

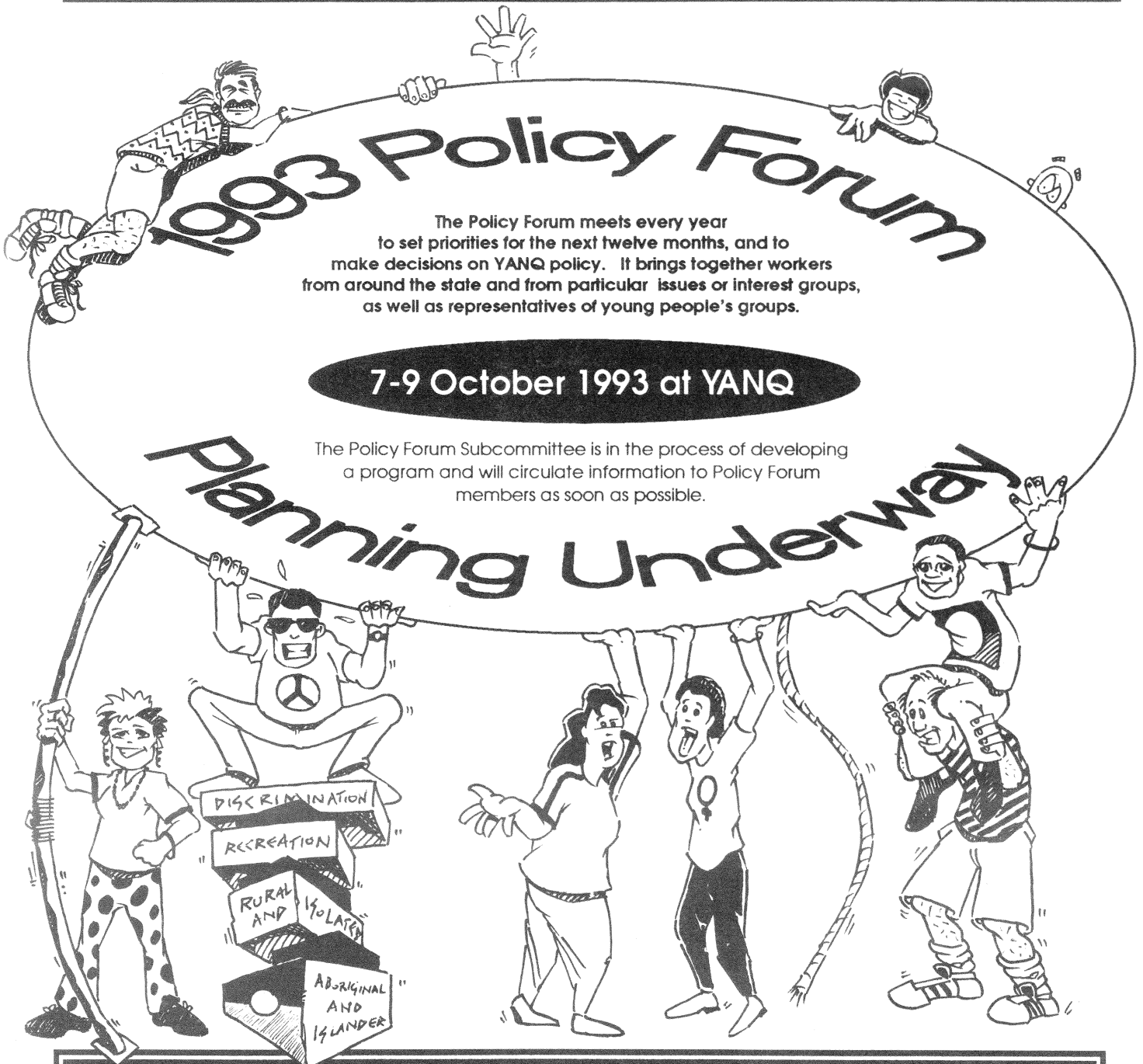
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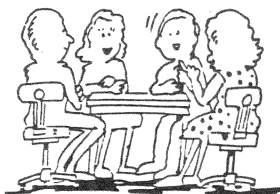
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Coordinating Committee

Update June-July 93

YANQ currently has

405

members/subscribers

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Decisions Made May-June 93

That YANQ accept the final draft of the Strategic Plan and that this be reviewed over two days in October.

