

5th State Youth Affairs Conference
3-6 November 1998



Program

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Note: The conference does not have a plenary session for voting on conference resolutions.

The method we are using for developing conference resolutions is the following:

- A motion for a conference resolution is presented to the Conference organiser who is responsible for displaying all proposed resolutions in a prominent position at the conference venue.
- The Soapbox Derby which happens on Wednesday evening from 7pm until late is an opportunity for you to address the conference about your proposed conference resolution. The forum is designed so that you can present your proposal and speak to it and for discussion to occur.
- You need to convince conference participants to vote for your proposal by signing the conference resolution proposal which is prominently displayed.
- Proposals will automatically be adopted as Conference Resolutions if the proposal gains forty (40) signatures.

Day One - TUESDAY

Network meetings will occur prior to the official opening of the Conference

9 - 5pm Network Meetings: YACCA, Local Government YDOs, Rural Youth Workers, RYAOs, YSCs

5 - 7pm Registration

7pm The Journey to Reconciliation

Welcome to Country by the traditional owners

Addresses:

Josephine Sailor
Coordinator, Tugulawa Women's Aboriginal Corp. Advocate for Aboriginal Women, Human Rights Activist.

Evelyn Scott
Chairperson, Australian Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and Council of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Women's Corp., Cairns

Henry Reynolds
Historian and researcher

(Drinks and meeting other conference participants)

Day Two - WEDNESDAY

1.30pm -

8am Registration

9am Welcome and Official Opening

Welcome: Deb Kilroy, Chairperson, YANQ and two young people from Townsville

Official Opening: Hon. Anna Bligh, Minister, Families, Youth and Community Care

Keynote Address:

The Construction of young people in Australian society

(Howard Sercombe – practitioner since 1976, author and academic from W.A.)

Respondents:

- Farvardin Daliri, Manager, Townsville Migrant Resource Centre
- Louise Villanova, Youth Support Coordinator

11am Morning Tea

11.30am *Discussion:* How do we view young people?

(Check your name tag to identify your discussion group and its location)

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm - 5pm *Workshops (see page 8 for details of workshops)*

1. **Dancing with the devil with your eyes wide open – Collaboration and Strategic Alliances**
Presenter/s: *Marg Strong, James Finn, John Dawkins and Paul Wright*
2. **Moments of Truth: Responding to young people in culturally diverse Queensland**
Presenter/s: *John Bamborough*
3. **'I dunno, not some boring shit!' Young peoples' participation in society**
Presenter/s: *Darren Marsten, Hanna Jenkin, Heather Sharp and Aisha Damali*
4. **Rural and remote young people - challenges for the bush**
Presenter/s: *Cassandra Taylor and Lesa Arthur*
5. **Ethics and Professionalism**
Presenter/s: *Howard Sercombe*
6. **What Young and Old have in Common - 1999 International Year of the Older Person**
Presenter/s: *Members of Townsville Regional Committee on the Ageing and other Community Members*
7. **The Arts and Youth Work Practice – Creative Opportunities for Collaboration**
Presenter/s: *Kaela Scott*
8. **Who's leading who?**
Presenter: *Dale Johnson*

5.15pm Meetings of special interest

- **Interested in housing young people — want to change what happens?**

A discussion and workshop will be run by the Queensland Youth Housing Resource Worker and Management Committee members of South East Queensland Youth Accommodation Coalition (SEQYAC). This discussion will explore ways in which Statewide input and representation can be enhanced for peaks, in particular for members outside the metropolitan area.

SEQYAC has members from across the State and at the recent Annual General Meeting agreed to find ways in which to broaden the involvement of its members from across the State. To this end discussions about possible strategies and methods of facilitating such involvement were agreed to. This will be the first of a number of opportunities offered to members (and others interested in ways that community involvement can be enhanced).

So please come along and participate in the discussions – remember we can only ensure that you have a voice through your input and involvement. Make sure your message gets across to those you want to influence.

