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NESB housing service receives funding

The new year has started off with some great news! There will be a new service set up to support young people from non-English speaking backgrounds who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

In late 1996, members of the Non English Speaking Background Youth Issues Network applied for funding under the new federal government's Youth Homeless Pilot Program initiative. The Youth Homeless Pilot Program (YHPP) is an attempt by the federal government to provide services to young people and families before the family breaks down irreconcilably and young people are forced to move out.

NESBYIN's application has been successful and the first service to work specifically with homeless young people from different cultural backgrounds is being established at Hoah Bin Peace Centre in Goodna.

A coordinator/cross-cultural counsellor will be employed, along with sessional workers from various cultural backgrounds (most probably Vietnamese, Spanish speaking and Samoan) and a community development worker. The service will offer immediate support to young people and families from NESB as well as specialist cross-cultural counselling.

A community development worker will also be able to work within

communities to investigate other models of housing for young homeless people.

There will be a continuous action research process to ascertain what works best for NESB young people and families in crises and this information will be fed into training for mainstream and ethno-specific youth workers. Sessional workers will also have the ability to support mainstream workers in making their services more culturally appropriate for NESB young people.

It is very exciting to be able to offer support at long last to NESB young people at risk of becoming homeless or actually in the first stages of homelessness. Hoah Bin has moved quickly to establish the service and workers are in the process of being employed to do this ground-breaking work.

If you have any queries about this project, please ring Chris at Hoah Bin on 3288 2210 or Susan Ferguson at YANQ on 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899.

Susan Ferguson

(for more info see article on page 4)

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- training events
- projects
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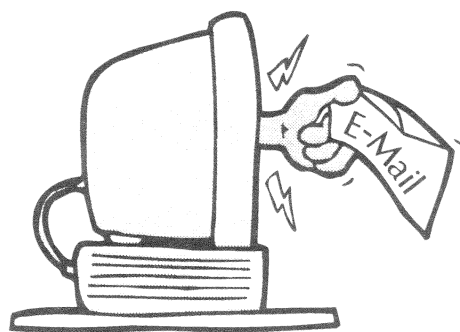
YANQ gets on-line!

YANQ has finally come of age and posted its first home pages to the world-wide web. At this stage, the pages provide basic information about YANQ, our publications, membership info and contact details.

Over the next 12 months, these pages will be developed and improved. We hope to include current news info, policy platforms, and some interactive stuff ... and we'd love your input. Come and have a browse at:



<http://www.thehub.com.au/~yanq/>



and e-mail, phone or fax through any
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about what you would like to see on
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Judith Wootton
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YANQ secures funding

Last week, negotiations between
YANQ and the Youth Bureau were
finalised, securing YANQ's core
funding for the current triennium of
July 1996 to June 1999.

While we appreciate the continued
support of the Department of
Families Youth and Community Care,
our funding has not been indexed in
line with the CPI and does not
include any additional monies for a
much needed administration
position. This will have considerable
impact on our budget forecast which
will necessitate some changes in
terms of expenditure and income
generation. Members will notified
when details of these strategies are
finalised.

Sandra Fields
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Request for Comment on the Tender Information Kit for the Provision of Employment Services

The Commonwealth Government is committed to a new framework for the delivery of employment services in Australia. The proposed reforms were announced in the August Budget and will fundamentally change the way in which the Commonwealth organises employment assistance and services for job seekers and employers. The objectives are a higher quality of service, better and more sustainable outcomes and better value for money.

From December 1997 employment assistance and services will be provided through public, private and community sector organisations contracted to the Commonwealth and operating in a competitive market.

The Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs will purchase the following employment services:

- Labour Exchange Services;
- Job Search Assistance;
- Employment Assistance;
- Entry Level Training Support Services; and
- Self Employment Assistance (including New Enterprise Incentive Scheme).

The Department intends to conduct a nationwide tender process in late March 1997 to contract organisations to provide these services.

A Tender Information Kit has been prepared to inform potential providers and other interested parties about the employment services to be contracted from December 1997 and the proposed tender arrangements.

The Kit includes:

- a Tender Information Paper;
- a Description of Services to be provided;
- a Tender Process Paper; and
- a Survey of Interest in providing Employment Services.

Organisations considering submitting a tender for contracts to provide employment services to the Department in 1997 are strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of the Kit and to complete the Survey of Interest on which they can make any comments.

The Tender Information Kit will be available from the Department's Internet homepage at <http://www.deetya.gov.au> from noon on Monday 23 December 1996.

Copies can be also obtained by telephoning 1800 508 300.

Organisations or individuals will have until 14 February 1997 to respond with comments.

Update on changes to education legislation

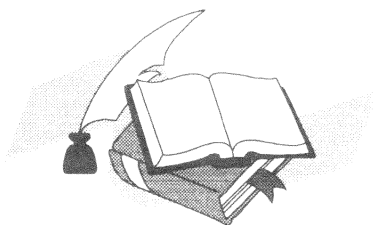
During November, the *Education (General Provisions) Amendment Bill 1996* was passed in the Queensland parliament and will come into effect on 23 January 1997. There are a number of concerns with aspects of the legislation.

YANQ lobbied to have some changes made, in particular, to incorporate an accessible and unbiased appeals mechanism. Unfortunately no substantial changes were made to the original proposals.

Of great concern is that there is no limit to the number of short-term suspensions to which a student can be subjected. Given that short-term suspensions will be much easier for principals to administer than long-term ones (because they don't have to secure a place in an alternative program) some students may face multiple short-term suspensions. Under the legislation, a principal does not have to inform their supervisor of the application of a short-term suspension. This will be problematic for the research project established to monitor the changes, as there is no compulsion for schools to maintain data on short-term suspensions.

The lack of a reasonable appeals process is another area of concern. Most appeals will be dealt with in writing with no face-to-face meeting with the student. In cases where the principal has made the original decision, their direct line manager will then review the decision. In YANQ's view this does not incorporate principles of natural justice. Where there are issues about the use of written English, either because of literacy difficulties or because English is the second language for the student or their parent, a principal *may*, but is not compelled, to allow them to present their case in person with a friend or interpreter present.

The buying of positions in alternative programs from private providers was raised by the Opposition in



parliament as an area of concern also. The concern was in regard to what safeguards will be in place to ensure the program is of sufficient educational merit. It was also unclear whether private providers delivering alternative programs will have to have an educational background.

The introduction of differential treatment for compulsory and post-compulsory students raises a question about whether this constitutes age-based discrimination. If a principal cancels the enrolment of a post compulsory student, that student may have a case under the Anti-Discrimination Act.

