats.

Youthcare has now expanded its horizons by coordinating innovative and experiential outcome-driven training programs to help participants find employment in the charter boat, fishing and tourism industries, which Youthcare calls the MINTI program (Marine Industries Training Initiative).

This program has been funded by Training Employment Queensland, a division of the Department of Training and Industrial Relations, and will run for approximately 12 months. It is aimed at unemployed people who are genuinely interested in the marine industry and wish to make it their career.

The two vessels to be used in the

training program where participants are actually working on board a charter vessel are the *Eclipse G* and the *Eclipse D*, owned and operated by Mr Dick Foster.

Participants in the MINTI program will cover a vast range of activities including shipboard safety, deckhands certificate, hospitality work behind the bar, preparation and presentation of meals on board, how to work with and assist the paying passengers as well as the crew, how to operate and manoeuvre a vessel safely, the basics of marine engine maintenance, working on a slipway, working in a booking office, taking reservations and working as part of a team.

Youthcare believes that training programs need to be target specific and address the real needs of people who are long-term unemployed and that these program should offer real opportunities to access employment and not simply put people through a training process which has no true employment outcomes.

Alan Treuel
Youthcare Hervey Bay Inc

YANQ peer support program

YANQ has been granted funding to run a peer supervision/professional development project for workers wanting to increase their cross-cultural youth work practice skills. There are three aims to the project. They are:

- to increase workers' cross-cultural youth work skills
- to develop links and trust between mainstream youth workers and workers from the NESB sector
- to meet the professional development and support needs of isolated workers

The idea for the project came from members of the NESB Youth Issues Network who were feeling isolated and unsupported in their work. Many workers do not have access to professional supervision, or do not know people who can provide supervision with a cross-cultural focus. This project is an effort to provide free opportunities to workers to reflect on their work practice and exchange skills and ideas with other workers about working cross-culturally with young people from non-English speaking background.

If you are interested in being involved in this project, or would like more information, please contact Susan at YANQ ☎ (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899.

The Cyber Space Cafe and Art of Space Station

presented by Youth and Family Service (Logan) Inc as part of Youfest

The Cyber Space Cafe and Art of Space Station will be a youth friendly venue that provides on-going access for young people before, during and hopefully after Youfest — the Logan Youth Arts and Music Festival — to the internet and other multi-media computer programs, as well as being a space for arts workshops and display and performance space for the outcomes of the workshops. The program consists of a series of free workshops in September, followed by more free workshops and performances during the Festival itself, 29 September to 13 October.

The aims

- To encourage young people to actively participate in the setting up and maintenance of a youth friendly space
- To encourage young people to actively engage in the use of the internet and multi-media computer programs
- To encourage young people to participate in arts activities that they may or may not have experienced before
- To provide appropriate services to young people through a youth space as first point of contact
- To integrate this program of events with the program of Youthfest (The Logan Youth Arts Festival)

For more information, phone Pauline at YFS on (07) 3208 8199.

The National Clearinghouse for Youth Studies (NCYS) has a new address:

**GPO Box 252-64
Hobart Tasmania 7001**

This change coincides with Telstra's changes to Tasmanian phone numbers as of 31 August 1996:

**The new phone number is: 03 6226 2591
The new fax number is: 03 6226 2578**

Skate Girl Space

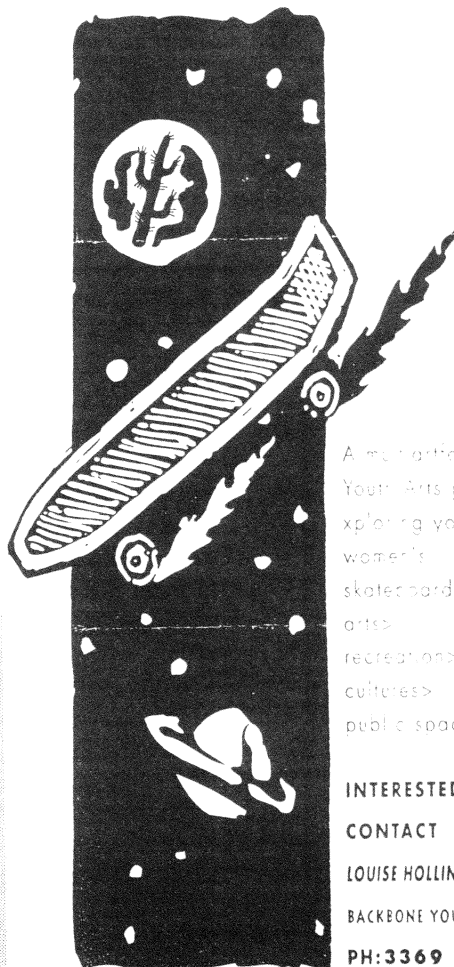
Skate Girl Space is *the* cultural event of 1996. The Hereford Sisters are a troupe of talented young women between the ages of 13 and 25. These creative cowgirls are currently devising an innovative multi-artform performance that includes the development of skateboarding skills. The performance will explore young women's perceptions of arts, contemporary cultures, and recreation in relation to the design and management of public space.

This innovative project will culminate in a ramp thwackin', whip crackin', side splittin' performance at the Paddington Skate Park as part of the Watertower Festival on 13 October.

The performance will include the artform interaction between physical theatre, visual art and design, big screen video projection with animation and the live cowpoke/pop/thrash music of three young emergent Brisbands (including Sandra Had a Food Phobia and Zelda's Spine).

For interviews and enquiries, contact Louise Hollingworth — Artistic Director at Backbone Youth Arts Inc on (07) 3369 1622 Fax (07) 3369 1932.

SK8 GRRLS



A multi-artform Youth Arts project exploring young women's skateboarding > arts > recreation > cultures > public space

INTERESTED???

CONTACT

LOUISE HOLLINGWORTH
BACKBONE YOUTH ARTS
PH: 3369 1622

PROJECT MANAGED BY



SUPPORTED BY



SKATE GIRL SPACE SUPPORTED BY



Brisbane City

SPONSORED BY



Trust for Young Australians

Travel scholarships

Trust for Young Australians travel scholarships are for young people aged 16 to 25 whose education has been limited, who have been unemployed for all or most of the time since leaving school, and who are showing outstanding skills development during their participation in a government work experience and/or training program or subsidised employment program.

The Travel Scholarships are designed to give disadvantaged young people the message that they can succeed in the work environment if they are willing to make the most of the opportunities provided for them. A travel scholarship enables a young person to gain valuable work experience with an organisation overseas during a four-week trip.

Youth leadership award

The Trust for Young Australians Youth Leadership Award is for young people aged 16 to 25 who have been working in a community youth program for at least six months. The work may be paid or voluntary and may be any kind of service or program which assists young people with their personal development or skills development.

The Award is designed to encourage young people who show leadership abilities by recognising their potential and the contribution they can make to Australian society. The Youth Leadership Award enables a young person to gain valuable experience of different models of youth programs in two overseas countries during a four week trip.

The closing date for nominations for both the travel scholarships and the youth leadership award is 30 September 1996.

Contact Trust for Young Australians, 357 City Road, Southbank Vic 3002 ☎ (03) 9645 7977 Fax (03) 9690 9317 for nomination forms.

Next NESBYIN meeting...

The next NESB Youth Issues Network meeting will be held at Logan Regional Resource Centre on Friday, 18 October from 9am to 1pm. The meeting will be facilitated by Margaret Endicott. The aim of the meeting is to run a planning session with members to set the direction for the next 12 months. A lot has happened in the last two years since the employment of a worker and the Network has not had a chance to reflect on the new developments and the work which has been accomplished. There is a greater awareness about NESB young people's issues in the field and many new projects are occurring. Susan is finding the work load growing and the time is right to have a clear plan of action for the year ahead.

If you would like to be involved in this planning day, either call Susan at YANQ on (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899, or just turn up on the day. Light refreshments will be provided.

Scouts help young offenders with new training program

An \$85,600 innovative training program for young adults who are subject to Community Supervision Orders was launched in August.

The Chief Commissioner for the Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch, Mr James Priest, said that the Skills Program for Youth (SPY) is a pilot training and employment program developed for long-term unemployed young adults who have previously offended.