- **Get together for YSTC's Certificate III & IV in Youth Work**

This is an opportunity for trainers, assessors and participants in Certificate III and IV in Youth-Work from all over the state to get together and talk about all aspects of the course including:

- assessment,
- distance modules,
- face to face training,
- moderation,
- support,
- networking, and
- sharing experiences

This is a rare opportunity for people involved in this course to get together with people from other regions. If anyone is interested we can negotiate to complete some Recognition of Prior Learning processes or check evidence for the distance and face to face training.

If you are enrolled or training in either of the course please come along.

7pm

Soapbox Derby: Have your say about youth affairs and hear what others think

The purpose of the Soapbox Derby is to:

- get your agendas on the Conference agenda
- have your say about issues important to you
- lobby participants to support your proposed conference resolution
- meet a few people
- time to party

(See note page 2)

Day Three - THURSDAY

9am

Keynote Address:

Australian decision-makers' constructions of young people
Carol Croce - Policy Officer, AYPAC

Respondents:

- Senator Margaret Reynolds
- Bernice Smith, Director, YANQ

10.30am Morning Tea

11am

POLICY Updates & Debates on:

(Select from one of the following to participate in a session which will provide you with up-to the moment information. Come prepared to discuss issues with the panel).

Policy Area	Speakers from:
Income Support	DSS and AYPAC and Welfare Rights
Juvenile Justice	DFYCC, Youth Justice Coalition, Townsville Community Legal Service, Legal Aid Qld
Employment and Training	DETYA, DETIR, AYPAC, NAMTEC and John Quiggan (James Cook Uni)
Re-creation: Arts and Sport	DTSR, Qld Arts, Youth Arts Qld, North Qld Sport Foundation
Health	Qld Health, Division of General Practice, Townsville, YANQ
Housing	Dept of Housing, SEQYAC, Tenants Union
Suicide prevention	DFYCC, Qld Health and community-based organisations
Social Policy & Youth Policy	Dept. of Premier and Cabinet Social Policy Unit and DFYCC and YANQ
Crime Prevention: Prof Ross Homel will present a paper and discuss crime prevention policy	

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12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Workshops (see page 10 for details)

1. **Making it work at the local level: The role of local government in responding to the needs of young people.**
Presenter/s: *John Dawkins, Aaron Wise, Mark Mawn*
2. **Organisational Leadership: Top down, Bottom Up and Caught in the Middle**
Presenter/s: *Marg Strong, Colleen Kelly, Deb Kilroy*
3. **Strawberries & Cream: Collaboration between schools and community**
Presenter/s: *Youth Support Co-ordinators, Alternative Education Program, Townsville, Education Queensland*
4. **Employment: Innovative and sustainable models for building futures for young people: Economic development initiatives in rural areas and The Big Issue — Creating Employment Opportunities**
Presenter/s: *Tanya Mansfield, Amelia Salmon, Val Schiers from DETIR*
5. **Let's not forget the neighbourhood: Adolescents' struggle to have a sense of Community and place to belong**
Presenter/s: *Grace Pretty*
6. **Combating Racism: Cross Cultural Awareness**
Presenter/s: *Dorothy Savage, Kelly Truemann*
7. **Getting the \$\$ to do your job**
Presenter/s: *Pam de Jonge, Magdi El Hag, Tim Wilson*
8. **Industrial issues in the youth sector**
Presenter: *Michelle Robertson ASU*
9. **From young people to older people**
Presenter/s: *Steve Butler*

5.15pm YANQ meeting.

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. Clarifying our philosophy will assist in providing a value-based framework for future policy development and processes.