It will be important to ask questions of schools in regard to recording the incidence of short-term suspensions. It would be helpful if regions, perhaps through their youth interagencies, write to schools in their local areas to ask if and how they will record these details.

YANQ's Education Working Party will also be doing some monitoring of the implementation of these amendments. If anyone has information they want to pass on to the working party or wants to become involved they can contact Penny at YANQ on (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899.

Penny Carr
Policy and Research Coordinator

Implications of changes to education legislation

- Currently students can only be suspended for up to five school days. There will be a second tier of suspensions introduced whereby students can be excluded for between 6–20 school days. When students are subject to long-term suspensions the principal must organise their participation in an alternative program. Each region has been asked what alternative programs they want to establish and are in the process of setting them up. They may be in school, off-campus or places contracted to private providers.
- Prior to the amendments, five-day suspensions required the approval of the regional executive director. Under the changes, when a principal suspends a student for up to five days those students will have no opportunity to appeal the decision and, unlike students under long-term suspension, the principal will not have to ensure they are engaged in an alternative program.
- Written submissions may be made to the 'principal's supervisor' by students or their guardians if they feel they have been unfairly subjected to a long-term suspension. A principal *may* approve that the student and/or parent be accompanied by a friend or interpreter to discuss the suspension, recommendation for exclusion or cancellation of enrolment in circumstances where they would otherwise be substantially disadvantaged.
- Decisions on the exclusion of students previously were previously made at the level of Director-General. These decisions will now be made by 'principals' supervisors'. The supervisors will make those decisions without meeting the students being recommended for exclusion, aside from exceptional circumstances.
- If a decision to exclude is made, a written submission can be made by the student or their guardian to the Director-General.
- The amendments introduce a procedure of cancellation of enrolment for post-compulsory (those over 15 years of age) students. In this case the principal has the power to cancel the enrolment of post-compulsory students. Submissions against cancellation of enrolment can be made to principals' supervisors.
- A three-year research project will be conducted to monitor the number of suspensions and the reasons for the suspensions.

New housing service at Hoah Bin

A new service for young people and families from non-English speaking backgrounds who are in crisis will be based at Hoah Bin.

Hoah Bin has provided accommodation and support for a number of years to refugee young people (mainly from Vietnamese and Latin American backgrounds) who have arrived in Australia under the unattached or detached minors scheme. This is a specific immigration category for young refugee people who are without immediate family support — for instance, their parents have died or they have been separated from them in their flight from war torn countries.

Hoah Bin is run by the Mercy Sisters and has historically been resourced through the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, as well as on a voluntary basis

— that is women from religious communities have lived in and provided on-site support for young people accommodated in the large, old convent.

Recently, Hoah Bin has been going through a process of change and, with added funding through the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care, has been able to widen the target group to young people from a diversity of cultural backgrounds, not just refugee young people. Youth worker Chris Schinde is using a community development approach to working with young people in the Goodna-Inala corridor. The Goodna-Inala corridor has significant populations of people from

Vietnamese, Latin American countries, and the Pacific Islands so Hoah Bin will try to reflect these cultures in the staff appointed.

The new funding will make it possible for Hoah Bin to build on substantial cross-cultural youth work experience in order to offer support to young people and families in crises. There will at last be a service which can provide immediate support to young people from different cultural backgrounds at risk of leaving home and a service which can help mainstream services break down barriers to working with these young people and families.

Susan Ferguson

Recognition of prior learning



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Conference Report



Meet the Challenge

Taking youth affairs into the 21st century

1996 Queensland Youth Affairs Conference Brisbane 4-6 September

Meet the challenge
conference report

The *Meet the Challenge* conference report has been produced. All conference participants will be sent a copy in the next few weeks.

A limited number of additional copies are available to YANQ members for \$5 each.

If you would like a copy, give us a call on (07) 3852 1800 or 1800 177 899.

Legal aid funding to be slashed — young people will suffer

As reported in the June–July issue of *Network Noise*, legal aid and community legal centres are being threatened with savage funding cuts.

This means that the legal services now available to young people, painstakingly built up over many years by a handful of committed people, are in danger of virtual extinction. We hear about 'the good old days', but this would be a return with a vengeance to 'the bad old days'. It would be a betrayal of our young people if adults allowed such a regression to occur without at least voicing a protest.

YANQ is extremely concerned about the impact of the funding cuts on young people. If other people feel a similar concern and would like to help, a letter headed 'To whom it may concern' should be sent as a matter of urgency to:

Penny Carr
Policy and Research Coordinator
YANQ

PO Box 116

Fortitude Valley Q 4006

(The letters will be used as part of a campaign to retain funding)

You may have had dealings with a specialist youth legal and welfare service such as the Youth Advocacy Centre or the Logan Youth Legal Service, and could write of the impact that the winding down of such services would have; or you may know of other lawyers who work for, or are funded by, the Legal Aid Office, whose work on behalf of young people is also threatened by the proposed cuts. Letters need not be

long — quantity is probably of greatest importance at this stage — but do need to reach Penny by the end of January as community legal centres are currently under review.

Australia has obligations as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Withdrawal of funding that currently enables children and young people to have access to quality legal services would appear to be a breach of these obligations. Any assistance you can give in an attempt to avert this happening would be greatly appreciated both by the service providers and young people themselves.

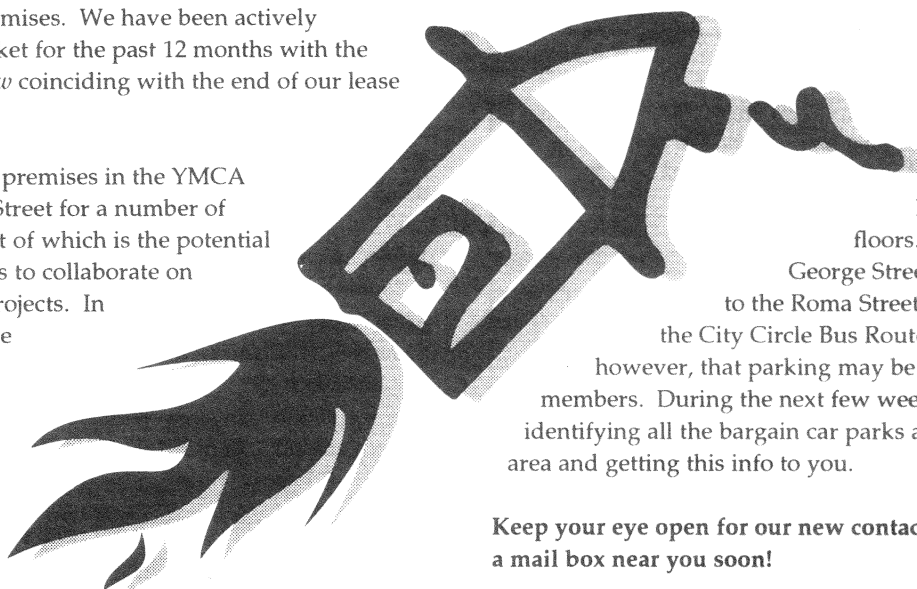
Anne McMillan
Coordinator
Youth Advocacy Centre

YANQ is on the move!

