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Have your say on the *Juvenile Justice Legislation Amendment Bill — 1998*

In her second reading speech of the Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill to Queensland Parliament in August, the Honourable Anna Bligh MLA, Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care and Minister for Disability Services, introduced the *Juvenile Justice Legislation Amendment Bill — 1998*.

Changes under the Bill

The Bill is not yet law and you still have time to comment. Changes proposed under the Bill include:

- transferring responsibility for Youth Detention Centres from Queensland Corrective Services Commission to the DFYCC
- integrating Youth Detention Centres with policy, legislation, program development, crime prevention, court services, bail support and community based corrections as a 'unified program within the DFYCC'
- providing for young people on dual juvenile justice and care and protection orders to be responded to in a holistic way, with particular attention to the possible connection of protection issues with the young person's offending
- improving effective case management and planning through the co-ordination of juvenile justice and child protection resources at the service point for the young person and their family
- avoiding multiple agency interference in families where

children are involved in the juvenile justice system

- recognising the impact of crime on its victims, refocusing the juvenile justice program to concentrate on young offenders making amends with their victims, where applicable
- responding better to the over-representation of indigenous young people in the juvenile justice system, by consulting closely with indigenous communities so that all possible preventative and rehabilitation programs can be explored

Background to the Bill

In making her speech, the Minister pointed out that:

- only 1% of Queenslanders aged 10 to 16 years appear in court in any one year, and most young people are law-abiding citizens
- young people often become 'scapegoats' for the system's failure to provide them with proper services or opportunities, creating a 'fear-based approach to juvenile offending' that has nothing to do with true juvenile offending rates

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- projects
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- working with young people and the youth sector as a basis for launching policies and programs to provide services
- issues such as youth suicide, including particular issues within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and issues for young people in care and protection who are also involved in the juvenile justice system, need to be acknowledged.

Have your say

The youth sector has a long history in providing 'on the ground' information to governments on juvenile justice issues and program responses. We invite our readers to respond to the points raised above.

Contact Pam de Jonge at YANQ on 3236 5400.

What's happening at YANQ

Notification of YANQ AGM

25 November 1998,
4pm

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Please see
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nomination/proxy
forms.

Philosophy

Over the past few years there have been significant environmental changes in the community services and health industry. This has impacted on many organisations, including YANQ. In order to meet the demands of environmental change, YANQ is taking the opportunity to reflect on the philosophy and vision of the organisation. In the coming meetings we will be seeking feedback on our existing philosophy from members. Clarifying our philosophy will assist in providing a value-based framework for future policy development and processes.

Special General Meeting

A YANQ working party has been looking at possible changes to YANQ's constitution. This working party will take into account outcomes from the consultation on YANQ's philosophy, future policy consultation, and organisational development processes. Therefore, possible constitutional changes will not be presented at the November 1998 AGM. However, pending outcomes and findings from the working party, a special general meeting is planned for May 1999 to debate any proposed changes to the constitution as a result of the collaborative process.

Youth Advisory Forum - a voice for young people

It's YAF time again folks! This year's south-east Queensland YAF is taking on a form different from any that have gone before. Aisha Damali, Abbie Trott and myself are sharing the position of YAF Project Officer, and the support this provides for each of us is inestimable.

Why is this year's YAF different?

The YAF is in three parts

Communication between young people and the government: This year we are trialling communication mechanisms using information technology and the Internet. We have scheduled Inter Relay Chats (IRCs) with Anna Bligh, Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care, and with Rob Swarten, Minister for Public Works and Housing. We are still awaiting confirmation from Matt Foley, Minister for the Arts, and we have had one refusal from Wendy Edmond, Minister for Health. The IRCs will entail young people and the Minister communication via the Internet, typing, sending and receiving text in real time. This has never been attempted with Ministers before, so if it works we will have discovered another vital communication mechanism. We will keep you updated.

Workshops to provide young people with the skills to participate actively in government decision-making are being conducted. We have scheduled two days of training for early October, with workshops based on group facilitation and assertiveness, formal meeting procedure, campaigning and lobbying,

submission and report writing, government structure and process and the links between government and NGOs. These sessions will be targeted at young people who are already involved in youth groups, so that they can pass these skills on and as many people will reap the benefit as possible. We will keep you updated on this as well.

Communication between young people: This part is to provide young people with identifiable means for communication between themselves, and will

incorporate a web page with an attached discussion page and links to other youth-orientated pages, an e-mail list to facilitate information and knowledge sharing, and a newsletter with contributions from young people and announcements.

The YAF project is only funded to mid-October, so we are working on very short timeframes and everything needs to be done as soon as possible. However, we still value any input, so if you have any ideas please contact us at YANQ. We also have a reference group that meets once a week to discuss the project and the directions we are taking. If you would like to be involved, call me on 3236 5400.

Natalie Gourgaud

Youth Consultative Network expands!

Young people from around Queensland have been meeting together, discussing issues and planning for our future, ensuring that our voices get heard by government, business and community.

We have been documenting this process as part of a promotional project funded by DEETYA and supported by YANQ.

This project involves making two video documentaries, designing a Youth Consultative Network logo and distributing information about the network in a brochure and on T-shirts.

So far we have met with a range of people involved in groups, including high school students, emerging artists, university and TAFE students, young people in regional areas, young people seeking work and culturally diverse young people.

A youth reference group has been established to oversee the project and provide direction in areas such as conceptual decisions about the YCN promotions.

An emerging video-arts worker, Jan-Nell Weaver, has been employed to film and edit the documentaries. Young people in Cairns have been enthusiastically designing the logo with support from Two Dogs Barking. Young people have been involved in all stages of the project, and will make presentations at the launch set down for mid-October.

We would like to thank the staff, management and members of YANQ for your continued support of young people as project workers. We look forward to future involvement with you and the Youth Consultative Network.

*Hanna Jenkin and Heather Sharp
(Two of the fabulous five)*

Reconciliation — planning your commitment

The booklet *Compact '98 — Youth Sector Compact of Commitment Reconciliation* is part of AYPAC's contribution to improving the situation of indigenous Australia. It contains valuable information about the features and issues we need to appreciate as we move along the track to reconciliation. Importantly, it also contains lots of information for non-indigenous Australians who want to aid the reconciliation process.

YANQ has re-printed the section of *Compact '98* that deals with planning your commitment. Use this for ideas about what can be done to promote reconciliation.

We strongly recommend that you also obtain a copy of the *Compact '98* Booklet from AYPAC (see below for details), which provides important context to the whole reconciliation movement.

Introduction

In 1992 the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs produced and distributed an information booklet, *Rebutting the Myths — Some Facts About Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs*. In the foreword of the booklet, Robert Tickner, then Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, said that the booklet 'seeks to banish some of the shocking and absurd prejudices which exist about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'. The last section of this booklet deals with the 'free car' myth that indigenous people receive free cars from the Government and their children free bicycles.

Such was, and still is the level of misinformation and lack of understanding of the realities of

indigenous people's lives that a Federal Government Minister had to publish a booklet to dispel myths — myths which could only be describes as ludicrous in the extreme.

It is not enough that we demand the community leaders and the Prime Minister to stand against those who have deliberately undermined the reconciliation process. We must be reminded that we have a long way to travel on the path to reconciliation. We cannot expect others to lead the way in that journey on our behalf.