6.30pm Conference Event:

BBQ in THE MALL

and

partying on in The Pandora Room

Day Four- FRIDAY

9.30am Workshops (see page 12 for details)

Good practice in:

1. **Young people's voices in the public space debate**
Presenter/s: *Rachel Uhr, Jenny Kaighin, Anna Spencer*
2. **An apple a day keeps the doctor away – Youth Health**
Presenter/s: *Elizabeth Deguara, Dr Claire Jarvis & others*
3. **Rural/Remote - Are substance misuse issues any different?**
Presenter/s: *Dr Elizabeth Chalmers, Rachel Watson, Marion Schultz*
4. **Sources of funding for that "you beaut scheme"**
Presenter/s: *Tom Humphreys*
5. **Young Achievement Australia in North Queensland**
Presenter/s: *Megan-Jane McCahon-Brice, Helen Santarossa, Amanda Isdale*
6. **Talking Training and Negotiating Networking**
Presenter/s: *Dale Johnson, James Finn and Karen Bachmann*
7. **"Sludge Crossing" Video Education Package**
Presenter/s: *Matthew Lupi*
8. **The CASH Award: Implications for the youth sector**
Presenter: *Michelle Robertson ASU*
9. **Early Intervention Services — Making a difference in young people and families lives**
Presenter/s: *Bruce Blair, Madelyn O'Malley Jones, Bernice Smith, John Flanagan*

12 noon Lunch

1pm *Keynote Addresses:*

What Citizenship mean

- Alf Lacey, Aboriginal Coordinating Council
- Shirin Willis, Townsville Youth Council
- David Mathews, AYPAC

Respondent: Hon Mike Reynolds MLA, Member for Townsville, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier in North Queensland.

2.30pm Conference finale - to finish with afternoon tea



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Moments truth: Responding young people in culturally diverse Queensland
"I dunno some bullshit" - Young people's participation in society.
Rural Remote people's Challenge the Br

Workshops: Wednesday

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Dancing with the devil with your eyes wide open – Collaboration and Strategic Alliances	Marg Strong James Finn John Dawkins Paul Wright	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Identifying the parties (community organisations, business, government) for strategic alliances . Clarification of rationale, purposes and processes of collaboration . Presentation of framework for and elements of collaboration . Participant discussions and analysis of current collaborations . Young people in the collaborative process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Enhanced awareness of strategies for collaboration/ strategic alliances . Clarity as to how to achieve better outcomes for young people and youth agencies/organisations through collaboration . Framework/s for developing strategic alliances 	Presentation/ discussion/group work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Marg Strong: Trainer and long-time community workers . James Finn: Trainer and ??? . John Dawkins: YDO, Redcliffe City Council . Paul Wright: Mainstream Youth Organisations Taskforce
Moments of truth: Responding to young people in culturally diverse Queensland	John Bamborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Introduction: . What do we mean by 'a culturally diverse Queensland'? . Why we may have to respond differently to NESB, Young People. . Things to consider when responding to NESB young people. . Small Groups: . Self evaluation: What do we/do not do at present? . What are the barriers to appropriate responses? . What you and your service can do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Understanding of appropriate service responses to young people from a diverse range of backgrounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Facilitated discussion. . Self evaluation. . Small group work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . John Bamborough: Social Worker, currently the NESB Policy & Network Officer at YANQ, currently a casual mediator for the Dispute Resolution Centre, Tenants Union of Queensland Steering Committee member, former HRS relief worker.
"I dunno, not some boring shit!" Young people's participation in society.	Darren Marston Hanna Jenkin Heather Sharp Aisha Damali Abbie Trott Youth Consultative Network (YCN) Working Party members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Provide opportunity for dialogue about Ageism and Young People's participation in society and in structures/institutions/organisations. . Discuss roles of allied relationships within Youth Sector, . Talk about youth culture in diversity and strategies for culturally appropriate practice. . Physical, spiritual, emotional and intellectual perspectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Expanded vocabulary/ dictionary of terms! . Awareness of own internalised ageism. . Understanding and value for roles in being an ally. . Support from peers in sector. . Learn new processes/games to use in practise. . Decide, Act, Feel way through to map of goals for youth work practice in own contexts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Small group discussions. . Physical games. . Panel with speakers. . Listening exercises. . Large group feedback circles. . Possible video. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Darren Marston: Presenter Youth Radio Show. Community Arts background. YANQ MC . Hanna Jenkin: YCN Project Co-ordinator 1997, local and State government policy, is a re-evaluation counsellor. . Heather Sharp: YMCA Taskforce Youth, Parliament. . Aisha Damali: NESBYIN and YCN Working Party. . Abbie Trott: Involved in Young people's Infotech, internet
Rural and Remote young people – Challenges for the Bush.	Cassandra Taylor Lesa Arthur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Examining issues and problems faced by rural young people and youth workers in our rural and remote communities and looking at solutions. . Discussion on creative solutions to issues for the communities of the workshop participants after a brief presentation of the work being undertaken by Cassandra and Lesa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . A positive outlook on problem solving in rural communities. . Looking at solutions and ideas for their own communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Presentation of papers followed by discussions and brainstorming. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Cassandra Taylor: Rural Youth Worker at the Booringa Shire Council. Previously worked at the Southern Inland Qld Area Consultative Committee. . Lesa Arthur: Has been the Youth Development Officer for the Barcaldine Shire Council for the past two years on a part-time basis. She has a teaching background, working in schools on the Gold Coast, at Logan City and London schools for seven years. Lesa enjoys working with young people in the community setting of a rural town in CWQ.