After six years in Baxter Street, Fortitude Valley, YANQ is moving out. Our new home will be on level 5, 325 George Street, Brisbane in the new YMCA building. We expect to be in our new premises and open for business by 3 March 1997.

A big reason for the move has been the lack of disability access at current premises. We have been actively researching the market for the past 12 months with the decision to move *now* coinciding with the end of our lease agreement.

We have negotiated premises in the YMCA building in George Street for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the potential for our organisations to collaborate on certain issues and projects. In terms of facilities, the building boasts a number of meeting and conference rooms fitted out with all the latest mod-cons.



Access is through the main door next to the Commonwealth Bank, with disabled toilets located on several floors. In addition, the George Street premises are close to the Roma Street Train Station and the City Circle Bus Route. We do recognise, however, that parking may be an issue for some members. During the next few weeks we will be identifying all the bargain car parks and meters in the area and getting this info to you.

Keep your eye open for our new contact details arriving at a mail box near you soon!

New NYARS reports

... And when she was bad?: Working with young women in juvenile justice and related areas

Statistics and common knowledge tell us that young women compose only a minority of the cases dealt with in the area of juvenile justice, and given these small (in comparison to male) numbers, it's not surprising to find that facilities and programs to address these young women's needs are fewer in number and narrower in scope than those available to young men.

The latest NCYS publication, ... *And when she was bad?: working with young women in juvenile justice and related areas* edited by Christine Alder and Margaret Baines (NCYS, November 1996) arose from the demand generated by a 1995 conference for more discussion and more information about these young women.



Homelessness among young people in Australia: Early intervention and prevention

A newly published NYARS report, *Homelessness Among Young People in Australia: Early Intervention and Prevention: A Report to the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme*, gives further support for the findings of previous studies regarding the factors which lead to homelessness among young people. While a number of current Commonwealth and State/Territory policies acknowledge the importance of prevention and/or early intervention, few programs and services are specifically directed to these purposes.

(From the executive summary which prefaces the book. The summary is available on our web site at <http://www2.educ.utas.edu.au/ncys/news/media4.htm>)



Available for \$20 each from:

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email: Youth.Monitor@educ.utas.edu.au

Readership survey — thanks to all those who responded!

Well the results are in! Over 50 members returned their survey forms, and the findings from the readership survey are really positive about both *Network Noise* and *transitions*. We are still looking at the role of the publications, within our current budget, and will keep you posted on any changes.

Here is a summary of the results for your info.

Network Noise

Ninety-eight per cent of respondents rated the newsletter as either informative, useful or interesting (2 per cent said it was irrelevant). The most widely read sections are general news and conferences/workshops (91 per cent) followed by funding (80 per cent) and publications/resources (78 per cent).

transitions

One hundred per cent of respondents find *transitions* to be informative, interesting or useful, with articles (93 per cent) and projects (84 per cent) being the most widely read sections. Ninety-two per cent of respondents rate *transitions* as quite valuable, very valuable or essential. Seventy-eight per cent of respondents see *transitions* as an important aspect of YANQ's membership.

A total of 47 per cent find the newsletter more useful than the journal, 33 per cent find them equally useful, and 19 per cent find *transitions* more useful than *Network Noise*.

Additional information needs

Eighty-four per cent of respondents would like to receive fact sheets (by post or fax) as an additional information resource.

Information technology

Of the respondents, only 31 per cent currently have access to the internet. A further 45 per cent expect to be connected within the next two years. The main reason for people not being connected is a lack of resources (36 per cent).

Again our (embarrassed) apologies to those winners who were promised a conference t-shirt. Apparently they were ideal booty for some burglars who broke into YANQ's premises over Christmas!

Judith Wootton
Publications and Information Coordinator

Nerang Jam Space/youth festival project

Collaborations between youth arts workers, community development/welfare organisations and mainstream youth organisations figured strongly in the success of Nerang's first Youth and Community Festival held in October last year.

The Jam Space Youth Music Project held at Nerang Police Citizens Youth Club preceded and eventually became a part of the festival. The Mainstream Youth Organisation Task Force (MYOTF) funded the Jam Space Project and contributed to the funds available for the Nerang festival. The MYOTF operates one component of the State Government's Youth And Community Combined Action (YACCA) Program; the Jam Space/Youth festival project was a YACCA initiative.

Part-time festival coordinator Julie Sutton, together with staff at Nerang YACCA and Nerang Youth Activities Service (YAS) — Donna Matulis and River Tetro — coordinated the festival. Young people from YAS attended the organising meetings as well as representatives from Guides, Scouts, the PCYC, a number of local youth and community groups and some community members.

The Gold Coast City Council lent their support through Councillor Peter Panitz who performed the opening ceremony at the festival and helped with the organisation.

A number of themes emerged from the first community meeting which were integrated (as much as possible) into the day's activities:

- arts, crafts and hands on activities
- performance — music, dance, circus, parade — things to watch
- showing off Nerang — its history and identity
- information/expo — raising the profile of local organisations and services especially youth services

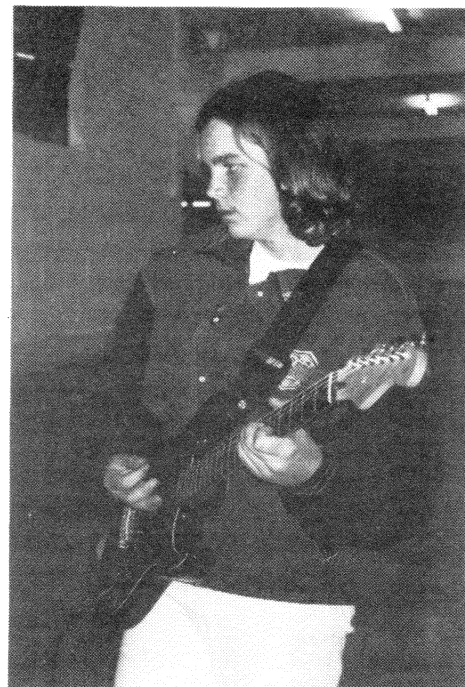
Jam Space was a 10-week project set up to provide a space for young people to jam, learn about performance, and participate in the

consultation for the re-development of Nerang PCYC. The PCYC was recently granted funds through the Community Recreation Centres Program to redevelop its facility. Jam Space provided a timely opportunity to build interest and support among local young people for the new facility.