It is imperative that working with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, communities and young people becomes something we all do as part of a commitment to justice and equity for all Australians.

Summary of activities you might consider to support reconciliation

The most important thing people and organisations need to do is make contact with their local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and organisations. Make a commitment to build reconciliation activities into your regular activities. Work with your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to educate those involved in your organisation about the heritage, culture and history of your local community and the land on which you live.

I can assure you that your life will be all the richer for the experience.

Summary of suggested key tasks

Contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and find out as much as you can about the local indigenous people in your area, the traditional owners of the land, the tribal name attributed to the land and its people, their cultural heritage and ongoing relationship with the land

Make contact with the local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community and discuss with them how you might best go about providing information about their history and current activities to people in your organisation or service.

Display Indigenous posters, flags or artwork in your services to show indigenous young people that you are sympathetic to their needs and culture.

Liaise with AYPAC and the Reconciliation Unit, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet regarding the information and resources available on reconciliation.

Liaise with local indigenous organisations to ascertain which feature events on their annual calendar could be supported by your organisation, e.g. NAIDOC Week, National Aboriginal Childrens Day and National Reconciliation Week.

Use *Compact '98* as an education tool for management, staff and members of your organisation.

Incorporate Indigenous young people as a specific target group of your agency or organisation.

Look at your organisation's aims and objectives and determine if Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are acknowledged.

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Develop networks with Aboriginal community and liaison workers around specific issues such as juvenile justice, housing, substance abuse, health and legal issues.

Investigate ways of employing youth workers through the Training for Aborigines Program (TAP) or offer work experience placements.

Contact local TAFE colleges and universities and offer to host young Aboriginal work experience students in their field of study (e.g. youth work, welfare studies, community development and recreation courses).

Provide opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work as volunteers with your organisation.

When advertising for staff positions contact local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and encourage them to let people know about the position.

Offer specific support to young indigenous clients which is of particular relevance to their needs (e.g. support letters, advocacy with schools, court support, visits to custodial facilities, mediation with police or welfare authorities, transport).

Develop joint projects with Aboriginal organisations, workers, artists etc. with a reconciliation theme.

Invite local elders to provide 'Welcome to the Land' ceremonies for important events such as conferences, launches etc.

Lobby your State or Territory Government about the issues and recommendations arising from the Royal Commission

into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. Find out who is responsible for implementation of the recommendations.

Write letters to the editor of local newspapers supporting reconciliation and the protection of Native Title.

Promote reconciliation in very practical ways: hold a concert, organise a cultural event, invite indigenous performers to special events, organise an art project or workshop.

Contact local indigenous cultural or community organisations and ask them to do a staff in-service or cultural awareness training to inform your service about the services they provide.

Provide a visiting or outreach program to young indigenous people in custody.

Attend indigenous cultural events and festivals such as NAIDOC Week to meet new contacts and show your support.

Help indigenous young people to reunite with separated families by offering to help with letters, phone calls, birth certificates, dealing with bureaucracy, contacting agencies that help track down lost relatives, such as Link Up NSW.

Offer transport assistance to indigenous young people and their families to assist them to participate more effectively at school, work, public meeting.

Develop an annual plan of commitment using *Compact '98* as a guide and resource.

**For copies of *Compact '98*, contact the AYPAC Secretariat on
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Breaking down media stereotypes — 4ZZZ's Youthink Project

Young people are invited to get involved in a new series of radio documentaries being made by community radio station 4ZZZ. The Youthink documentaries, funded by Brisbane City Council, will focus on the issues and concerns of disadvantaged young people.

The Youthink Project's main objective is to give young people a media forum to voice their issues, concerns and solutions to the problems they face. A group of young people is also being trained to produce the documentaries. This team will be interviewing "as many people as they can get their hands on" until the end of October, when the series goes into production.

Topics to be covered include leaving home, homelessness, welfare, the youth allowance, juvenile justice, police brutality, isolation, accommodation, laws affecting where young people can hang out, young parents, contraception, eating disorders, abortion, education, expulsion, employment, work for the dole schemes and more! Common threads running through the programs will be media stereotyping of young people and young people's solutions to the concerns they have raised.

If you have a story to tell, or ideas to contribute, 4ZZZ would like to interview you. Whether you want to explain how your school should be restructured or why you chose to work in the sex industry, all voices are welcome. Interviews can be done at the station, over the phone or an interviewer can come to you. Confidentiality will be respected and 4ZZZ will let you know when the series goes to air.

For more info call Heather on (07) 3409 8054 or leave a message at 4ZZZ on (07) 3252 1555.

NESB Youth Issues Network update

Funding

NESB Youth Issues Network (NYIN) members may know that funding for the NESB Policy and Network Officer position relies is on matched funding from the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) and the Queensland Government's Office of Youth Affairs (OYA). This collaborative arrangement is a unique approach to NESB youth issues. Unfortunately, DIMA recently informed YANQ that our submission for funding from February 1999 to February 2000 was unsuccessful. We believe this is because the officer does not do direct service delivery.

While we are disappointed with DIMA's decision, YANQ still has several options to pursue with the Queensland Government. We hope that the Queensland Government, in its drive to enhance multiculturalism, will see the officer's valuable role in achieving this objective. I will keep members informed of any developments on this issue. I feel confident that YANQ can rise to any challenges and secure on-going resources for the position, which is now an integral part of the organisation and the work it does.

NYIN General meeting

NYIN held its first general meeting for some time on 6 August. Eighteen NYIN members attended. One of the more exciting things to come out of the meeting was the Network's desire to produce a communication strategy. Members generated some interesting options to be considered. Members also discussed the possibility of

developing a NESB Youth Profile as a way to influence policy, projects and programs affecting NESB young people. One way to present the profile would be through a video production, rather than through the more orthodox paper format. Several members will be negotiating with NESB young people during September 1998 to see if they would like to take on the project. I believe the video in its final form will have a significant impact in government.

The next general meeting is on 1 October from 2pm to 5pm at YANQ's office. This will be a very important get-together given the current funding uncertainty. I am sure your input into any actions or activities we are engaged in relating to future funding will be very valuable. Hope to see you on the day folks!

Racism in Schools Working Party

The NESB Policy and Network Officer has convened a meeting of the Racism in Schools Working Party to be held on 11 September from 3pm at YANQ. You may recall that the last time the working party met was to formulate a response to the Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland's (ADCQ) draft terms of reference and issues paper relating to a proposed racism in schools project. Officers in ADCQ have assured me that the project will be put out to tender very shortly. Additionally, DIMA has released their Living in Harmony Initiative. The community grants program component of the Living in Harmony Initiative has a community education focus. I believe the working party should develop a funding submission for the Living in Harmony Initiative with a specific focus on anti-racism. Don't forget that if you have an interest in this area you are more than welcome to come along on the day.

Mental Health Research Project

We continue to meet around once a month. You may recall our desire to secure funding through the former Queensland Government's Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy. Since the change of government, uncertainty surrounds the future of this initiative, so our application for funding is on hold. We have been seeking to meet with the Minister for Health Wendy Edmond over the past month or so, but to date have not been able to get our foot in the door. I'm sure this is the case for many of you. It's refreshing to see that the new government has an open-door policy! Nevertheless, we will continue to keep knocking until we get in there. I'll let you know when we do, because this meeting could well decide the future of the research proposal.