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Who's leading Who?	Dale Johnson – Director of YSTC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . What is leadership in the youth sector? . Organisational structures and leadership. . Leadership styles, your organisation and a changing sector. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . A clearer understanding of leadership styles in the youth sector. . Heightened awareness of leadership in your organisation. . Personal model of leadership strategies for changing roles and circumstances. 	. Facilitated workshop.	. Director of YSTC
Ethics and Professionalism	Howard Sercombe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . This presentation explores the debate around the professionalisation of youth work as a practice, including registration, a professional association, training and recognition of experience, and a code of ethics. What are the costs of becoming a formal profession? What are the costs of not becoming a formal profession? What is in the best interest of young people? The session will workshop a code of ethics developed for the last Youth Work Conference in W.A., and test whether there is any enthusiasm for national adoption of a code of ethics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Participants will be informed about the major debates on professionalism in the field, be able to engage with those debates and contribute to discussions about strategies for the future. The code of ethics will be offered as a contribution to the development of a youth work code of ethics nationally. 	. Paper plus facilitated discussion.	. Howard Sercombe: Has been a youth worker, researcher and academic in the youth studies area for a number of years. He has a long-standing interest in the social construction of youth, and in the media's treatment of youth and youth issues. Howard currently lectures in Youth Work Studies programme at Edith Cowan University, Perth.
What Young and Old have in common – 1999 International Year of the Older Person.	Members of the Townsville Regional Committee on the Ageing and other Community Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Identifying issues for young people from the 1930's – 90's. . Identifying issues for older persons in the 90's. . Strategies for action – 1999 and beyond. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Things to do in your local community in 1999. . Greater awareness of issues facing older people. . Challenging the myth of the generation gap. 	. Presentation of themes/music/video/group discussion.	
The Arts & Youth Work Practice – Creative Opportunities for Collaboration.	Kaela Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Overview of youth arts in Queensland, including models of youth arts organisations and theoretical/ philosophical frameworks of youth arts. . Practical Strategies for introducing creative processes in youth work practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Workshop will assist participants to identify opportunities for collaboration and partnerships between youth arts and the youth sector generally. 	. Presentation/ slides/games/ discussion.	. Kaela Scott: Has been a youth worker for 10 years and is currently Artistic Director of La Luna Youth Arts, Vice Chair of Youth Arts, Queensland.