Jam Space culminated on the evening of the festival. About 100 young people attended the free concert held in the weights room of the PCYC. A total of thirty young people were involved in the weekly workshops and the core group was about 12–16 (mostly) young men aged 14–25. Claire Apelt is the PCYC Community Cultural Development Worker and Ant McKenna is a freelance Community Arts Worker. Together with Sergeant Scott Muldoon, Nerang PCYC Manager, they coordinated Jam Space and contributed to the festival organisation.

A full program of entertainment began after the parade at noon and continued until 5.30pm. Most of the performances were provided by young people, including a clown troupe which was started at Nerang YAS and one of the bands from Jam Space.

Organisers judged the day to be a success at a meeting held a fortnight after the festival. Major points raised in the evaluation included: overall, the festival was a successful first for young people and the community; there is a desire to have the festival again next year though it would need to be timed to fit in better with the Gold Coast City Council's Tropicana Festival; timeframe for organisers needs to be much longer (i.e. planning for next year's festival to start soon); and a change from Saturday to Sunday was mooted as a possibility.



The Jam Space/Youth Festival Project gave all MYOs involved the opportunity to improve their profile with young people and the community in Nerang. Nerang YACCA and the Youth Activities Service benefited by being able to develop a closer relationship with the MYOs as well as improving their profile in the community. The young people involved enjoyed themselves immensely, many had the opportunity to perform and some to help with the organisation.

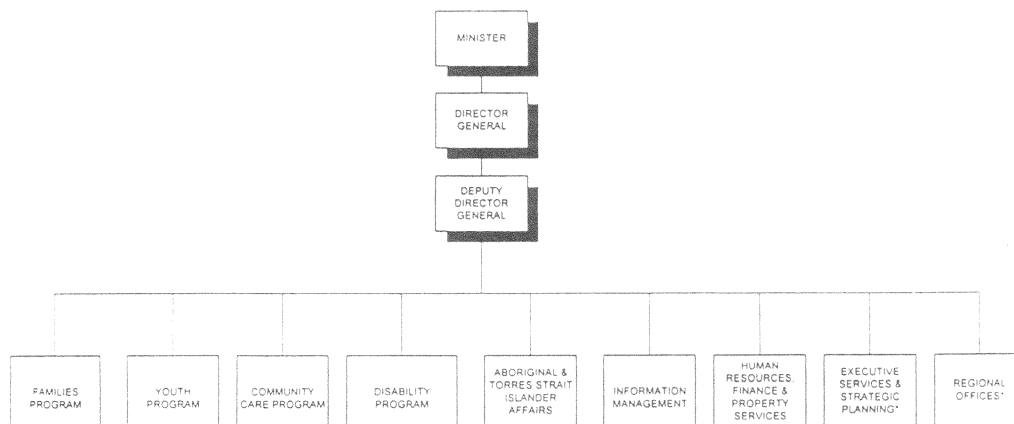
The role of the community arts workers in these events was crucial as they were able to implement group processes around music, circus skills and performance to engage and motivate the young people who participated. The collaborative nature of both the festival and the Jam Space Project helped to gain broad support from young people and the Nerang community.

Paul Wright
MYOTF (thanks to PCYCs
Queensland for material from PCYC
News, November 1996)

For further information about this project, please ring Donna Matulis, Nerang YACCA on (07) 5596 5905, Mark Brooke at PCYC Head Office on (07) 3236 2080 or Paul Wright at the MYOTF on (07) 3870 7969.