Domestic Violence Working Group

The DV Working Group will meet again on 18 September at the Immigrant Women's Support Service from 10am. The working group is beginning to develop a forum scheduled for early 1999. I have sent out invitations to stakeholders seeking their input to developing the forum. However, anyone is welcome. The forum should be an exciting event because group members have a burning desire to develop something a little different and creative! Keep an eye out for this one, my friends.

That's all I have time for now, my good friends and colleagues, so bye-bye and take good care of yourselves. Don't forget that if you wish to contact me at any time, I'm more than happy to touch base with you.

John Bamborough



The state of affairs in the English as a second language (ESL) program

The scope of issues associated with the ESL Program in Queensland has led to the establishment of the Community Advocacy For ESL Education (CAFEE) Network. The ESL Program is designed to assist NESB young people sufficiently develop their English language skills as they integrate into the education system. However, NESB students are disadvantaged because resources channeled into this program from the State government are inadequate to meet demands. In other large States such as New South Wales and Victoria, the State government matches funding allocated from the Commonwealth on a dollar for dollar basis. The Queensland government's contribution falls far short of a matched dollar for dollar arrangement. The consequences are often poor educational outcomes for NESB students and increased pressure on under resourced ESL teachers who simply want to do the best they can. CAFEE have been

working hard to develop an ESL Issues Paper for wide distribution, especially within the State government. It is hoped that finally, a Queensland State government will act on an area of our education system that is clearly inequitable. If the current government is committed to fostering a multicultural Queensland where all people are afforded equal opportunities irrespective of their cultural or linguistic background, then surely this must start with equitable resource allocation in education. If inequity continues to occur, then many NESB students will inevitably suffer throughout their life span because their individual scholastic potential will have never been given the opportunity to flourish. It is suggested that this is counterproductive to fostering a multicultural ethos in the Queensland context. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the ESL Issues Paper when it is ready for distribution, please contact John Bamborough at YANQ on 3236 5400.

Access Community Housing Association Inc. influences a major policy change with Ergon Energy

Sue Johnston reports that relief worker Jason Stott from Access Community Housing Association Inc. became aware that the electricity board, now known as Ergon was charging people under 18 an additional \$40 connection fee and providing power only if a guarantor has taken responsibility. Jason decided to challenge this policy, and sought legal advice, and interpretation from the Tenants Union. He also raised the issue of possible discrimination.

As a result of Jason's lobbying a letter was received from Lynnda Ross, Team Leader Revenue Realisation, Ergon Energy stating... *"In the past we have charged an additional deposit of \$40. This will no longer be the case. If you are aware of any customers who have been charged the additional deposit because they were under the age of 18, please have then contact me..."*

You can contact Lynnda Ross of Ergon Energy on 131046.

Multicultural youth performance festival

The Multicultural Youth Performance Festival was held at the Inala Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) on August 15th 1998. The event was a major success and was enjoyed by many members of the Inala community, including approximately 50 young people from a range of backgrounds. As well as the young people's performances presented on the day, many other activities took place. A circus workshop was held by members of the Vulcana Women's Circus Group, while the NESB Policy and Network Officer from YANQ was just about keeling over with a heart attack during an organised indoor soccer game! Members of the Inala community also came together to offer a range of foods from around the world at the festival which was great, and tasty. A follow-up forum is being planned so we can bring the young people together to discuss where we go from here as a group. I believe we must seize on their energy for self-expression through the arts because this is one way in which young people can have a voice in their respective communities in a safe and supportive environment. Indeed, the Festival Reference Group has recently put a submission into the Brisbane City Council for a local cultural festival grant. If the resources are secured, then the process of establishing a Multicultural Youth Arts Action Group will be initiated, which will meet the needs of many young people the Group have had contact with over an extended period of time. The Performance Festival was a collaborative project between The Peace Centre, YANQ, Inala PCYC, and Acacia Ridge Neighbourhood Centre.

For more information contact John Bamborough on 3236 5400.

Staff Changes at YANQ

YANQ farewells Sandra & Penny....

Sandra Fields

Sandra Fields, the YANQ director since 1997, has decided to take a career path change and therefore has resigned from her position with the organisation. We reflect on the time Sandra spent with YANQ, and wish her a well deserved rest. Sandra dealt with many internal organisational changes and external environmental shifts, which impacted upon the Human Services Sector quite dramatically.

During her time as Director with YANQ, Sandra worked with staff and management through many organisational changes, with a restructure and initiating the organisation of internal processes. This was needed to ensure YANQ remained viable, effective and accountable to its members and funding body.

Major highlights for Sandra during her time at YANQ include ensuring the ongoing external profile of YANQ through effective liaison with media, government departments and membership. Sandra was YANQ's public face advocate to maintain AYPAC as the national youth peak.

During this time also, Sandra assisted the organisation through an external organisational review. The outcome of this review is very encouraging and positive for YANQ, suggesting that overall, YANQ is an effective Queensland State Youth Sector Peak.

Sandra came to YANQ with an established background in working in the Youth Sector especially in the area of developing processes and mechanisms for inclusion of young people. She is also a well known and well respected advocate with and for young people across Queensland.

Overall, Sandra headed up the YANQ team facing challenges and milestones along the way. The staff, management and membership of YANQ, wish Sandra success in what most definitely will be a long, exciting and successful career.

Penny Carr

It is with much sadness that we write a fond farewell to Penny. Penny has now left the Policy and Network Officer position at YANQ to take up the Coordinators role at the Tenants' Union of Queensland. Penny held the Policy and Network Officer position for some three and a half years. In that time Penny has advocated with and for young people across Queensland with integrity and the kind of commitment I'm sure we all aspire too. Penny's knowledge of policy development and implementation as it relates to young people is exemplary. Some of Penny's achievements while at YANQ include the development of the Youthspeak 1996 and 1998 projects, which were immense successes for the organisation. Penny has also contributed much in the area of juvenile justice over the years and her relationship with the media built over many years has also significantly raised the profile of YANQ. It goes without saying that Penny's departure from YANQ is a loss to the organisation, the youth sector, and young people throughout Queensland. Nevertheless, we all wish her the very best of fortune in any future endeavors. A fond farewell to a revered colleague and comrade from all staff and management of YANQ.

...and YANQ welcome's Bernice & Pam

Bernice Smith

A special hello to all readers! I've come to "steer the boat" as Locum Director for awhile and hope that I can assist the YANQ team to continue supporting members and disseminating information.

For people who do not know me, I have been around the Youth Sector in Queensland for 13 years, beginning as a Tutor/Project Officer with the Community Youth support Scheme (CYSS) in Beenleigh, Beaudesert and Woodridge. Since then I have worked in a broad range

of positions including Youth and Family Services (Logan City) Inc (YFS), the Valley Youth Unit, Probation programs for Ipswich Community Corrections, Community Youth Worker for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Dukes Award) and at "The Outlook", Boonah.

The main areas of focus have included programs for young people and their families, youth worker training programs and team development/workshops/reviews. I'll strive to keep in touch by various communication strategies.

That's about all for now - Happy Reading!

Pam de Jonge

I've been employed by YANQ in a locum position till 27 November. I'm here to keep up the activities that Penny Carr has been doing over the past years until there's time to advertise the position and interview applicants.

I currently run a consultancy, having recently finalised my project work with Logan Regional Resource Centre, a casualty of last year's Federal funding cuts.