Thursday

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Making it work at the local level: The role of local government in responding to the needs of young people.	John Dawkins Aaron Wise Mark Mawn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Description of a local government led self harming behaviours intervention program . Analysis of the process of reconfiguring universal services to meet topical opportunities . The strength of collaborative processes in maintaining direction in a competitive environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Knowledge of a framework for developing a positive profile for youth services in local government . Comparative perspectives of a local government's strategies in developing youth services . Understanding of a process for developing commitment to local models to address Statewide issues 	Slide show Guided discussion Minor presentations	John Dawkins, Youth & Community Development Office, Redcliffe City Council Aaron Wise, Coordinator Redcliffe YACCA Mark Mawn, Manager Redcliffe PCYC
Organisational Leadership: Top down, Bottom up, Caught in the middle.	Marg Strong Colleen Kelly Deb Kilroy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . This workshop is designed for volunteers, service delivery workers, Co-ordinators/ Directors/etc. . Opportunity for participants to reflect on and analyse leadership in their own organisation/ agency, and to discern the role they play in the leadership dynamics of their organisation/ agency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Better understanding of the dynamics of leadership in your organisation/ agency. . A number of strategies for creating more effective leadership in your organisation/agency. 	. Input. . Facilitated discussion. . Strategies for effective leadership.	Three workers who have worked in community service industry for longer than younger workers have walked the planet
Strawberries & Cream – Collaboration between schools and community.	Youth Support Co-ordinators. Alternative Education Program, Townsville, Education Queensland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Recent trends indicate that schools and the community sector are working together, however there are still barriers in place that prevent them working as well as Strawberries & Cream. This workshop will explore some of the collaborative work recently undertaken, on a National, State and Local level. We will be exploring the barriers to collaborative work, develop strategies and discuss their implementation on a local level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Participants will have an opportunity to work with people from the school system and agencies that support young people. Strategies will be developed for working together so that young people in their local community have access to the support they may need. 	. Presentations and facilitated discussion.	. Youth Support Co-ordinators are community based, working with a number of local high schools, assisting schools to identify young people at risk and ensuring these young people are support. Alternative Education Program is part of the Queensland Department of Education. AEP works with young people who have difficulties in schools.
Employment: Innovative and sustainable models: a) Economic development initiatives in rural areas, and b) The Big Issue – Creating Employment Opportunities, c) DETIR initiatives	Tanya Mansfield, Booringa Shire Council Amelia Salmon, The Big Issue, Distribution Manager, Brisbane Val Schiers, DETIR NQ	Outline of the challenges in undertaking economic development initiatives in rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Ideas for involving young people in employment creation initiatives using Booringa Shire as an example Background to the Big Issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Show Big Issue video. . Outline the Big Issue model – as an employment opportunity. . Outline basic requirements of successful alternative employment projects. . Discuss long-term future potential for regional areas to access The Big Issue – as an alternative employment initiative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Ideas on how to better involve young people in employment creation initiatives . Familiarity with a model for alternative employment. . Ideas on alternative employment projects. . Possibility for acting as a Big Issue distribution point in the long-term future. 	. Presentation with overheads and slides and facilitated discussion . Facilitated discussion and video and magazines as visual aids.	. Amelia Salmon: Completed studies in journalism, political economy and community development. Worked as an 'Australian Volunteer Abroad' with an NGO in India. Current interest areas – alternative employment and community development. . Tanya Mansfield, Economic Development Officer at Booringa Shire Council, and has Arts degree from James Cook University.