That a Rural and Isolated Working Party be formed comprising the Policy and Research Officer, members who expressed an interest in rural and isolated issues at the 1992 Policy Forum and a number of other interested people.

That a Recreation Working Party be formed comprising the Policy and Research Officer, members who expressed an interest in recreation issues at the 1992 Policy Forum and a number of other interested people.

That YANQ subcommittees prepare draft Terms of Reference for ratification at July's Committee meeting.

That the 1993 Policy Forum be held at YANQ on 7-9 October 1993.

That the Network Development Coordinator be YANQ's representative on the 1993 Youth Week Reference Group.

That YANQ subsidise Gerald Appo's attendance to the Darwin World Indigenous Youth Conference to be held on 5-9 July 1993.

That YANQ media releases be approved by a quorum of members of the Executive Committee prior to their release.

That the Administration and Publications Officer attend the Youth Studies Conference in Hobart on 3-5 November 1993.

\$ New Focus for YANQ Funding \$

Development and resourcing of Working Parties established through the annual Policy Forum have become a focus of YANQ budgeting for 1993-94.

This funding program is a shift from previous years where YANQ has promoted Regional Network Development funds for use by interagency groups throughout the state. This change will assist the Working Parties to hold meetings and teleconferences, enabling the participation of members from across Queensland and ensuring a more balanced perspective. Resourcing these Working Parties will

assist in the development of YANQ policy statements and related projects. There are presently three YANQ Working Parties operating in the areas of 1) **Aboriginal and Islander youth issues**; 2) **rural and isolated youth issues**; and 3) **recreation**. Funding from this area will also support policy priority areas which will be identified at the 1993 YANQ Policy Forum to be held on 7-9 October.

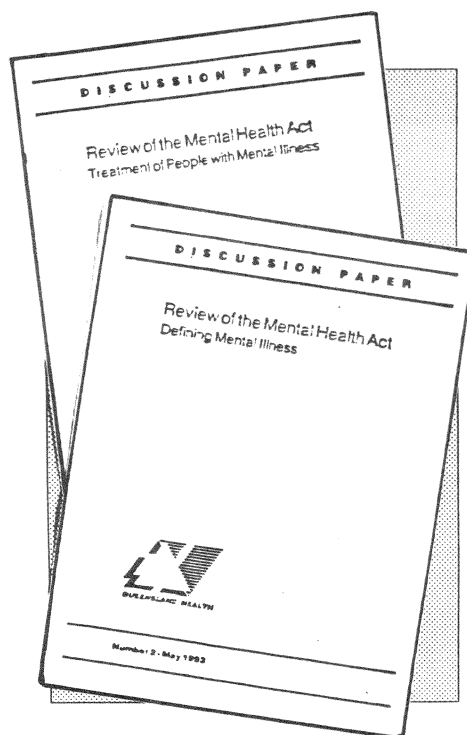
YANQ Social Justice Policy Framework Takes Shape

YANQ has begun to draft a Social Justice Policy Framework. The decision to prepare the Framework was made by the 1992 Policy Forum. The Framework will aim to define what YANQ understands as "social justice" and will form the starting point for the development of further YANQ policy. Drafts will be circulated to members for comment prior to the 1993 Policy Forum.

Mental Health Act Review

Queensland Health is currently reviewing the Mental Health Act 1974 which covers the treatment and provision of services to people with a mental illness in Queensland.

YANQ is developing a process to consult with members about changes we would like to see to the Act. This consultation will form the basis of a detailed submission to Queensland Health. If you are interested in having input to YANQ's submission, contact Tim Wilson, Policy and Research Officer, by 30 July 1993.