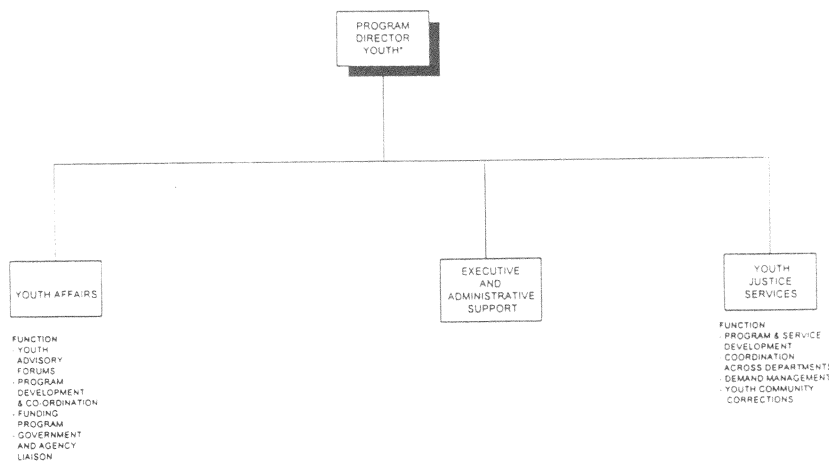
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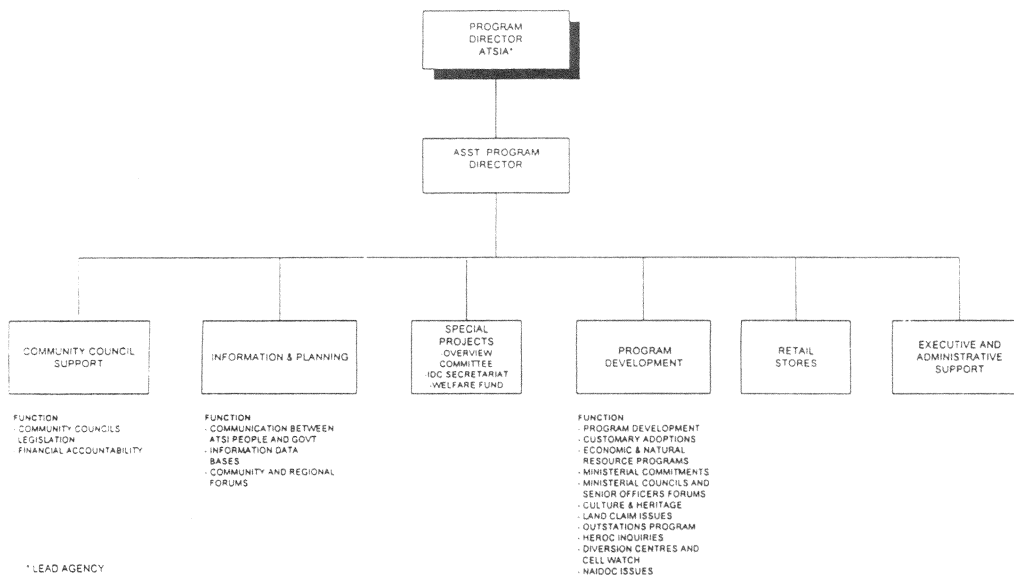
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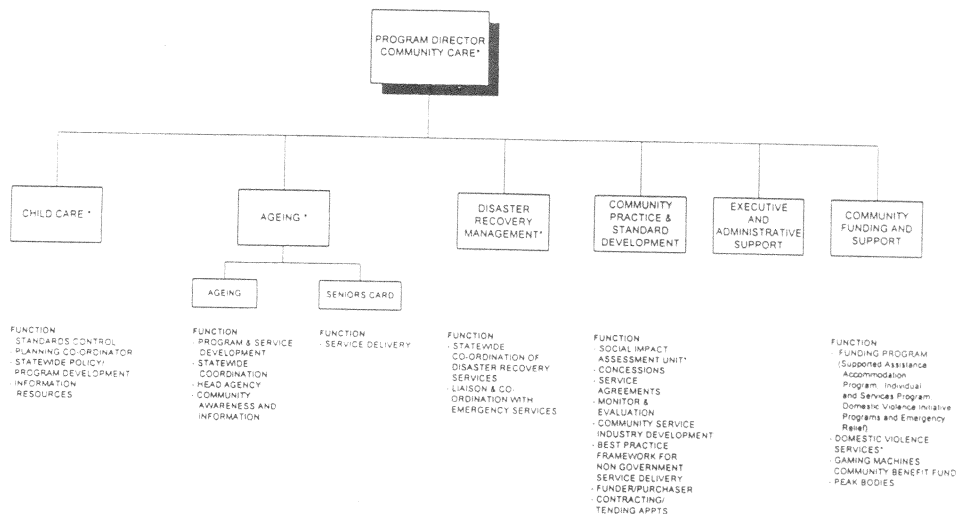
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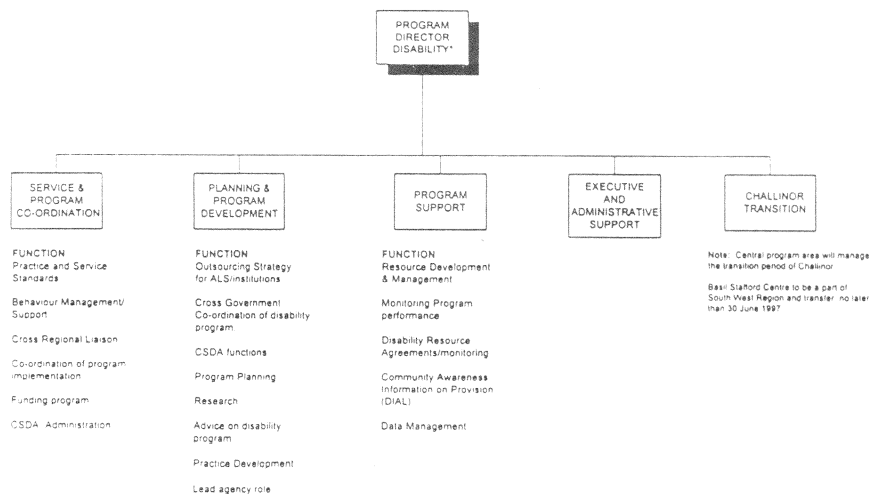
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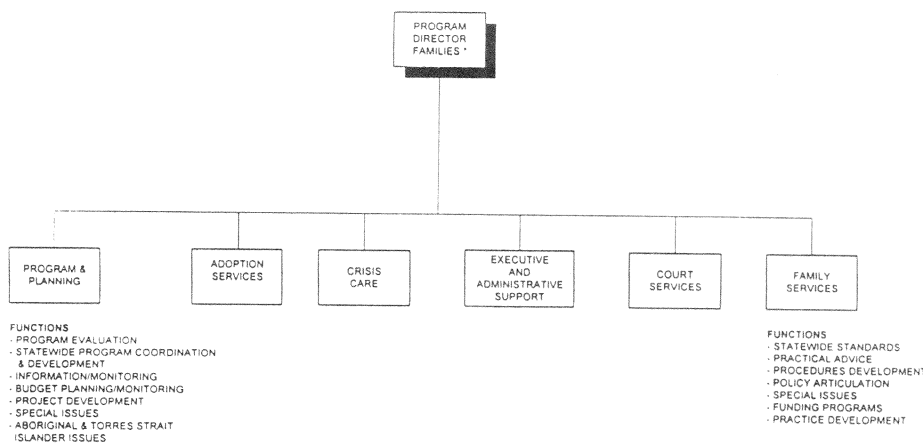
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FAMILIES PROGRAM



* LEAD AGENCY
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Logan Youth Legal Service — on the net!

You can find information on the law for young people on the newly posted site for Logan Youth Legal Service.

- Learn about Children's Court and the sentencing options.
- Try our quiz to see how much you know about the law affecting you.
- Will your parents have to go to court with you?
- Does this woman really wink?
- Is it illegal to smoke in public if you are under 16 years of age?

This is just the start. Over the next few months we plan to add lots more information.

Please let us know what you think of our site and what information you want to see. We would love to hear from you.

Come and visit us at:

<http://www.dyson.brisnet.org.au/~yfs/logan>

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☎ (07) 3208 8199 or fax (07) 3208 8589

Lawrie Moynihan
Logan Youth Legal Service

Vacancies at Prospect House

For young gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people needing low-rent accommodation. Must be aged 16–24 and in need of medium- to long-term accommodation. Prospect House does not provide crisis accommodation — it may take over a week for new residents to be accommodated.

For more info about accommodation, ring Peter ☎ (07) 3277 2171 or the LGYSG secretary, Roger ☎ (07) 3398 4222.

Community web publishing project

The State Library of Queensland is offering a limited number of nonprofit community agencies in Queensland the opportunity to establish a presence on the World Wide Web. Expressions of interest are called for inclusion in a trial project to be undertaken over the next 12 months. Depending on the level of interest, the project may be extended.

The project is initially targetting human service agencies in the community sector. The State Library is keen to increase the Queensland content on the internet and to this end is adopting an inclusive policy to encourage rural and remote, NESB, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other community sector agencies to express an interest in the project. The State Library plans to make space on its Web server available for agencies to place information about their organisation, target groups, activities, services and contact details.

Agencies do not need to have internet access in order to be considered.