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Let's not forget the neighbourhood: Adolescents struggle to have a sense of community and place to belong.	Grace Pretty, Associate Professor, University of Southern Queensland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review findings from over 1,000 adolescents from rural and urban Queensland regarding the assessments of their communities and its relationship to well living. Experiential exercise exploring the meaning of neighbourhood and how we can affect it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitise participants to the importance of neighbourhood residential environment. Understand how neighbourhood is an important site for negotiating developmental needs. Address processes to make residential neighbourhoods places for young peoples' s 	Paper presentation, group experiential role play and facilitated discussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Pretty: Came to Australia three years ago from Canada. Has researched the importance of sense of community and neighbourhood environments for adults and adolescents for 10 years. Research findings have informed community programs.
Combating racism: Cross Cultural Awareness	Dorothy Savage Kelly Trueman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will be exposed to provocative materials which will enhance their understanding of society's attitude to different cultures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will acquire knowledge and strategies which will assist to combat racism. 	Visual performance. And facilitated discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dorothy Savage: District Community ED Counsellor (ED Qld 19 years service. Mother of 5, Grandmother of 8. Interests are family and people orientating and promoting equal opportunities for Kelly Trueman: Community Participation Office. Inter
Getting the \$s to do your job	Pam de Jonge Magdi El Hag Tim Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where to look for funds. Accessing funds. Tips for Submissions that work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to identify resources which provide funding information. Know about a range of funding options. Gain an understanding of important tips for successful funding applications. 	Handouts, OHT's, talk and questions and answers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam de Jonge: Currently locum Policy and Network Officer YANQ nearly 20 years in Community Sector Magdi El Hag: Senior Youth Affairs Officer, OYA, DFYCC. Tim Wilson: Acting Principal Youth Affairs Officer, OYA, DFYCC
Industrial issues in the youth sector	Michelle Robertson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanation/illustration of contemporary forces ie. Legislative restrictions; formation and interpretation of awards; necessity of regulation of youth sector; strategies to achieve regulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness and knowledge base Ability to engage constructively in workplace based industrial issues 	Facilitated discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator, Social and Community services Division, Australian Services Union, Qld Service Branch
From young people to older people	Steve Butler	As it comes	An understanding of youth and adults from different perspectives	Facilitated discussion, group workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training coordinator of FNQ Indigenous Consortium for Social and Emotional Health & Healing. Former State Coordinator of National Family Violence Education Program

Friday

Title	Presenter/s	Content	Proposed Outcome	Method of Presentation	Background Information about Presenter/s
Young peoples voices in the public space debate.	Rachel Uhr Jenny Kaighin Anna Spencer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Young people as members of the community and their access public space. . In order to positively address these public space issues a collaborative working partnership needs to be developed between young people, youth services, local council, government and commercial interests as well as the broader community. The real challenge is to locate young peoples voices in the forefront of the debate rather than as an afterthought. . This workshop will examine some strategies utilising these partnerships. It will include the "Seats are Ours", a public space video made by the young people at Brisbane Youth Service, as well as "Out and About: Better outcomes for young people's use of public space in the city of Brisbane" and "Girls Space", two Brisbane City Council reports. Participants will be invited to talk about what's happening in their area, highlight issues and have an opportunity to develop practical strategies which are inclusive of young people in the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Overview of the context for young people in their ability to access public and community spaces. . Opportunity to discuss and develop a clear understanding of the issues, concerns and opportunities for partnerships between young people, the youth sector, local government, commercial, community interests. . Practical strategies and structures that identify and value young people as a key stakeholder in the management of public and community space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Facilitated discussion – including showing a video: "Seats are Ours", a public space video made by the young people at Brisbane Youth Service, as well as "Out and About: Better outcomes for young people's use of public space in the city of Brisbane" and "Girls Space", two Brisbane City Council reports. Participants will be invited to talk about what's happening in their area, highlight issues and have an opportunity to develop practical strategies which are inclusive of young people in the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Rachel Uhr & Jenny Kaighin: Are outreach workers with BYS they work with young people who face the issues and consequences of marginalisation from public space on a daily basis. . Anna Spencer: Is a community development worker with the Brisbane City Council.
An Apple a Day keeps the Doctor Away – Youth Health.	Elizabeth Deguara Dr Claire Jarvis And others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Presentation of the Youth Health Project undertaken by Division of General Practice in Townsville. . Learning about major health concerns that young people have. . Models of working with NESB youth, and youth from other various backgrounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Acquire knowledge about the youth health project run by the Townsville Division of General Practice. . Understand what difficulties young people face when seeing a G.P. . Experience what it is like as a young person today seeing a G.P. . Strategies to help educate young people about youth health issues. . Have a wider knowledge of resources available to them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Information sharing, visual performances, facilitated discussions and group work, group presentations, videos, laptop/powerpoint presentation of a resource. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Elizabeth Deguara: Youth Project Officer for the Townsville Division of General Practice. At 17 Elizabeth is a young mother who completed year 12 last year. She is an active member of the Townsville Youth Council and is also an advocate for youth health as a member of the Queensland Health Youth Suicide steering committee. . Claire Jarvis: Is interested in young people and has an interest for training G.P.'s and improving the quality of general practice.