'One of the main social issues in Queensland at the moment is youth unemployment, and our state is currently running at twice the national average. Sixty per cent of young adults subject to Community Supervision Orders are unemployed,' Mr Priest said.

'The SPY program aims to not only reduce unemployment and crime rates in Queensland but also to provide an opportunity for greater training and employment access and equity for young adults, who are serving under Community Supervision orders, in the Brisbane metropolitan area,' he said.

'The Scout Association is proud to be involved in such a worthwhile program and SPY is really about giving young adults who have offended greater opportunities for their future lives.'

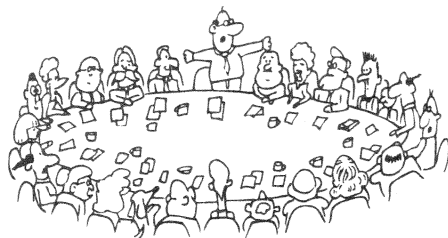
Mr Priest said there are two training components to the program

— marine training and environmental training.

The marine training component is based at Manly Boat Harbour and entails ship board safety, small boat handling, net making and repair and practical seamanship and radio operation. The environmental training component is based at a Scout-owned campsite, Baden-Powell Park at Samford. The training includes occupational health and safety, first aid, walking track construction and paving.

The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch is the sponsor organisation for the SPY program. The training component is organised by Pacific Marine Consultants/Ecosystems Management Consultants. The Department of Training and Industrial Relations has funded the program and the participants are referred by the Queensland Corrective Services Commission.

For further information, please contact Nerida Kelton, Marketing and Communication Coordinator, The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch ☎ (07) 3870 7000 or 0414 807 089.



Regional interagency meetings

September–October 1996

Regional Queensland interagency meetings

Cairns Region Youth Services Network

24 October 1996 at 3.30pm
Cairns FRS,
218 McLeod Street, Cairns

Contact Desley Renton
Cairns City Council
PO Box 359, Cairns 4870
☎ (070) 507 322

Central West Youth Network

19 September 1996 at 10am
Barcaldine Shire Council Chambers

Contact Michael Meehan
c/- Longreach Shire Council
96A Eagle St, Longreach 4370
☎ (076) 511 211

Youth Services Interagency

1 October 1996 at 12 noon
Youth Access Centre,
Fitzroy Street, Rockhampton

Contact Tricia Miller
Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1331
Rockhampton 4700
☎ (079) 227 107

Mt Isa Youth Forum

To be advised
(Review of interagency under way)

Contact Sylvia Fisher
C/- DTSY
PO Box 1605
Mt Isa 4825
☎ (077) 432 130

Gladstone Youth Interagency

16 October 1996 at 11am
Neighbourhood Centre
105 Toolooa St, Gladstone

Contact Gail Law
Gladstone City Council
PO Box 29
Gladstone 4680
☎ (079) 724 855

Bundaberg Youth Forum

3 October 1996 at 9.30am
Community Development Office,
Upstairs, Target Arcade

Contact Lou Gatti
C/- Community development
office
PO Box 253
Bundaberg 4670
☎ (071) 532 227

SunCoast Youthworkers Forum

21 November 1996 at 10am
The Place, Beach Street,
Maroochydore

Contact Patrice O'Callaghan
C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1174
Maroochydore 4558
☎ (074) 420 888

Gold Coast Youth Network

30 October 1996 at 10.30am
Gold Coast Youth Service
15 Oak Ave, Miami

Contact Kerry Schonfisch
Gold Coast Youth Service
PO Box 740
Burleigh Heads 4220
☎ (07) 5572 0400

Beautesert Interagency

16 October 1996 at 10am
Illoura Centre
31 Duckett St, Beautesert

Contact Marg Moss
C/- Beautesert Community
House, 4 Davis Street
Beautesert 4285
☎ (07)5541 3762

Toowoomba Youth Organisation Network

10 October at 10am
Toowoomba City Council
Chambers

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

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

15 October 1996 at 10.30am
TAFE, City Campus, Room AF312

Contact Karyn Buosi
Townsville City Council
PO Box 1268
Townsville 4810
☎ (077) 714 431