Rural and Isolated Issues Take Priority

YANQ has taken steps towards addressing the needs of rural and isolated young people and youth services with the establishment of a Rural and Isolated Working Party which held its first phone linkup on the 18 May.

Rural and isolated issues were nominated as a priority at YANQ's 1992 Policy Forum. Delegates to the Forum identified a range of problems specific to isolated areas, including a lack of training and employment opportunities, the inadequacy of infrastructure such as transport, social services and recreational facilities, and the difficulties that workers face in accessing support and training.

The Working Party has discussed a number of strategies in beginning to deal with these very broad issues. Initially the group will concentrate on expanding YANQ's rural membership, and developing a rural youth services directory. At a later date, it hopes to document projects which have been successfully conducted in rural settings, explore innovative ways of providing training to isolated services, and address the recommendations of recent reports on the experiences of young people in rural communities.

The Working Party is keen to involve YANQ members with an interest in rural and isolated issues. If you would like more info contact Tim Wilson, Policy and Research Officer, on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899.

YANQ Responds on VETEC

Social Justice Strategy

YANQ has made a submission to the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Commission (VETEC) in response to its Social Justice Policy Discussion Paper.

VETEC provides advice to the Minister for Employment, Vocational Education, Training and Industrial Relations, Matt Foley, on issues related to employment and training programs. It is also responsible for accreditation of vocational courses and training providers. Its brief includes the implementation of the Finn and Carmichael reforms on entry level training arrangements for young people.

The Social Justice Policy Discussion Paper includes a brief statement of principles, centred around equity, rights, access and participation (as per the Queensland Youth Policy), and more detailed information on specific population groups who face barriers in accessing the vocational education, training and employment (VETE) system.

YANQ's response focussed on five areas which have particular relevance for young people, particularly disadvantaged young people.

1) Access to training and employment for highly marginalised young people: YANQ discussed the nature of the barriers this group faces, and described programs which have been piloted to address them.

2) The industrial rights of young participants within the employment and training system: YANQ urged VETEC to support the payment of a living income to young people in the VETE system. While agreeing with the principle of linking employment and training, as proposed by the Carmichael Report, YANQ does not believe that young people undergoing training should receive an income below the poverty line.

3) Employment Creation strategies: YANQ argued that the current levels of youth unemployment are unacceptable, and that strategies which create work should be pursued.

4) Young People in juvenile detention centres: YANQ's submission made a clear distinction between adult and juvenile detention centres, and suggested that strategies used in the former to assist offenders to access employment and training, may not be adequate for young people.

5) Training and employment strategies involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people: YANQ supported the establishment of an ATSI Council within VETEC, and encouraged them to discuss employment and training issues with YANQ's ATSI Working Party.

YANQ met with VETEC representatives on 17 June to discuss our submission. Representatives from the ATSI Working Party will meet with the VETEC-ATSI Committee in November.

For further info re YANQ's submission contact Tim Wilson, Policy and Research Officer on (07) 852 1800 or (008) 177 899.

YOUTH CENTRE PLANNED OUT WEST

The Charleville and District Community Centre has successfully applied for funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning, and Jupiters Casino, to build a multi-functional youth centre. The proposed youth centre will house a drop-in centre, a cafeteria, conference and meeting rooms and will provide accommodation for up to 12 young people. Plans for the centre have been finalised and building is expected to commence within the next two months. Community worker George Donahue expects the multi-functional youth centre to be completed by December 1993. Funding is also being

The Charleville and District Community Centre has developed a 5-year plan to provide recreational and accommodation facilities for young people in south west Queensland.

sought from the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing to build a multi-functional sports centre and a youth camp. The proposed sports centre will be built adjacent to the youth centre, while the youth camp will be built approximately fifty kilometres south of Charleville. Funding for the youth camp will purchase railways houses and the accommodation section of an old, local hotel ready for demolition. There has been an increasing demand from many schools, youth groups and church groups for such a facility and Charleville workers and young people are eagerly awaiting a response from funding bodies.