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Rural/Remote – Are Substance Misuse Issues any Different?	Dr Elizabeth Chalmers Ms Rachel Watson Ms Marion Schultz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Adolescence and Substance Use. . Rural and remote issues. . Responses to Issues and Problems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Understanding of special issues of youth and use of mood altering substances. . Understanding of what's different/similar for Rural/Remote vs. Urban. . Practical responses that Health and Helping Teams can apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Short papers. . Facilitated small group discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Elizabeth Chalmers: Assistant Director Mt Isa Centre for Rural Remote Health. 20 years in Top NT. . Rachel Watson: Youth Officer, Townsville ATODS. . Marion Schultz: ATODS Nurse
Sources of funding for that "you beaut scheme". Sources of funding for that "you beaut scheme".	Tom Humphreys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The workshop will be divided into two parts, an information session followed by a workshop. The information sessions will consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . An overview of the Fund and its objectives. . The role of the Committee and the Secretariat. . Eligibility criteria – who is eligible and for what projects? . Hints for completing application forms and writing a benefit statement. . Factors considered in assessing applications. . Accountability requirements. . Requests for variations. . Special projects. . The workshop will consist of an activity based on the writing of an application and benefit statement for an innovative, collaborative project. Participants will be encouraged to work in small groups to develop the basics for an innovative project involving a number of organisations. Groups will then draft a benefit statement around this project, and the presenter will work with groups individually to attempt to produce the best possible application for participants to use as a model for future applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Knowledge of the eligibility requirements of the Fund. . Knowledge of the decision making processes of the Fund. . Skills in writing an application and benefit statement. . Skills in designing collaborative projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The workshop will consist of an activity based on the writing of an application and benefit statement for an innovative, collaborative project. Participants will be encouraged to work in small groups to develop the basics for an innovative project involving a number of organisations. Groups will then draft a benefit statement around this project, and the presenter will work with groups individually to attempt to produce the best possible application for participants to use as a model for future applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Tom Humphreys: Is a final year social work student on placement at the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund. He has co-presented a number of workshops and informal meetings designed to enhance community groups' ability to apply for funding from the Gaming Machine Fund.
Young Achievement Australia in North Queensland.	Megan-Jane McCahon-Brice Helen Santarossa Amanda Isdale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . What is YAA? . How can you be involved? . What YAA has done for young people in North Queensland. . Why this is an opportunity not to be missed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Insight into a program which involves young people (aged 16-17) and/or unemployed youth to help them find career paths, become more employable, increase small business in the community, increase our economic structure and provide participants with an experience of a lifetime and enhance their educational business skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual performance and facilitated discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Megan-Jane McCahon-Brice: North Queensland Young Achievement Australia, Manager. . Helen Santarossa: North Queensland Young Achievement Australia, Administrative Assistant. . Amanda Isdale: North Queensland Young Achievement Australia, Young Business Person of the Year.

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Talking Training & Negotiating Networking.

"Sludge Crossing" Video Education Package

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Early Intervention Services – Making a difference young people and families live.