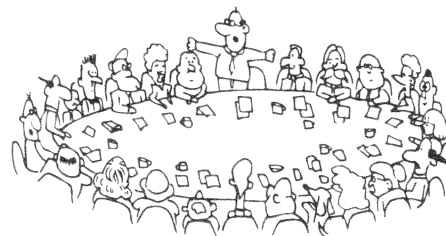
Mackay Youth Connection & Network Inc

16 October 1996 at 2pm
YACCA, 10 River St, Mackay

Contact Diane Macrae
Mackay YACCA
PO Box 3223
North Mackay 4740
☎ (079) 512 661

Regional interagency meetings

September–October 1996



South-east Queensland interagency meetings

Redlands Youth Network

21 September 1996 at 2pm
CES, 27 Mt Cotton Road,
Capalaba

Contact Bettina McGrath

C/- Redlands CES
27 Mt Cotton Road
Capalaba Q 4157
☎ (07) 3245 9333

Caboolture Youth Network

16 October 1996 at 1pm
Youth Access Centre,
11 Haskings Street, Caboolture

Contact Damien Edwards

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 482
Caboolture 4510
☎ (074) 908 078

Logan Youth Interagency

29 October 1996 at 3pm
Logan Regional Resource Centre,
21 Station Rd, Woodridge

Contact Pat Taylor

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 645
Woodridge 4114
☎ (07) 3808 0570

Wynnum Youth Interagency

17 October 1996 at 2pm
Community Corrections Office
2/71 Clara Street Wynnum

Contact Bettina McGrath

C/- Redlands CES
27 Mt Cotton Road
Capalaba Q 4157
☎ (07) 3245 9333

**Do you want to
promote your
interagency?**

**Call Judith at
YANQ**

**☎ (07) 3852 1800
or 1800 177 899**

Youth Issues Task Group

16 October 1996 at 2.30pm
The Base, Cnr Mills and Queen
Sts, Goodna

Contact Rachel Robinson

The Base
PO Box 228
Goodna 4300
☎ (07)3818 3118

Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY

10 October 1996 at 1pm
CES Conference Room, cnr Corsair
Ave & Civic Centre, Inala

Contact John Rigsby-Jones

C/- Inala Youth & Family Support
Service
PO Box 141
Inala 4077
☎ (07) 3372 2655

Ipswich Youth Focus

16 October 1996 at 12noon
West Moreton Community
Health Auditorium, Bell St,
Ipswich 4305

Contact Michelle Ruthenberg

C/- TEQ
PO Box 669
Ipswich 4305
☎ (07) 3812 2359

North Albert Youth Interagency

3 October 1996 at 2.45pm
DFCS Meeting room, 1st Floor,
100 George Street, Beenleigh

Contact Kerry Clayton

C/- BAYS Inc
PO Box 1147
Beenleigh 4027
☎ (07) 3287 1290

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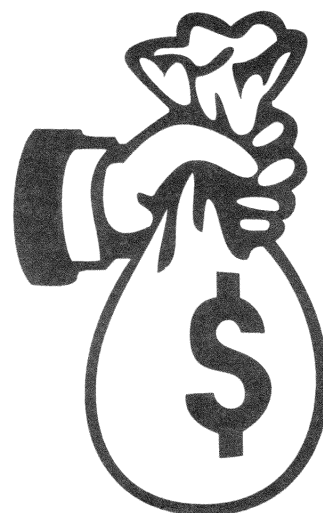
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The Australian Directory of Philanthropy

1996-97
8th edition

The Australian Directory of Philanthropy lists almost 300 trusts and foundations who together distribute over \$500 million each year to national, state and local community organisations.

Available for \$45 plus \$5 postage from the Australian Association of Philanthropy ☎ (03) 9650 9255 fax (03) 9654 8298.



Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund

The Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund provides funding to community organisations for capital expenditure or fixed assets. Funding is available to the following organisations:

- community organisations
- charitable organisations
- religious organisations
- sporting organisations
- **youth organisations**
- special interest groups
- service groups

Applications above \$150,000 are not encouraged, although in exceptional circumstances larger grants will be considered.

There are two funding rounds per year. Applications are called in March and September. The closing dates for receipt of applications are 30 April, with grants allocated in August, and 31 October, with grants allocated in February of the following year.