To register an expression of interest or to obtain more information contact:
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First Asia-Pacific Conference on Children's Rights The Next Step

Sponsored by QUT School of Social Science, Centre for Community and Cultural Studies, Defence for Children International, Australia

QUT Brisbane 2–5 April 1997

The conference seeks to address a wide variety of issues concerning children in the form of keynote addresses by Australia's and the region's leading child's rights experts, working groups, professional papers and workshops, community events, debates and hypotheticals and the expert input of children and young people about their own lives.

Contact Ron Frey ☎ (07) 3864 4612
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Training for workers with young people goes national

The National Community Services and Health Industry Training Board has made youth work training a priority in 1996. Based on that direction, the Australian National Training Authority called for tenders. Through that process, a consortium, led by Victoria University, has been awarded the tender to develop national curriculum and training packages for workers with young people around Australia.

It may be a system unfamiliar to workers with young people, but what this project can deliver to the youth work sector is important. It will mean that training will be developed at all levels, be portable between states and should become far more accessible to workers with young people, even those working in isolated communities.

The project team

A project team has been brought together to consult and drive the development of national training and curriculum with the youth work industry. The team consists of:

- Victoria University TAFE division
- Victoria University Faculty of Human Development
- Centre for Adolescent Health, and
- Bernadette Delaney/Delaney Associates.

The project team has strengths and experience as workers with young people, trainers, youth work educators and curriculum writers with a long-term involvement in the development of learning materials for this industry. This experience and credibility will assist the project team in developing a consultative framework that will also inform the next stage, that is, the development of the broad range of learning and professional development materials. The scope of the project and, most importantly, the scope of the consultations, will include consideration of the type of resources that the industry requires.

A national consultation and review

The project team will liaise and work with providers of in-service and pre-

service training and education for youth workers in Australia that have developed curriculum and resources for the industry.

This information and knowledge will help the project team carry out a national consultation that will inform the industry of the range of options. This will provide a good launching point for workers with young people and their employers to consider the range and type of training that could be designed as a part of the training package.

The project team will use the information gained from the consultation to develop a framework for Certificate III, IV and diploma courses. The development of accredited material will include considering the advantages of a traineeship, exploring provision of on-the-job and off-the-job training, and developing flexible delivery materials and articulated pathways for the youth work industry.

What will a national training project do for the youth work industry?

The project will develop a training package consisting of:

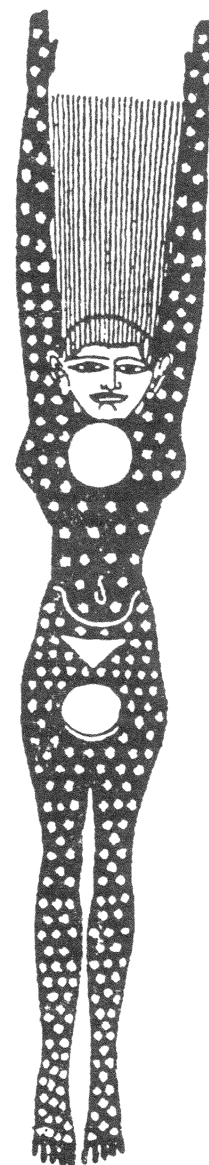
- accredited curriculum
- flexible delivery resources that reflect the need in the industry to train workers in a range of modes, schedules and geographic locations
- a learners' guide and learner resource materials that will provide a guide to recommended reading, text and journals
- a generic trainer's guide

- a professional development kit, which will provide trainers with a comprehensive overview and context of the course
- a comprehensive and fully negotiated articulation pathway for each of the levels of the curriculum at both a TAFE and higher education level.

The level and type of resources will provide the necessary support for training providers to deliver modules on and off the job, and at times a mixture of those two strategies. The package is designed to introduce trainers to the use of flexible delivery and self-paced learning and the range of delivery strategies that may support these packages.

How do you get involved?

Contact Robyn Broadbent directly at Victorian University on (03) 9365 2390.



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1997/98 Local Cultural and Festival Grants Program

The Brisbane City Council invites applications for its Local Cultural and Festival Grants Program.

The program will provide financial assistance to community groups to develop projects, festivals and special events.

For further information, please contact the Community Development Branch Grants Officer on 3403 6393.



Closing date for application is 31 March 1997.



PUBLIC BENEFIT GRANTS

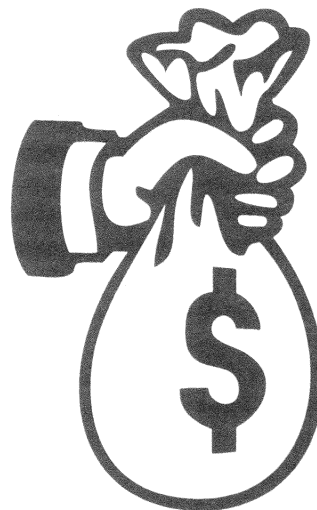
The Board of Benevolence and of Aged Masons, Widows and Orphans' Fund, which is the official charity of The United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland invites applications from registered Charitable Organisations in the community to participate in the allocation of annual grants.

Application forms are available from:

The Secretary,
Board of Benevolence,
Freemasons' Homes,
60 Wakefield Street,
SANDGATE 4017

Initial enquiries may be directed to Mrs Diane Mullane, telephone (07) 3269 4011. Closing date for applications is March 15th, 1997.

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GRANT APPLICATIONS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board

Closing date: 15 February 1997

The Australia Council, the Federal Government's arts funding and advisory body, is now calling for applications to grants programs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board.

The Board assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to maintain, promote and develop art and cultural activities in urban and regional areas. Applications are invited for the following programs.

Open to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander individuals and organisations, as well as non-Indigenous organisations, including publishers:

- **Project Grants:** New Work (assistance to undertake a specific creative project in any artform or combination of artforms)
- **Project Grants:** Presentation and Promotion (to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and cultural issues through publications, recordings, performances, exhibitions and international export)
- **Partnerships:** (to support joint ventures between the Australia Council and arts or non-arts organisations, as well as mentorships between artists)

Open to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island individuals and organisations only:

- **Project Grants:** Development (to assist artists and arts organisations to convene or attend arts workshops, conferences and seminars or undertake professional development projects)

Open to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander organisations, and non-Indigenous organisations:

- **Program Grants:** (to promote and develop Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts activities through salary subsidy or support for operational and program costs)
- **Commissions:** (for arts and non-arts organisations to support the development and presentation of work by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists)

All applicants should ensure they comply with the eligibility criteria as described in the 1996 *Grants Handbook*. For a copy of the 1996 *Grants Handbook* and application forms, please phone (02) 9950 9000 or toll free on (1800) 226 912 or write to:

THE AUSTRALIA COUNCIL
PO Box 788, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

For application forms and guidelines please contact the relevant organisations.