Information about
Presenter/s

Presenters: Assistant
Centre for Rural &
20 years in Top End

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Talking Training & Negotiating Networking.	Dale Johnson James Finn Karen Bachman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training policy issues regarding DFYCC and DETIR policy. Training needs and opportunities in the youth sector. Regional infrastructure directions. The new national youth workers network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about sector training issues and directions. Input into identifying training priorities for the next 12 months. Information on strategies and support access training funding. Shaping the new national youth workers network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated discussion Workshop activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dale Johnson: Director of YSTC James Finn: Training Development Officer at YSTC. Karen Bachmann: Community Services Consultant.
"Sludge Crossing" Video Education Package	Matthew Lupi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the Video "Sludge Crossing" followed by presentation/ discussion about health promotion as a suicide prevention strategy. Using "Sludge Crossing" with groups and in schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background on "Sludge Crossing" Video Education Package. Viewing of video. Understanding of package as a Health Promotion tool in Suicide Prevention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video presentation followed by presentation and interactive discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Lupi: Manager, Youth Action Inc. Qualifications in Psychology and Counselling, work in youth and community sector and suicide prevention and family counselling.
The CASH Award – Implications for the youth sector	Michelle Robertson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on content of draft award esp. re: shift penalties/wages/hours of work Importance of industrial regulation for youth SAAP sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness and knowledge Strategy development for award implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator, Social and Community services Division, Australian Services Union, Qld Service Branch
Early Intervention Services – Making a difference in young people and families lives.	Bruce Blair Madelyn O'Malley Jones Bernice Smith John Flanagan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The workshop will be presented by Boonah EIS and Cairns EIS. Each presentation will articulate purpose, program structure, anecdotal case examples, issues and future direction for Early Intervention Services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative approaches in working with young people in the context of their families. Adventure based programming. Holistic approach involving young people, families and the community. Strengths, issues and future directions for early intervention services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The workshop will use a range of presentation techniques. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All presenters have a history in Youth and Family work with strong interests in Experiential Learning, Adventure Activities and holistic therapeutic approaches.

Conference Speakers

Dr Howard Sercombe

Dr Sercombe is an experienced youth work practitioner, trainer, consultant, analyst, media commentator and research in the youth studies area. He has primary experience as a street worker with homeless and street-present young people as well as a developed academic profile with expertise ranging from social policy analysis to adolescent development to professional ethics. His particular specialism is the social construction of youth discourse. He has an extensive knowledge of youth theory, and has published internationally on this subject. His doctoral studies developed original theory on the position of young people in contemporary society, and included an intensive study of the representation of young people in the media and analysis of professional discourses around youth. He is co-author of the recent text *Youth Studies: an Australian perspective* (Longmans, 1998).

Notwithstanding his current position in the university, Howard sees himself as first and foremost a youth worker, as he has for the last twenty-two years. His current intellectual work is focused on the nature of youth work practice, how youth workers can understand their role and their work, how our conceptions of youth workers can understand their role and their work, how our conceptions of young people shape their practice, what makes youth work different from other interventions with young people, and on the peculiar professional ethics of youth work as a practice.

Carol Croce

Carol Croce is the Policy Officer with the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC), the peak national youth affairs organisation in the community sector. Since joining AYPAC in 1992, Carol has researched and written on such topics as youth unemployment, income support, rural youth issues, and youth homelessness. She represents AYPAC on the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme

(NYARS) Steering Committee and has participated on the ACOSS Employment Futures Forum and the National Task Force on Unemployment and Health.

David Matthews

David Matthews was born in Melbourne, Victoria in 1973. After leaving home aged 13 years due to family breakdown, David moved to Canberra in 1986, living independently and attending an ACT Government funded alternative school called School Without Walls (SWOW).

David commenced work as a youth worker in 1992 aged 18 years old. In 1994 David was elected the Young Spokesperson of the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC). In 1998 David was appointed to the National Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Group (YSPAG). David was appointed to the position of Executive Officer of AYPAC in February 1998.

Shirin Willis

Shirin is a member of the Townsville Youth Council which is sponsored by Townsville City Council. In this role, Shirin works as part of a team of young people who's aim it is to provide input to government and the community on a range of youth issues and to initiate and manage projects which improve the status of all young people in the Townsville community and provide them with greater opportunities. At 20 years of age, Shirin works as a radiographer for Qld X-Ray Services.

Alf Lacey

Alf is currently the Youth Suicide Project Coordinator for the Aboriginal Coordinating Council based in Cairns. He is formerly Chairman of the Palm Island Council, and Coordinator of the Health Team and of Men's Business on Palm Island.

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- Members of the Conference Reference Committee
- The hundreds who contributed to the development of the Conference — from those who contributed to identifying the content areas to those who agreed to present to all of you who have participated.