For application forms, contact the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund ☎ (07) 3808 7444.

**Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund
PO Box 1121
Springwood Q 4127**

Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund

The purpose of the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund is to develop, strengthen and enhance the capacity of eligible non-government organisations to provide community services and activities through the provision of financial assistance. In most cases, the organisation applying for a grant will be an incorporated body, or sponsored by an incorporated body.

Applications must demonstrate that the funds sought will aid the development and provision of services and activities which benefit the community. Allocations will be restricted to non-recurrent purposes.

Applications for up to \$15,000 are encouraged. However, applications for larger grants will be considered. Exclusions include capital costs for purchase or construction of buildings.

Funding rounds are quarterly, with the next rounds closing on 30 September and 31 December 1996.

**For an application form contact the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund
☎ (07) 3247 2484 or 1800 633 619.**

**Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund
GPO Box 2796
Brisbane Q 4001**

conferences

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1996 Community development forum

Communities working together and moving forward

Hosted by Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre Inc

Dates: 11–13 October 1996
Venue: Kondari Resort, Hervey Bay

For more information, contact Joan Bate on (071) 245 326, Ronda Hillcoat on (071) 531 614 or Suzanne Gould on (071) 212 141

Reducing alcohol and other drug harms through successful partnerships

This three-day workshop will focus on competencies in the design and planning of successful intersectoral partnerships in the alcohol and drug field.

Dates: 16–18 October 1996
Venue: Park Royal, Brisbane

For more information, contact the Conference Secretariat, West Moreton Public Health Unit, 33 Smith Road Goodna Q 4300 ☎ (07) 3818 5042 fax (07) 3818 5050

Queensland community and school drug education forum

This forum will bring together school personnel, students, parents and other community members, non-government organisations, health and police personnel to discuss good practice for school drug education.

Dates: 7–9 October 1996
Venue: Bardon Professional Centre, Simpsons Road, Bardon

For more information contact Rebecca Brazier, Project Officer — Drug Education, Health issues section, Department of Education ☎ (07) 3238 3731 fax (07) 3238 3713

Cultural diversity training

This accredited two-day anti-racism program focuses on raising participants awareness of individual and institutional racism, particularly as expressed towards Aborigines and Islanders and NESB immigrants. Participants will be assisted to develop specific anti-racism skills and strategies relevant to their workplaces.

Dates: 17–18 October 1996
Venue: Mt Gravatt School Support Centre, Nursery Road, Holland Park

For more information, contact Mitchie Lawrie, Mt Gravatt YDO on (07) 3216 8566.

Health in difference

First national lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual health conference

Dates: 3–5 October 1996
Venue: University of Sydney

For more information, contact Sonia Lawless, Research Community Development, Health in Difference Conference, Australian Centre for Lesbian and Gay Research, The University of Sydney NSW 2006 ☎ (02) 9351 5562 fax (02) 9351 3783 e-mail jude.irwin@social.su.edu.au

Reshaping the future: drugs and young people

How schools and communities address young people's use of alcohol and other drugs.

Dates: 29 September –1 October 1996
Venue: University of Sydney

For more information, contact Conference Manager, Reshaping the future, PO Box 818, North Melbourne 3051 fax (03) 9328 3008 e-mail vadf@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au

Mental health outcomes for Australia's young

Dates: 20–23 November 1996
Venue: Melbourne

For more information, contact the conference organiser, Second Mental National Conference on Child and Adolescent Mental Health, PO Box 214, Brunswick 3057

Young people staking their claim

AYPAC national youth gathering

- active citizenship
- youth cultures and diversity
- an equal share of resources

Dates: 30 September –2 October 1996
Venue: Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

For more information, contact the conference organiser, Natalie Boyd, Key Insights, 16 Bull St, Cooks Hills NSW 2300 ☎ (049) 252 624 fax (049) 252 641 e-mail 100405.605@compuserve.com



Stay out of trouble

Stay out of trouble answers the legal questions most commonly asked by listeners to Triple J's legal commentator Owen Trembath. In an amusing yet informative style, it provides a concise overview of most of the laws that affect people every day in Australia. With sections on sex and drugs and rock and roll, surfboards and skateboards, *Stay out of trouble* is particularly appropriate for young people. It also covers dealing with unreasonable landlords, troublesome neighbours, and even wayward business partners.