Calling All Young People's Networks

“ YANQ may be able to offer young people's groups access to networks and other areas that are otherwise unobtainable to them. In turn, young people's organisations and networks can make a valuable contribution to YANQ. ”

Do you work with young people?

Do you know of any formal or informal young people's networks?

Hi. My name is Anda Davies and I am a third year QUT Youth Work student currently doing a ten week placement at YANQ. As part of my placement, I am undertaking a project to incorporate the participation of young people's networks and organisations into YANQ.

One of YANQ's goals is to ensure the participation of young people, minority groups and disadvantaged young people in the development of youth affairs networks. The objective of this project is for YANQ to establish links with youth generated organisations and aid their participation within YANQ.

The project could have a variety of outcomes. It may involve the commitment of young people to become involved within YANQ's management structure, or it may highlight the need for an independent network of young people's networks and organisations.

Young people's networks and organisations are underrepresented within YANQ's membership and decision-making processes and my task is to examine ways of addressing this gap.

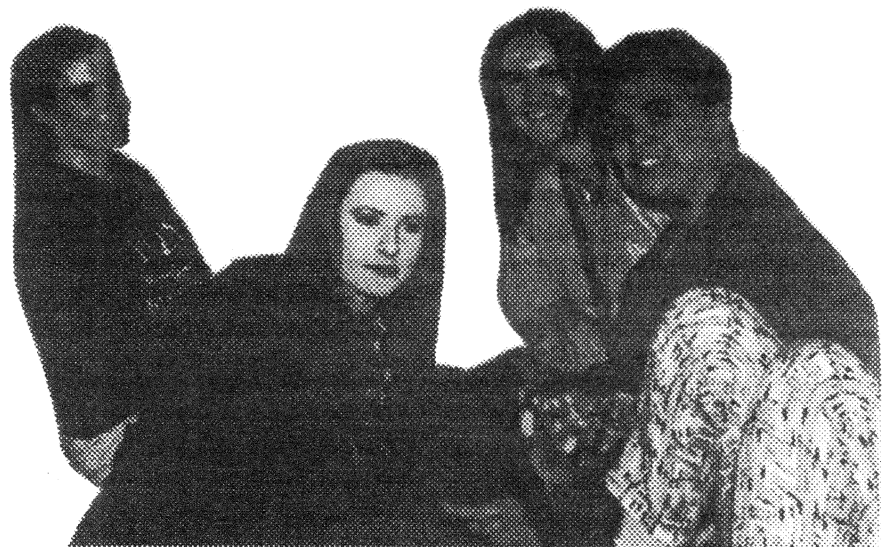
This task is hindered by the apparent scarcity of young people's networks

and organisations, especially at a state or regional level. There are a multitude of reasons why this could occur - an organisation that may have been in operation last year may no longer exist, its name, address or contact person may have changed, lack of interest has

resulted in the network disbanding - the list is endless.

YANQ may be able to offer young people's groups access to networks and other areas that are otherwise unobtainable to them. In turn, young people's organisations and networks can make a valuable contribution to YANQ.

I am currently at the stage of identifying and contacting groups. If you know of any organisations or networks run by young people in your area/region, I would like to hear from you. Please contact me at YANQ on (07) 852 1800 or fax your information on (07) 852 1441.





RURAL AND ISOLATED YOUTH AFFAIRS POSITION PAPER

AYPAC Policy Officer, Carol Croce was closely involved with the recent Rural and Remote Youth Affairs Conference in Wagga. As an outcome of the conference, AYPAC is preparing a position paper on rural and isolated youth affairs issues which will be available for discussion. For a free copy phone Lindsay on (07) 852 1800.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION CONSULTATIONS

AYPAC's Executive Officer, Martin Attridge, has been working with the AYF on a national consultation to establish future directions for the Foundation's funding program.

1994 NATIONAL YOUTH AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

AYPAC is planning a national youth affairs conference to be held early in 1994.

2ND WORLD INDIGENOUS YOUTH CONFERENCE

AYPAC is sponsoring an Aboriginal or Islander young person to attend the 2nd World Indigenous Youth Conference in Darwin (5-11 July).