I have a long history in the non-government sector, working primarily on issues relating to domestic violence. Other areas include employment programs with young people, job search skills training and work with young people on parole or probation returning to the workforce.

Readers from the Logan City, North Gold Coast and Beaudesert regions may be more familiar with my work as a project officer at the Logan Regional Resource Centre. I am familiar with the frustrations, concerns and hopes from a regional perspective too.

The current 'Big Issues' seem to be:

- juvenile justice legislation
- reconciliation
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- The State budget

I extend an invitation to readers to call me and discuss any burning issues you might have and/or other possible items for future issues of the newsletter.

The 1998/99 State Budget - Queensland

On 15th September 1998, the Queensland Government introduced its first State Budget for its current term.

In order to access the budget information and to get some important direction issues clarified, YANQ staff attended two separate Budget sessions on that day.

One was the Treasury briefing sessions at Parliament House. The other was a meeting with the Honourable Anna Bligh MLA, Minister For Families, Youth and Community Care, and for Disability Services.

YANQ has full copies of the Budget statements, and overview booklets, but unfortunately we got only one set. If you are interested in obtaining any further information from key

points listed below, please call us and we will try to provide you with more detail.

Or alternatively, you can contact:

- Goprint: (07) 3246 3399
- The Individual Departments with responsibility for your particular area of interest.

"The 1998-99 Budget sets the priorities, plans and direction for the Government over the coming year and beyond. The key objectives of the Budget are job creation, breaking the unemployment cycle and addressing major social needs in the community". (Budget overview booklet no. 2)

The key elements, which will have impact within the Youth Sector, are listed below. These are not listed in any order of priority, they appear in order as per the Budget Overview Booklet.

Major highlights

Employment initiatives

- The creation of 24,500 jobs, including 15,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships under *the Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative.

Juvenile Justice

- Funds allocated to community Juvenile Justice Centres and Juvenile Crime Prevention, as part of the Government's approach and new initiatives.

Child Protection

- Funding reallocated to child protection service priorities and additional funds (non-recurrent) for introducing new initiatives, further detail of these initiatives are outlined below.

Industrial award

- Enhancement funding for community agencies to meet commitments under SACS, CASH Award.

Youth Suicide Prevention

- Funding over four years for the Queensland Health and the Department of Families Youth & Community Care components of the whole-of-government approach to Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy. Funding provided for community-based programs to assist indigenous communities to implement suicide prevention strategies.

Literacy & Numeracy

- Additional funds to address the literacy and numeracy problems of students whose main language at home is not English, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Cultural Diversity Support Program

- Funds allocated to support community relations, regional community infrastructure, events and other supports in research, information and training assistance to ethnic communities.

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Health

Early Intervention (Triple P Program)

- \$10.5 million is provided over four years to support parents who have concerns about their child's behaviour or development and provide courses free of charge at 30 locations around the State.

Women's Health Initiatives

- \$2.8 million is provided over four years for an 1800 after hours State-wide sexual assault crisis line; expansion of some areas of the existing Sexual Assault Support and Prevention Service; and the provision of appropriate services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and other special needs groups.

Drug and Alcohol Strategies

- \$10.5 million is provided over five years to increase funding to combat drug (substance) and alcohol abuse with particular emphasis on youth and young adults.

School Nurses

- \$14 million is provided over four years to place twenty-five nurses each year over a four period (100 in total) into the State's secondary schools to advance adolescent health initiatives including drug and alcohol education.

Mental Health Initiatives

- \$44.7 million is provided over four years to continue the implementation of the Future Direction for Child Youth Mental Health Services and the Ten Year Mental Health Strategy, including the expansion of the Mental Health Community Funding program, to produce, develop, distribute and evaluate two booklets on youth suicide; the establishment of a Chair of Forensic Psychiatry in

Queensland; and to expand child and youth and adult community health services in provincial and rural areas.

Illicit Drug Strategy

- \$6.4 million is provided over four years to Queensland Health to implement a range of strategies including prevention, early intervention, treatment, education and training, research and community interventions to reduce the harm associated with illicit intravenous drug use as part of the whole-of-Government Illicit Drug Strategy. This enhanced funding will complement and enhance a range of current programs and activities supporting the Strategy.

Non-government Organisations (NGO's) Funding Adjustment

- \$6.39 million is provided over four years to assist NGOs with increased costs resulting from the implementation of the Social and Community Services (Queensland) Award.

Townsville Family Support Centre

- \$0.89 million is provided over four years to establish a family support centre in Townsville to provide education and support services to families experiencing problems with parenting and infant care.

Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy

- \$7 million is provided over four years to fund the Queensland Health component of the whole-of-government Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy.

Children by Choice Funding

- \$0.264 million per annum is provided to restore funding to Children by Choice which had been discontinued by the previous Government

Law, Order & Public Safety

Improved Police Practices – Police Beats

- \$1 million in 1998-99 and \$0.2 million per annum in the outyears is provided to establish ten additional Police Beats as part of the Government's "Crime Prevention That Works" strategy. This initiative will enhance the community policing strategies by promoting partnerships between police and the community.

Improved Police Practices – Police Shopfronts

- \$2.3 million over four years is provided for ten Police Shopfronts that will be established over the next two years. The operation of these Shopfronts will enhance the community policing strategies by improving access to police and reducing the fear of crime.

School Based Policing

- Expansion of this program will continue with a further \$0.12 million being provided to fund computers and vehicles associated with the establishment of five new locations. This will bring the total number of locations to 17.

Legal Aid and Community Legal Centres

- \$2.5 million in 1998-99, and \$5 million ongoing, is provided to enhance access to legal aid for eligible Queenslanders unable to meet the costs of a private lawyer. Included in this allocation is increased funding of \$0.25 million in 1998-99 and \$0.5 million ongoing to community legal services.

Victims of Crime

- A total allocation of \$1.475 million per annum, an increase of \$1 million on 1997-98, is provided to assist victims of crime associations to deliver services and assistance such

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as counseling, accommodation and support services to victims of crime.

Education

Behaviour Management

- An additional \$17.5 million is allocated over four years (2.5 million in 1998-99) to resource school based programs for students at risk of suspension or expulsion, to provide additional behaviour management support to staff and to enhance professional development resources. Total funding for the program in 1998-99 is \$16.6 million, an increase of \$5 million over the 1997-98 allocation.

Literacy & Numeracy

- An additional \$3.5 million is allocated over four years (\$0.5 million in 1998-99) to address the literacy and numeracy problems of students whose main language at home is not English, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. These students are disproportionately represented among those identified through the Year 2 Diagnostic Net.

Youth Action Projects

- \$0.5 million is provided in 1998-99 for the pilot Youth Action Program project, which is open to all students including marginalised youth. In 1998-99, up to 360 cadets at ten State high schools will engage in activities such as environment projects, life saving and emergency care. The project aims to reduce the incidence of juvenile delinquency and youth suicide and other anti-social or self-harming behaviours

Training

- \$13.13 million is provided in 1998-99 for the off-the-job training component of the

Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiative. Improved targeting of traineeships funding will also assist in meeting off-the-job training requirements for these programs.