Available for \$16.95 plus \$5 postage from Redfern Legal Centre Publishing, 122 George St, Redfern NSW 2016 ☎ (02) 9698 3066 fax (02) 9698 3077.

Citizen child: Australian law and children's rights

Citizen Child, a book on the law and rights of Australian children, was published recently by the Australian Institute of Family Studies. The book explores the implications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in a range of areas central to children's lives such as family law, school education, child protection, juvenile justice, medical procedures and income support.

Available for \$19.95 plus \$3 postage from AIFS, 300 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000 ☎ (03) 9214 7888 or fax (03) 9214 7839.

Free anti-racism postcards

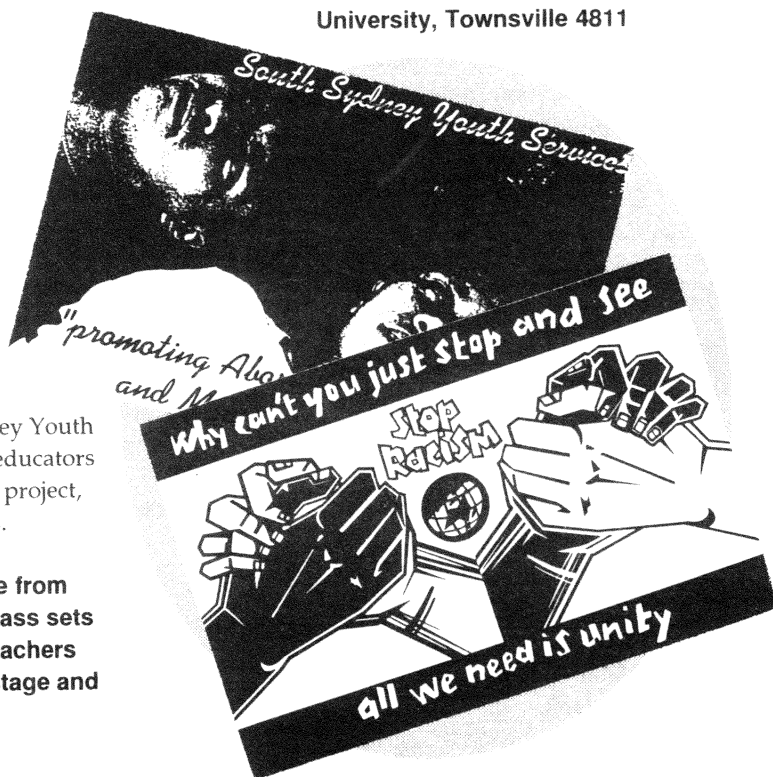
Unity is an anti-racism project coordinated by South Sydney Youth Services, which trained 35 young people to work as peer educators in New South Wales high schools. In the final stage of the project, the young people created a set of 13 anti-racism postcards.

The postcards are available for free with any purchase from Redfern Legal Centre Publishing ☎ (02) 9698 3066. Class sets (25 per set plus teaching notes that can be used by teachers and young people) are also available for free (\$10 postage and handling).

Making them pay: a critical review of parental restitution in Australian juvenile justice

This monograph by Richard Hil looks at the emergence of parental restitution as part of a program of legislative reform across Australia. Richard is a lecturer in Social Work and Community Welfare at James Cook University.

Available for \$8.50 plus \$1 postage from the Centre for Social and Welfare Research, James Cook University, Townsville 4811



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 core staff and a number of project 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 and 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 and Policy Forum • full voting rights; • six newsletters and three journals per year • information on campaigns and reviews • opportunities to participate in YANQ workshops.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

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

SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers receive six newsletters and three journals per year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES PER ANNUM

Young person Individual		\$5.00
	Income < \$16,000	\$10.00
	Income \$16,000-\$50,000	\$25.00
	Income \$50,000<	\$40.00
Non-government 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	Organisation	No Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00	
	\$16,000 - \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00		Funding < \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00	
	Income > \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00		Funding > \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60.00	
Young Person				<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	Government Department or Service				<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00

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