PROTOCOL - AYPAC AND SPECIALIST NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Following discussions with a number of specialist national youth issues organisations, a draft protocol has been written to formalise the relationship between national specialist youth organisations and AYPAC. The draft protocol is as follows:

Objective: It is the objective of AYPAC to function as the national youth affairs peak body. In performing these functions AYPAC does not seek to duplicate the functions undertaken by any specialist national youth organisation. It is critical to AYPAC's function as the national youth affairs body that specialist national youth affairs organisations are able to work cooperatively with AYPAC. It is the objective of AYPAC that all specialist national youth organisations are members of AYPAC.

Operation of Protocol: 1) When a recognised national youth organisation exists with a specialist focus, AYPAC policy in this area will be developed in consultation with this organisation. 2) When AYPAC makes public

statements regarding specialist youth issues, it will: (a) consult with recognised national youth organisations having such an issue as a main focus; or (b) defer speaking rights on that issue to the appropriate national youth organisation. 3) In order to work cooperatively, AYPAC and specialist national youth organisations should: (a) regularly exchange press releases, mailouts, newsletters and other written information regarding the activities of, and issues concerning, each organisation; (b) exchange publications and submissions as they are produced; (c) regularly liaise between elected representatives and secretariat staff at AYPAC and specialist national youth organisations. 4) This protocol will be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure that it is functioning effectively and ethically.

YANQ is considering the use of a similar protocol. If, as a member of YANQ, AYPAC or a specialist youth organisation, you would like to comment on this draft, please give Lindsay a ring at YANQ.

Action

Without

Alcohol

Cairns' Youth Access Centre (YAC) has teamed up with a local Aboriginal community to promote 'alcohol-free activities' among the community's young people.

In the isolated Aboriginal community of Yarrabah near Cairns, the Gindajja Committee, the Youth Arts Service and Cairns' YAC have worked together on a program of arts and sport to counteract rising crime, alcohol and drug addiction, and teenage pregnancy among the community's young people.

The program has been highly successful, according to Robyn Gray of Cairns' Youth Access Centre:

"The general feeling of the community is very positive. The program has provided a successful base to build on and has inspired plans for other projects in the Yarrabah community."

For more information contact

**Robyn Gray,
Youth Access Centre,
PO Box 1108, Cairns 4870.
Ph: (070) 52 5516.**

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Feasibility Study into the Establishment of a National Ethnic Youth Peak Structure

The Australian Bicentennial Multicultural Foundation (ABMF) in conjunction with the Australian Youth Foundation (AYF) have commissioned a feasibility study into the establishment of a national ethnic youth peak structure. The study has been undertaken in direct response to a demonstrated need to raise the profile of ethnic youth issues through vastly improved national networking and coordination strategies.

Terms of Reference

1) To identify and review **existing arrangements** in relation to the take-up of national ethnic youth issues in the ethnic and youth sectors (ie. in relation to effectiveness, accountability, strengths, weaknesses and gaps).

2) To examine the viability of **various options** ranging from maintaining the "status quo" to the establishment of an entirely separate body (ie. in relation to their appropriateness for

the effective take-up of national ethnic youth issues and ethnic youth participation).

3) To highlight the **features** of what may be an ideal model for such a structure (ie. in relation to structure, functions, resources, participation and representation).

4) To identify the **impact** of such a structure on existing national and state and territory ethnic youth structures and any links and coordination that may be required.

Input into this research project is now being sought via a discussion paper and questionnaire. For further information and/or a copy of the discussion paper and questionnaire contact Rick Yamine on (02) 564 2940 or Anne-Marie Elias-Schneider on (02) 365 0540.

(Please Note: "Ethnic" is the term used in the Terms of Reference)



Research into the Accommodation and Support Needs of Young People of Non-English Speaking Backgrounds

This research project aims to examine the responses of SAAP and non-SAAP services to the accommodation and support needs of NESB young people and in so doing to identify some of the access barriers that this group is facing. The project also aims to develop a profile of NESB young people using SAAP services and to consider the impact of age, gender, ethnicity and geographic location on needs, service provision, access barriers and the implications for the development of alternative services. Finally, the project aims to make recommendations to facilitate the development of services for NESB young people.