Conservation Recreation & Culture

Youth Arts Initiative

\$0.45 million is provided in 1998-99 and ongoing funding of \$0.9 million is provided for a range of youth art initiatives:

- a Venue Concept will provide young bands with subsidised rehearsal space, facilities to create video clips and funds for promotions;
- a music mentor program will give young people greater access to contemporary music tuition
- Youth entertainment will offer affordable live entertainment, particularly for young people under 18 years of age living in provincial cities and rural areas;
- Radio traineeships will be offered to improve young people's technical and broadcasting skills to increase opportunities for finding employment in the media/broadcasting industry.

Social Welfare & Housing

People with Disabilities

- \$21.2 million is allocated in the 1998-99, and \$35 million from 1999-2000 onwards, to address the unmet family support and lifestyle needs of people with a disability living in the community. Total funding for Unmet Needs is \$126.2 million over four years.
- This allocation will include funding for some 400 individual and family support packages and four pilot programs to fund and co-ordinate services for people with disabilities and their families in rural and remote areas of Queensland.

- Funding will also provide for grants to non-government organisations for a range of capital and ongoing services including:
- Alternative accommodation support services to provide people with disabilities with the choice of independent lifestyle options;
- Assistance for primary carers through the provision of respite and in-home support services; and
- Community access services for people with disabilities to access a broad range of formal and informal recreation opportunities.

Enhancing the Capacity of Funded Services

- \$5.6 million is allocated in 1998-99, and \$6.46 million per annum from 1999-2000 to assist funded non-government services in meeting their industrial obligations under the Social and Community Services Award, the Crisis Assistance and Supported Housing Award, the Disability Support Workers Award and the mandatory increase in employer superannuation contributions.

Juvenile Justice

- A total of 9.8 million over four years is allocated for community Juvenile Justice Centres and Juvenile Crime Prevention Grants as part of the Government's approach to Juvenile Justice. \$6.3 million of this funding is allocated to trial three community juvenile justice centre pilots at Ipswich, Logan City and Townsville to reduce recidivism by providing comprehensive case management services, including risk assessment and targeted programs for young offenders.
- Also included in the four year funding is \$0.5 million in 1998-99 and \$1 million from 1999-2000 for grants to fund local

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initiatives to implement diversionary strategies to lower the overall incidence of juvenile crime.

Youth In Public Space Strategy

- \$0.05 million is allocated in 1998-99, and \$0.1 million from 1999-2000. To provide grants to local governments to develop policies for young people to access public spaces. Funding will provide for the development of guidelines for the design and management of major centres to incorporate the needs of young people, as well as community-youth partnership programs.

Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy

- As part of the whole-of-Government initiative to prevent youth suicide, \$3.36 million over four years has been allocated to the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care to integrate departmental initiatives aimed at preventing youth suicide.
- \$0.17 million per annum is provided for community-based programs to assist indigenous communities to implement suicide prevention strategies. Strategies will include community education, training, counseling and activities for young people at risk of suicide.

Outside School Hours Care for Young People (13-15 years)

- An additional \$0.25 million per annum is allocated to expand the outside school hours care program for young people aged 15 to 15 years through the provision of grants for some 350 extra places. These services respond to community and parental concerns regarding the supervision of young people out of school hours.

Cultural Diversity Support Program

- \$7 million is provided over four years for a multicultural grants program for community relations, regional community infrastructure, multicultural

events, information and research and training assistance to ethnic communities.

Housing

- Funding of \$62.4 million is allocated in 1998-99 for assistance to community organisations and local authorities to provide housing assistance for low to moderate, income households. A total of \$40.5 million is allocated to Long Term Community Housing, including \$3.5 million for a youth housing initiatives.

Transport

Public Transport

- Funding of \$0.5 million in 1998-99 is provided for a series of pilot projects to address access problems to public transport in rural and remote areas.
- In an initiative that will improve customer service and encourage the greater use of public transport, \$4 million is allocated in 1998-99 for the development of integrated ticketing systems. The initiative will introduce a single ticket fare covering Queensland Railways, Brisbane Transport and private bus operators, to allow multi-modal travel by the public through the purchase of a single ticket.
- An amount of \$0.6 million per annum in ongoing funding is provided to extend the Taxi Subsidy Scheme to include additional categories of disabled persons.
- An amount of \$4.4 million will be expended on enhanced intermodal facilities across the State, including Stockland, Rockhampton, Capalaba and Springwood.
- \$0.6 million is provided to extend school transport assistance to isolated families.

Economic Services

Breaking the Unemployment Cycle and JobsPlan Initiatives

- Funding of \$283 million is provided over four years, including \$43.1 million in 1998-99, for the creation of 24,500 jobs (including 15,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships under the *Breaking The Unemployment Cycle* initiative.
- Funding will provide long-term unemployed Queenslanders, or those at risk of long term unemployment with community-based employment placements, apprenticeships and traineeships. Incentives will be offered to private sector employers and Group Training Schemes to employ more apprentices in industries experiencing skills shortages. Traineeships and apprenticeships will also be available within the public sector. The Plan includes initiatives in relation to employment in the building and construction industry and specific employment assistance targeted to mature age persons, disadvantaged young people and young offenders.

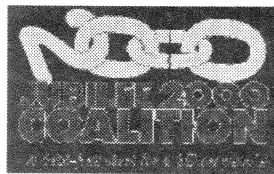
New Industrial Relations Legislation

- \$0.22 million is provided in 1998-99 for the establishment of a taskforce comprising union and employer representatives and independent experts to review the existing workplace relations legislation.

Pam de Jonge



JUBILEE 2000 COALITION



Billions of people in the world's poorest countries are enslaved by debt. Debts run up by governments on their behalf. Debts which started as easy credit pushed by rich lenders. Debts which the poor will never be able to repay. Debts which enrich lenders, but leave children malnourished, while families and young people live in desperate poverty.

Young people in Australia are being invited to join a global campaign to support their peers in the poorest countries of the world by participating in the Jubilee 2000 Coalition. In Australia the campaign is supported by Trade Union, Church and community groups. Individual sponsors include Veronica Brady of Good News Week and Peter Garrett (Midnight Oil). The youth sector rep on the State co-ordinating group for Queensland is Tony Robertson from the Church Network for Youth Justice.

Jubilee 2000 believes the time has come to do something about debt. The aim is to celebrate the new millennium by lifting the burden of unpayable debt from the poorest countries. The Jubilee Proposal calls for:

a one-off cancellation by the year 2000 of the backlog of unpayable debt owed by the world's poorest countries under a fair and transparent process

The main action at the moment is collecting signatures for a global Jubilee 2000 Petition (which we hope will be the world's largest. This petition will be presented at the Summits of the G8 - the richest creditor nations - in Birmingham 1998 and Germany 1999. You can download the petition at:

<http://www.jubilee2000uk.org/petition.html>

Resources for this campaign including music, and a piece of street theatre are available from CNYJ at 20 Merivale Street, South Brisbane 4101. Email: cnyj@micah.powerup.com.au.

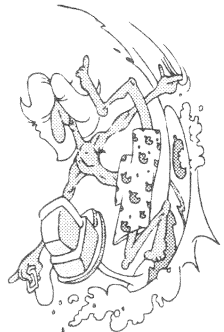
Tony Robertson

Youth issues on the Net

Youth Homelessness Issues

If you're interested in youth homelessness issues, you may find the following Russian site of interest. Whilst it's not fully constructed, it provides some interesting contrasts to our local situation.

<http://www.diginat.com/children/>



The Australian Youth Foundation

An overview about who is who in the Australian Youth Sector and a link to the International Youth Foundation's site.

www.ayf.org.au/~ayouthf

Participate! Participate!