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conferences

Young people and their environment conference

This conference, organised by the Wide Bay Young People At Risk Program, aims to enhance the youth sector's ability to develop strategies in decreasing environmental impacts upon young people achieving their full potential in life.

Dates: 14-16 May 1997

For more info, contact Tony McGuire, Young People at Risk Program, PO Box 200, Torquay Queensland 4655, ☎ (071) 25 6279 or fax (071) 25 6284

Mental Health and Life Skills Conference

This conference, organised by the Wide Bay Young People At Risk Program, aims to empower young people 18-24 years of age with the relevant information, skills and resources to support their peers in accessing the various options that will assist them to reach their full potential in life.

Dates: 25-27 April 1997

For more info, contact Ellen Panaretos, Young People at Risk Program, PO Box 200, Torquay Q 4655 ☎ (071) 25 6279 or fax (071) 25 6284

The Tender Age

QCOSS and Queensland Women's Health Network present this one-day seminar on tendering and contracting in the community services sector. The program will consist of guest speakers, small-group discussions and case-studies in specific streams.

Date: 20 February 1997
Venue: Cyprus House, Vulture Street, West End Q 4101

For more info, contact QCOSS ☎ (07) 3832 1266 or fax (07) 3832 4119.

workshops

Rural and remote Australia: Health for all by the year 2000

The fourth biennial national rural health conference, presented by the National Rural Health Alliance.

Dates: 9-12 February, 1997
Venue: Duxton Hotel, Perth

A question of right treatment

Special medical procedures for children

This conference will investigate the critical issues confronting families and professionals in the sensitive and often ethically contentious area of special medical procedures for children. Presented by Family Court of Australia, Department of Families, Youth and Community Care, and the Legal Aid Office (Queensland).

Date: 8 February 1997
Venue: Commonwealth Law Courts Building, Cnr Tank St and North Quay, Brisbane

For more info, contact Denise Deane, Family Court of Australia on ☎ (07) 3248 2210.

Working with children/young people affected by domestic violence

This two-day workshop is for workers who have a basic understanding of domestic violence and who are currently involved in a community service that works with children, young people and/or families.

Dates: 20-22 February 1997
Venue: Townsville (to be confirmed)

For more info, contact Integrated Training ☎ (07) 3852 2211.

conferences

South west Queensland Youth Sector Conference '97

Community valuing YOUTH

Dates: 26-27 April 1997
Venue: Lake Perseverance

This conference, involving young people, local government authorities, community representatives and youth sector workers will address the issues of young people's involvement in the future development and planning of the communities in which they live.

For more information, contact Janelle Smith or Sandra Hobbs, Youth Bureau, Department of Families, Youth and Community Care, PO Box 510, Toowoomba Q 4350 ☎ (076) 319 376 or fax (076) 319 307.

SACS Award training

Integrated Training is offering this training:

- to ensure that target group organisations can access training which will assist them with implementing the relevant award,
- to promote access to a range of skilled community consultants to assist with implementation of the award. Training will be targeted at management committee members and project coordinators.

Logan	29 January
Brisbane	30 January
Sunshine Coast	12 February
Cairns	13 February
Toowoomba	13 February
Rockhampton	18 February
Emerald	19 February
Townsville	19 February
Roma	5 March
Maryborough	6 March

For more info, contact Integrated Training ☎ (07) 3852 2211.

do-it-yourself evaluation

The Australian Youth Foundation has published a do-it-yourself evaluation manual to assist workers and managers to make evaluation part of their day-to-day operations.

The manual will help agencies to determine • Is our project working? • Is it helping those it should? • Is it doing what we set out to do?

For community agencies, these basic questions may decide future funding and actions. The *START do-it-yourself evaluation manual* will help you address these questions. It is suitable for those who have no previous experience with evaluation, through to the more experienced evaluator.

Available for \$39.95 (including postage) for non-profit community organisations. The full price is \$79.95 (including postage) from Australian Youth Foundation, Suite 302/134 William St, East Sydney, NSW, 2011 ☎ (02) 9357 2344 or fax (02) 9358 5635 e-mail: ayouthf@ozemail.com.au

Going places: Community solutions to transport problems in Queensland

Going places, the report from the Transport and Community Services Project, was launched in December 1996. The project has played a key role in promoting community transport activities in Queensland.

Available for \$15 (members) or \$20 (non-members) from QCOSS, PO Box 306, Red Hill Q 4059 ☎ (07) 3832 1266 Fax (07) 3832 4119.

Taking the risk out of community management

This publication, produced by the Office of Women's Affairs, is a resource for all community organisations. Prepared by Dr Miles McGregor-Lowndes, it includes information about incorporation requirements, insurance, risk management, fundraising and much more.

Available for \$6 plus \$2 postage from Goprint ☎ (07) 3246 3399 or 1800 679 778.



Legal info kit



The Youth Advocacy Centre is producing a second edition of its Legal Info Kit and has also developed a user's guide to accompany it.

The Legal Info Kit is a series of 13 sheets on various legal topics, such as police, court, health, and being treated unfairly. The sheets are written in question-and-answer format and may be copied for information and education purposes.


The user's guide has two main aims:


- to provide information to help those working with young people to better understand the law and the legal system
- to suggest activities that may inform young people about the law, the legal system and their legal choices.


The kit costs \$10 including postage. The user's guide costs \$30 plus postage. It comes in a ring binder, and includes a full-colour game board and a copy of the kit.


Both are available from the Youth Advocacy Centre, 52 Inwood St, Woolloowin Q 4030 ☎ (07) 3857 1155 or fax (07) 3857 1803.

Regional Queensland


 **Beaudesert Interagency** Contact: Marg, Moss, Beaudesert Community House, 4 Davis Street, Beaudesert, Q 4825 ☎ (07) 5541 3762. Meets monthly at Illoura Centre, 31 Duckett St, Beaudesert.


 **Bundaberg Youth Forum** Contact: Lou Gatti, Community Development Office, PO Box 253, Bundaberg ☎ (071) 532 227. Meets monthly upstairs at Target Arcade, Community Development Office.


 **Cairns Region Youth Services Network** Contact: Desley Renton, YDO, Cairns City Council, PO Box 359, Cairns Q 4870 ☎ (070) 507 322. Meets monthly at Cairns Family Resource Service.


 **Central West Youth Network** Contact: Rick Robson, DTSY, PO Box 218, Longreach Q 4730 ☎ (076) 581 888. Meets bi-monthly (venue changes).

 **Gladstone Youth Interagency** Contact: Gail Law, Gladstone City Council, PO Box 29, Gladstone Q 4680 ☎ (079) 724 855. Meets monthly (venue changes).