This project, which commenced in May 1993, is being conducted on behalf of the South East Queensland Youth Accommodation Coalition by Associate Professor Ian O'Connor and Annie Gowing of the Department of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Queensland.

The project is due for completion in October/November 1993 and project workers are currently gathering data and developing the survey and interview schedules.

Input to the project is welcomed

For further information contact
Annie Gowing on 365 1849

Conference Favours Development of a National Rural Youth Affairs Network

One of the outcomes of the recent National Rural Youth Affairs Conference was the development of policy and networking processes which will aim to establish a national rural youth affairs network.

Held at Wagga Wagga, NSW from 30 April to 1 May 1993 the conference brought together over 150 young people and youthworkers from across Australia. Highlights of the conference included:

- the launch of **Living, Learning and Working - the experiences of young people in rural and remote communities in Australia**, a report published by the National Coalition of Youth Housing (NYCH);
- the **Rural Mural** designed and painted by young people at the conference;
- the launch of **Sink or Swim**, Streetwize's latest comic which addresses sexual abuse issues; and
- a performance by the **Fruit Fly Circus**, an Albany based young people's circus troupe.

Keynote speakers included Geoff Lawrence who spoke on the economic and social outcomes of rural restructuring, and Suzi Quixley, who addressed rural community change. Workshops covered areas as diverse as school and work links, gender issues and juvenile justice programs. Two panel discussions provided variety in the conference format, the first on Education, Work and Income and the second covering the Development of an Innovative Juvenile Justice Program in Wagga.

Two outcomes from the conference will have an effect at a local level. The conference motivated YANQ to establish its Rural and Isolated Issues Working Party (see page 3) and AYPAC is endeavouring to collate a Rural and Remote Discussion Paper (see page 6).

For further info re the conference or to obtain a copy of AYPAC's Rural and Remote Discussion Paper contact Lindsay Granger on (07) 852 1800 or (006) 177 899.

Action Research and Community Development for
Young People At Risk, With a Mild
Intellectual Disability

A MINI-FORUM

Studies indicate that young people with a mild intellectual disability are experiencing severe social hardships, and are over represented in the groups who are 1) without secure, safe or age appropriate housing; 2) victims of crime, particularly sexual abuse; 3) petty offenders and prison inmates; and 4) at risk of being assumed to have a psychiatric disability.

In March 1993, funding was obtained from the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs to employ two workers to undertake Action Research and Community Development for Young People At Risk With a Mild Intellectual Disability. This Mini-Forum is part of the Action Research which is expected to make recommendations in early 1994.

Goals for the Day

- 1) To examine the evidence and stories so far:
 - a) Are there common themes and issues for these Young People?
 - b) How are they "Falling Through the Gaps"?
- 2) To clarify how YOUR experiences add to this picture?
- 3) To link up with other service providers.

We will then write up the outcomes, report back to you, and look at what practice and service options might be useful - probably at another Forum in October.

Your experiences can help this research be useful and dynamic in its processes of inquiry, and in its recommendations in early 1994.

Join in on
28 July 1993
9.30am - 4.30pm

at YANQ, 36 Baxter Street, Fortitude Valley

Cost: \$5 - lunch and refreshing drinks will be provided

For further info contact Jeannie Elliott or
Vasilios Theodorakis on (07) 260 7414.

Bunya Bunya Project

A Pilot Employment Training Project for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Young People

Chris Gilbert, Fusion

"Cambroon", a property near Kenilworth on the Sunshine Coast, is about to become the training ground for 12 young Australians, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, in cattle work on horseback, fencing, yard building, dairying and the general duties of the outback "Ringer".