Participate! Participate!
It's time, we must communicate
No longer be subordinate,
No longer let them subjugate.

Participate! Participate!
Before it is too late
Before "they" decide our fate
Have your say in the debate

Participate! Participate!
We must not let them complicate
Nor manipulate, nor underrate.
I reiterate
We must participate

Organise and set the date
Or their control - they'll duplicate
If we do not participate.
Participate before it's too late.

Their motives we'll investigate
And change we will instigate
This system we can deviate
If we all participate.

Don't comply with "let them eat cake"
Do not let them regulate.
Your rights you must permeate
Participate! Participate!

Everyone - let's congregate
For surely we must educate
Fight repression of the State
No longer can we vegetate
Oppression we must alleviate
Participate! Participate!

Kate Baker

Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy

The Queensland Government's Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy (QGYSPS) aims to prevent deliberate self-harming behaviour, particularly suicide, and to reduce the impact of youth suicide on individuals, families and communities through coordinated and integrated life-affirming strategies that enhance the quality of life for young people, their families and their communities.

The strategy was endorsed by Cabinet in November 1997 and outlines a range of activities for the short to medium term by a number of Departments. In 1997-98, an allocation of \$1 million was made to implement the strategy. Budget allocations through the strategy will be announced in the upcoming State Budget.

Implementation

The QGYSPS is overseen by a whole-of-government Steering Committee comprising senior representatives of Queensland Health, Education Queensland, Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (DFYCC).

Implementing the strategy is the responsibility of the QGYSPS Project Team, consisting of staff from Health, Education and DFYCC. Among other things, the team members are responsible for coordinating their Department's involvement in the strategy. Project Officers are Rosey Signorini (Health) and Colin Crosbie (DFYCC). Education Queensland is still selecting a project officer.

Lead agency responsibility for the QGYSPS lies with Queensland Health, but specific elements of the strategy are managed by other participating departments. For example, the indigenous youth

suicide prevention strategy described below is managed by DFYCC.

Community networks

These are the networks that involve government and community workers, concerned parents and citizens, young people and others. There are expected to be up to 100 of these networks associated with the QGYSPS.

For details of Youth Suicide Prevention Community Networks and District Committees in your area, contact your local Community Network Support Worker (CNSW).

District committees

These are to provide strategic direction and support for youth suicide prevention locally. They provide an opportunity to involve senior managers from Government and non-Government agencies and community representatives. District Committees are convened by Queensland Health in each of the 39 Queensland Health Districts.

Community network support workers

Nineteen community network support workers are employed by Queensland Health through District Health Services to support the work of the community networks and district committees in their local area.

Community Grants Program

In 1997-8, an allocation was made through the QGYSPS for a Community Grants Program. The aim of the program is to support local communities to implement youth suicide prevention initiatives. Program details are currently being finalised.

Young People's Participation Project

In 1997-8, YANQ received a grant of \$25,000 through the QGYSPS to develop guidelines for the successful participation of young people in the Community Networks and QGYSPS generally. The final report is due to be circulated in the near future.

Training Program

In 1997-8, \$75,000 was allocated through the QGYSPS to the Youth Sector Training Council for introductory level youth suicide prevention training to non-Government youth sector workers. It is planned for this training to be delivered in late 1998.

Indigenous Youth Suicide Prevention Project

In 1997-8, \$75,000 was allocated to the Cairns based Aboriginal Coordinating Council (ACC) to develop plans and strategies for addressing suicide and self-harming behaviour by indigenous young people in North Queensland.

The ACC has established an inter-sectoral steering committee to inform and guide the project and at this stage, the project is working with communities at Palm Island, Mornington Island and Normanton. The report of the project is due by 31 December 1998.

Young People at Risk Program

From 2 February 1998, the Young People at Risk (YPAR) Program has operated within Public Health Services and assumed statewide responsibility. The YPAR Program will complete its transition and restructuring within Public Health Services by 1 January 1999.

Through its ability to provide support with education, training and the provision of resources in

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the area of youth suicide prevention, the YPAR Program will be integral to the success of the QGYSPS. As well as continuing to support a range of government and non-government service providers and local communities, YPAR will play an increasing role in supporting youth suicide prevention activities coordinated by CNSWs.

Queensland Youth Future Focus Network

The Queensland Youth Future Focus Network (QYFFN) received funds in 1997-8 as a non-Government consultancy to promote the QGYSPS across Queensland, and to establish model networks. These model networks were established in Roma, Bowen, Ipswich, Gold Coast and Wide Bay.

A consultant has been employed to complete these tasks for QYFFN. QYFFN are continuing this work, and are considering changing their name to 'Life's Worth It'.

Evaluation

In 1997-8, \$75,000 was allocated for the Evaluation and Monitoring of the QGYSPS. A final decision on the evaluation strategy will be made in the near future.

National initiatives

In the 1996-7 Budget, the Commonwealth Government announced \$18 million to support the National Youth Suicide Prevention strategy (NYSPS) over the three financial years 1996-7 to 1998-9. The QGYSPS is independent of this, but its work complements the NYSPS.

The new funds were in addition to the existing \$13 million allocated in the 1995-6 Budget which was maintained. The total Commonwealth Government

funding commitment is \$31 million over 3 years. The allocation for 1998-9 of \$13 million is to continue the initiatives previously announced by the Commonwealth in this area.

The only new initiative in Queensland arising from this allocation is for seven parent support projects across Australia, including the Resourceful Adolescent and Family Project, conducted by the School of Applied Psychology at Griffith University

National Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council

On 6 July this year, the Commonwealth Government announced the establishment of a National Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council. Queensland is represented on the Council by:

- Mr Ross Pitt, Deputy Director-General, Queensland Health
- Ms Phil Iker, past member of the National Community Advisory Group on Mental Health Issues, Chair of the Social Health Working Party advising the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health on mental health and youth suicide issues

The first meeting of the Council was held on Friday 14 August in Sydney

For more information on the Queensland project, contact Colin Crosbie on (07) 3224 8378 or Rosey Signorini (07) 3234 0705.

For newsletters on the national project, contact Lesley Roxbee on (02) 6289 8596 or Tony Sergi on (02) 6289 7080.

Youth Suicide Think Tank

YANQ has been participating in the Youth Suicide Think Tank hosted by the Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor, Jim Soorley.

The Lord Mayor recognises that organisations have been coping with the unacceptable demand and limited resources when dealing with youth suicide.

The Brisbane City Council wants to create opportunities to intervene, to create new attitudes, to work together with others to get results.

New information was presented at the Think Tank outlining suicide rates in Brisbane. Brisbane and Queensland have a 17% higher rate for youth suicide than the national average. The Australian Institute of Suicide Research and Prevention Report for Brisbane shows that there were a total of 712 suicides between 1990 and 1995. A third of these were 15-29 year olds. The Brisbane figure mirrors Queensland for indigenous suicides with a median age 22.8 years compared to a median age of 41 years for Brisbane generally. 58% of all cases involved people who were unemployed or not in the labour forces, and the Brisbane female rate was slightly higher than Queensland rates.

If you are interested in information, please hone Trish Thornthwaite on 3403 5571.



Adolescents at Risk - WHO CARES?