 **Innisfail Youth Services Network** Contact: Margaret McDonald-James, Community Services Officer, Johnstone Shire Council ☎ (070) 302 255. Meets bi-monthly at Allan Maruff House, Rankin Street, Innisfail (opp. Council Chambers).


 **Mackay Youth Connection & Network Inc** Contact: Diane Macrae, YACCA Mackay, PO Box 3223, North Mackay Q 4740 ☎ (079) 512 661. Meets monthly at YACCA, 10 River St, Mackay.

 **Magnetic North Youth Service Providers** Karyn Buosi, Townsville City Council, PO Box 1268, Townsville Q 4810 ☎ (077) 714 431. Meets monthly at TAFE, City Campus, Pimlico.


 **Mt Isa Youth Forum** Contact: Sylvia Fisher, DTSY, PO Box 1605, Mt Isa Q 4825 ☎ (077) 432 130.


 **Rockhampton Youth Services Interagency** Contact: Tricia Millar, Youth Access Centre, PO Box 1331, Rockhampton Q 4700 ☎ (079) 227 107. Meets monthly at Youth Access Centre, MMI Building, 14 Fitzroy Street, Rockhampton.

 **Sunshine Coast Youthworkers Forum** Contact: Patrice O'Callaghan, Youth Access Centre, PO Box 1174, Maroochydore Q 4558 ☎ (074) 420888. Meets bi-monthly at 'The Place', Beach Street, Maroochydore.

 **Toowoomba Youth Organisations Network (TYON)** Contact: Ed Bradbury, Department of Education, PO Box 775, Toowoomba Q 4350 ☎ (076) 384 899. Meets monthly (venue changes).


South-east Queensland


 **Caboolture Youth Network** Contact: Damien Edwards, Youth Access Centre, PO Box 482, Caboolture Q 4510 ☎ (074) 908 078. Meets monthly (venue changes).


 **Gold Coast Youth Network** Contact: Kerry Schonfisch, Gold Coast Youth Service, PO Box 740, Burleigh Heads Q 4220 ☎ (07) 5572 0400. Meets monthly at Gold Coast Youth Service, 15 Oak Ave, Miami.


 **Inala Youth Interagency** Contact: John Rigsby-Jones, Inala Youth and Family Support Service, PO Box 141, Inala 4077 ☎ (07) 3372 2655. Meets monthly at CES Conference Room, Cnr Corsair Ave & Civic Centre, Inala.


 **Ipswich Youth Focus** Contact: Michelle Ruthenberg, TEQ, PO Box 69, Ipswich 4305 ☎ (07) 3812 2359. Meets monthly at West Moreton Community Health Plaza Auditorium, Bell Street, Ipswich Q 4305.


 **Logan Youth Interagency** Contact: Pat Taylor, Youth Access Centre, PO Box 645, Woodridge Q 4114 ☎ (07) 3808 0570. Meets monthly at Logan Regional Resource Centre.

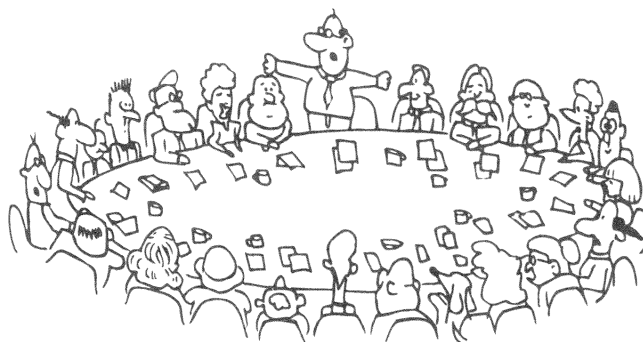
 **North Albert Youth Interagency** Contact: Kerry Clayton, BAYS Inc, PO Box 1147, Beenleigh Q 4207 ☎ (07) 3287 1290. Meets monthly at DFCS Meeting room, 1st Floor, 100 George Street, Beenleigh 4207.

 **Redlands Youth Network** Contact: Bettina McGrath, Redlands CES, 27 Mt Cotton Road, Capalaba 4157 ☎ (07) 3245 9333. Meets monthly at CES, 27 Mt Cotton Road, Capalaba.

 **Wynnum Youth Interagency** Contact: Bettina McGrath/ Adrienne Cremin, Redlands CES (as above) ☎ (07) 3245 9351. Meets bi-monthly (venue changes).

 **Youth Health Workers Interagency** Contact: Brendan or Lea, Brisbane Youth Service, PO Box 1389, Fortitude Valley Q 4006 ☎ (07) 3254 1131. Meets monthly (venue changes).

 **Youth Issues Task Group** Contact: Rachel Robinson, The Base, PO Box 228, Goodna Q 4300 ☎ (07) 3818 3118. Meets monthly at The Base, Cnr Mills and Queen St.



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 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 four 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
- 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

Network Noise is the bi-monthly YANQ newsletter. 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 and more.

Network Noise is distributed to subscribers and YANQ members only.

transitions is the YANQ research journal. 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?

Ordinary membership is available to individuals and organisations from the non-government sector.

Associate membership is available to individuals, departments and services from local, state or federal government.

Subscriptions are also available for the newsletter and journal.

aim and objectives

Aim To improve the quality of life of young people in Queensland and thereby improve the quality of life of society.

Objectives

- to establish a state youth affairs network to foster cooperation and consultation and develop shared perspectives among:
 - (a) young people
 - (b) organisations working with young people
 - (c) youth workers and
 - (d) others concerned with youth affairs and those who work with youth;
- to identify the needs and views of young people and to make these known at local, state and national levels;
- to promote the interests and well-being of young people in Queensland, especially disadvantaged young people;
- to encourage the participation of young people, minority groups and disadvantaged young people in the developing youth affairs network;
- to act as a clearing point for information to and from the youth affairs field on issues of relevance;
- to advocate, assist and support the development of policy positions on issues affecting young people and the youth affairs field, and to provide policy advice, perspectives and advocacy to governments and the broader community;
- to support and encourage the development of new methods of meeting the needs of young people;
- to recognise and support the special needs of non-metropolitan young people, groups, associations and workers;
- to ensure consultation with non-metropolitan young people, groups, associations and workers on issues and processes that may impact upon them.

MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTION APPLICATION FORM

(Contact) Name: _____
Organisation/Dept: _____
Postal Address: _____
Street Address: _____

Ph: (_____) _____
Fx: (_____) _____
Code: _____
Code: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY APPLIED FOR

Young Person	Income < \$16,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00
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
Government	Department or Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00

SUBSCRIPTION

Transitions and *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 _____

(Applications must be approved by the Coordinating Committee.)

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