"The challenge of improving out-of-home care services for young people with intensive support needs"

The Child & Family Welfare Association of Australia presents Australia's Inaugural Practice Exchange. Keynote addresses exploring key issues in out-of-home care, service strengths and weaknesses and options for service delivery.

Where: Rydges Resort
Eagle Hawk Hill
Federal Highway
Canberra 2600
Ph: (02) 62416033

When: 11-13 November 1998

For more information phone Chel Quinn
on (07) 3367 3836.



From Rhetoric to Reality

Creating the right practice environment for Family Group Conferences to be effective

A national conference/workshop for those in the Family and Child Welfare field.

The conference presents an opportunity for those who wish to develop policy and practice in a way which respects the strengths of families to solve their own problems. The conference is of particular relevance to policy makers and practitioners who wish to move the concept of partnership with families from rhetoric to reality.

Guest presenter will be Dr Murray Ryburn (UK and NZ), offering an international perspective of family group conferencing practice.

Where: University of Sydney
When: 5-6 November 1998
Cost: \$225

Contact Linda Mondy or Lynne Kenningon on (02) 6306866 for more information.



AUSTCARE National Refugee Week

11 - 17 October

There are over 22 million refugees worldwide. AUSTCARE's mission is to mobilize support for refugees and displaced people throughout the world, helping them to survive and through their own efforts, achieve better lives.

AUSTCARE National Refugee Week is held every year, featuring events that highlight the plight and suffering and also the achievements and contributions of refugees. This year's theme is "Clearing a Safe Path"

Efforts are being made to achieve this by:

- clearing land mines from out of over 60 countries to prevent death and injury

- helping farmers grow better crops to end starvation and reduce effects of drought
- reuniting families and helping refugees to return home if possible
- providing better education and opportunities
- making safe drinking water available
- rebuilding hospitals, houses, communication systems and other infrastructures
- working towards equality and justice for everyone

For more information phone freecall 1800 021 102 or visit our website at www.austcare.org.au

Still Under Construction

The 5th State Youth Affairs Conference to be held in Townsville from 3-6 November is coming together. The venue for the conference will be the Centra, situated in the middle of Flinders Mall in the heart of Townsville.

You need to register and book your flights early as flights to Townsville are filling quickly. Phone Colleen Kelly on (07) 3236 5400 to register.

"break the chain"

QCAN's 1998 community development seminar

16-17 November 1998

break the chain will examine the ways in which the past impacts on our cultural identity, our sense of the future and our cultural practice.

Phone (07) 3846 1218 for more information.



Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

"Living in Harmony" Community Grants Program

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) invites community organisations to apply for grants under the "Living in Harmony" Community Grants Program.

The program aims to assist community organisations with funding to carry out projects to promote community harmony in the whole Australian community, an in particular involving: youth groups; school communities; the media; law enforcement agencies; sporting bodies; the workplace; and rural areas.

The Federal Government has allocated \$2.5 million for the program. The grants will be one-off project funding within the range of \$40,000 - \$60,000. Funding will not be available for capital projects or for normal ongoing administrative expenses such as core staff salaries.

Project proposals should:

- \$ aim to promote harmony between people and groups of different cultural backgrounds in the community
- \$ have a basis and proposed outcome in line with the messages of the campaign, eg pride in harmony or celebration of harmony;
- \$ build on positive values held by many people in the community - harmony, acceptance of others, commitment to Australia, helping in times of crisis, fair go, and equality; and
- \$ address any misinformation perceived or known to exist in the local community.



Applications must be lodged by **Friday 30 October 1998** with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, Central office, Canberra. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

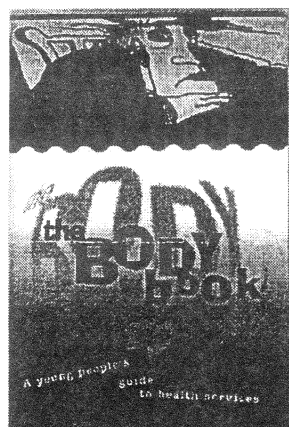
For a kit with full information, application forms and guidelines please contact 1800 331 100 or access the web site at: <http://www.immi.gov.au>

To discuss proposals please contact:
Multicultural Affairs Branch
Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
PO Box 25, Belconnen ACT 2616
or call (02) 6264 2424 or email: dima.grants@mac.immi.gov.au



The Body Book: a young people's guide to health services (2nd edition)

Brisbane Youth Service is proud to present for sale The Body Book.



This guide designed for young people provides valuable information on a variety of health issues.

It has descriptions of health services in the Brisbane region, where to find them and what they can do.

The Body Book has information about sex, pregnancy, drugs and alcohol and generally everything to do with health!

A useful pocket-sized guide for young people (and also workers).

To purchase your copy at the cost of \$3, phone 3252 3750.



Youth Homelessness Revisited

The August edition of *Parity*, the publication of the Council to Homeless

Persons, is devoted to the discussion of youth homelessness. Articles covering recent developments in policy, programs and practice can be found along side the stories of young people recounting their experience of homelessness. In addition there are reviews and a discussion of recent contributions to the field of youth homelessness.

To subscribe to *Parity* and/or place an order for one or more copies of the August edition: Youth Homelessness Revisited at \$5.50, phone (03) 9606 0766. New subscribers will be sent a free copy of Sarah Pinkney and Scott Ewing's *The Economic Costs and Benefits of School Based Early Intervention*.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE ADVERTISED IN NETWORK NOISE?

If you have any publications, resources or other interested material that you would like to advertise in Network Noise, please contact Michelle on 3236 5400

interagency meetings



Regional Queensland

- ☞ **Bundaberg Youth Forum** Contact: Jan Molloy (JPET worker), Skill Centre, PO Box 694, Bundaberg Q 4670 (07) 4153 4233. Meets 1st Thursday of each month upstairs at Target Arcade, Community Development Office.
- ☞ **Cairns Youth Services Network** Contact: Desley Renton, YDO, Cairns City Council, PO Box 359, Cairns Q 4870 (07) 4044 3353. Meets 4th Thursday each month at Lifeline, Aumuller St, Cairns.
- ☞ **Central and North Burnett Community Service Network (YDIG youth sub group)** Contact: Michelle Cozier, Monto Neighbourhood Centre, PO Box 97, Monto Q 4630 (07) 4166 1733. Meets 1st Monday of each month (venue changes).
- ☞ **Central West Youth Network** Contact: Rick Robson, DTSY, PO Box 218, Longreach Q 4730 (07) 4658 1888. Meets every two months (venue changes).
- ☞ **Emerald Youthlink Network** Contact: Brad Witt, Rural Youth Worker, Emerald Shire Council, PO Box 21, Emerald Q 4720 (07) 4982 0540. Meets the first Monday every second month at the DFYCC Conference room, 51 Ruby St, Emerald.
- ☞ **Gladstone Youth Interagency** Contact: Kaylee Campradt, Gladstone City Council, PO Box 29, Gladstone Q 4680 (07) 4972 4855. Meets monthly (venue changes).
- ☞ **Hervey Bay Youth Sector Workers Network** Contact: Sue Lawler, PO Box 45, Torquay, Hervey Bay Q 4655 (07) 4125 0230. Meets last Tuesday of the month at the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre, Taylor Street, Pialba.
- ☞ **Innisfail Youth Services Network** Contact: Rebecca Hyde, PO Box 887, Innisfail Q 4870 (07) 4030 2255. Meets monthly at the Alan Maruff House, Innisfail.
- ☞ **Mackay Youth Connection & Network Inc** Contact: Andrea Beard, YACCA, PO Box 3223, North Mackay Q 4740 (07) 4953 5577. Meets monthly at YACCA, 10 River Street, Mackay.
- ☞ **Magnetic North Youth Service Providers** Contact: Helen Lyn, PO Box 573, Townsville Q 4810 (07) 4771 3648. Meets 3rd Tuesday each month from 10.30am at 'The Lab', cnr Stanley & Hanran Sts, Townsville.
- ☞ **North-West Region Youth Interagency Network** Contact: Sylvia Fisher, DFYCC, PO Box 2816, Mt Isa Q 4825 (07) 4743 6689. Meets every two or three months (venue changes).
- ☞ **Rockhampton Youth Interagency** Contact: Tricia Millar, Youth Trek, 60 Elphinstone St, North Rockhampton Q 4701 (07) 4921 4488. Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12.30pm.
- ☞ **South Burnett Youth Development Network** Contact: Gail Padgett, PO Box 326, Kingaroy Q 4610 (07) 4162 5052. Meets monthly at the Child Health Bldg, Kingaroy.
- ☞ **Sunshine Coast Youth Workers Forum** Contact: Eric Moes, Maroochy Shire Council, PO Box 76, Nambour Q 4560 (07) 5441 8125. Meets every six weeks at Alcooringa, Ballinger Rd, Buderim.
- ☞ **Toowoomba Youth Organisations Network (TYON)** Contact: Ed Bradbury, Department of Education, PO Box 775, Toowoomba Q 4350 (07) 4688 4499. Meets monthly (venue changes).

South-east Queensland

- ☞ **Bayside Youth Link** Contact: Dayle Davidson, Wynnum/Redlands Youth Support Project, PO Box 511, Wynnum Q 4178 (07) 3245 7655. Meets monthly at Wynnum State High School, Peel St, Wynnum.
- ☞ **Beaudesert Interagency** Contact: Marg Moss, Beaudesert Community House, PO Box 374, Beaudesert, Q 4825 (07) 5541 3762. Meets monthly at Illoura Centre, 31 Duckett St, Beaudesert.
- ☞ **Beenleigh & District Interagency** Contact: Kerry Clayton, BAYS Assoc. Inc, PO Box 1147, Beenleigh Q 4207 (07) 3287 1290. Meets monthly at Community Health, Mt Warren Blvd, Beenleigh.
- ☞ **Caboolture Youth Network** Contact: Janine Botfield, Caboolture Shire Council, (07) 5495 0342. Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at Dept. of Families, Youth and Community Care, Level 3, King Street, Caboolture.
- ☞ **Gold Coast Youth Network** Contact: Gerina Appo, Gold Coast Youth Service, PO Box 8636, Gold Coast MC Q 4217 (07) 5572 8919. Meets monthly at Stephens Community Centre, Lynmuller Lane, Stephen, Q 4227.
- ☞ **Inala Youth Interagency** Contact: John Rigsby-Jones, Inala Youth and Family Support Service, PO Box 141, Inala Q 4077 (07) 3372 2655. Meets monthly at CES Conference Room, Cnr Corsair Ave & Civic Centre, Inala.
- ☞ **Ipswich Youth Focus** Contact: Mark Smith, Ipswich City Council, PO Box 191, Ipswich Q 4305 (07) 3810 6656. Meets six-weekly at West Moreton Community Health Plaza Auditorium, Bell Street, Ipswich.
- ☞ **Logan Youth Interagency Network** Contact: Derek Matthews (07) 3826 5107. Details to be advised.
- ☞ **Pine Rivers Youth Service Providers Network** Contact: Di Cotling, Youth Care Pine Rivers, 16 Lincoln St, Strathpine Q 4500 (07) 3881 2823. Meets every two months at Youth Care Pine Rivers.
- ☞ **Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network** Contact: John Dawkins, Redcliffe City Council, PO Box 66, Redcliffe Q 4020 (07) 3283 0365. Meets every two months at Cascade Place, Hutchinson St, Redcliffe.
- ☞ **Redlands Youth Network** Contact: Christine D'Arcy, Redlands Health Service Centre, PO Box 585, Cleveland Q 4163 (07) 3240 8311. Meets 1st Monday each month at Redlands Health Service Centre, Hospital Grounds, Cleveland.
- ☞ **Youth Health Interagency** Contact: Lea McLaughlin at Brisbane Youth Service, PO Box 1389, Fortitude Valley Q 4006 (07) 3252 3750. Meets every two months at Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Cnr Water & Rogers Sts, Spring Hill.
- ☞ **Youth Issues Task Force** Contact: Carolyn or Ignacio, The Peace Centre, 15 Church St, Goodna Q 4300 (07) 3818 2622. Meets monthly.

Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc

who are we?

The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) Inc is the peak community youth affairs organisation in Queensland. Representing over 400 individuals and organisations from Queensland's youth sector, we promote the interests and well-being of young people across the state by:

- disseminating information to members, the youth sector, and the broader community
- undertaking campaigns and lobbying
- making representations to government and other influential bodies
- resourcing regional and issues-based networks
- consulting and liaising with members and the field
- linking with key state and national bodies
- initiating projects
- hosting forums and conferences

We advocate on behalf of young people in Queensland, especially disadvantaged young people, to government and the community. We promote and support cultural diversity. We encourage the development of policies and programs responsive to the needs of young people.

Your membership and support is vital in providing a voice for young people's issues in Queensland.

who can join?

Membership of the network is open to anyone with an interest in youth

affairs, who subscribes to the aims and objectives of the organisation.

Become a member...

... and make a difference!

Keep up-to-date

- Free newsletter, *Network Noise*
- Free fact sheet, *In fact...*
- Discount on other YANQ publications
- Information on-line at our website
- Access to library resources
- Free-call 1-800 line for regional members

Make valuable contacts

- Participate in youth policy development
- Join YANQ's working parties
- Receive support and information for your regional and issues-based networks
- Contribute to our newsletter

Access professional development

- Discounts at YANQ forums and training events
- Discount at YANQ's Biennial State Youth Affairs Conference

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 young people, organisations working with young people, youth workers, 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 advice, perspectives and advocacy to governments and the broader community;
- 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;
- to support and encourage the development of new methods for meeting the needs of young people.

Join today!

Simply fill in the application form, detach and return it to YANQ with your membership fee payment.

Membership fees are due and payable on a financial year basis, covering the period 1 July-30 June.

For more information please call us on (07) 3236 5400 or 1800 177 899.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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

Ph: (____) _____
Fax: (____) _____
Code: _____
Code: _____

email: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY APPLIED FOR

Young Person Income < \$25,000 ☐ \$10.00
Individual Income < \$25,000 N-G ☐ Govt ☐ \$25.00
Income > \$25,000 N-G ☐ Govt ☐ \$40.00

(Individuals must pay by personal cheque, money order or cash)

Organisation Funding < \$100,000 ☐ \$55.00
Funding \$100,000-250,000 ☐ \$95.00
Funding > \$250,000 ☐ \$150.00

No funding - apply to YANQ for special consideration

Government Department or Service ☐ \$150.00

I hereby subscribe to the aim and objectives of YANQ and enclose a cheque/money order for the prescribed membership fee.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Applications must be approved by the Coordinating Committee.)

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