The project is a joint exercise involving the property owners, Val and Maxine Barry, the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and the auspicating group, Fusion Australia. Originally dreamed up by Val Barry and a Murri mate, Jai McKeown, the project took shape after they approached the Youth Access Centre (YAC) in the One Stop Youth Shop in Maroochydore. YAC conferred with Fusion and the Youth Employment Service and the process of creating a workable structure commenced in November 1992.

Seven months later the pilot scheme is about to get under way. Fusion Sunshine Coast have been active in the local youth network since 1983 and over the past two years have been steering towards creative employment initiatives for young people, recognising that this is the area of greatest hurt in the local community. Their regional co-ordinator Chris Gilbert points out there are some key elements in this project which make it important in finding paths into the future.

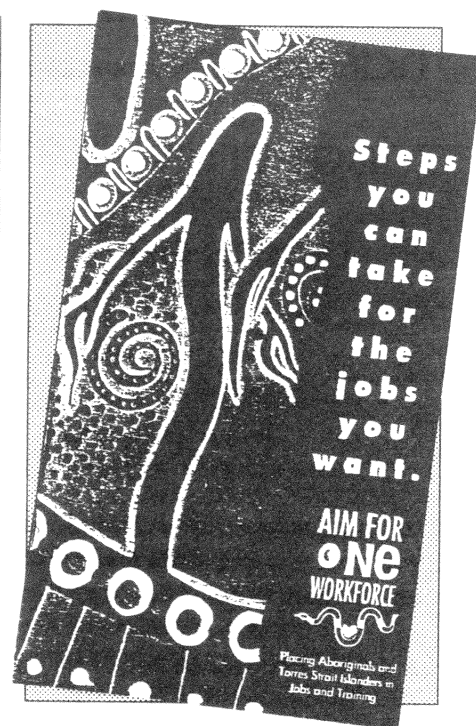
"The opportunity arises because of grass roots concern. The property owners are responding to the felt need and from a

position of expertise in the industry. Fusion's first full-time staff worker was a Koori and we have carried a dream of Aboriginal and white communities working together for decades. With the support of former Senator Neville Bonner (a former head stockman himself) we shared the project with various people in the Murri community and it became clearly possible. The CES have responded with funding of the first ten week residential course. These elements working together give us a sense that we have a project right for its time

and we are going to work very hard to ensure that the young people gain the skills for jobs we know are there in the Gulf Country, in Western Queensland, and also in the local area."

Training will also include appreciation of Aboriginal culture, and the setting for that in the Mary Valley between Kenilworth and Maleny is any young Australian's idea of paradise. Val Barry will train in the Stock and Station skills, the personal development worker will be from the Murri community and assisting will be a part-time recreational worker. Project Development is the task of Fusion worker, Caroline Shorten

"... we are going to work very hard to ensure that the young people gain the skills for jobs we know are there in the Gulf Country, in Western Queensland, and also in the local area."



"Aim for One Workforce" consists of eight information brochures aimed at placing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in jobs and training and four complementary postcards and posters. For more information contact Ron Fogerty, Network Services, Aboriginal Employment and Development Branch, DEET on (07) 226 9428.

Our land, our Mother.
She holds the answers, she knows the healing for our people. Our culture is intricately and inseparably bound to our land. Be proud young people of who you are. Walk tall. Respect our land. Respect your elders. Respect yourselves. Help your brother and sister when they struggle in their lives.

Clump Mountain Youth Wilderness
Camp, Mission Statement

For further information contact Caroline Shorten, Fusion on (074) 43 6090.

hands on,
legs on,
boots on,
bodies on,
brains on ...

**La Luna Theatre
"heads on" down the
Youth Arts Road**

La Luna Theatre, Townsville is encouraging local young people and youthworkers to get their hands on, legs on, boots on, bodies on, brains on - in short, to head on down the Youth Arts Road.

After much philosophical thrashing about La Luna has expanded to become **La Luna Youth Theatre**, in an attempt to explore and expand youth culture and offer "hands on" avenues for youth participation and empowerment. La Luna offers contemporary theatre experiences for young people aged 7 to 25 and is keen to promote the benefits of youth arts within the local youth sector.

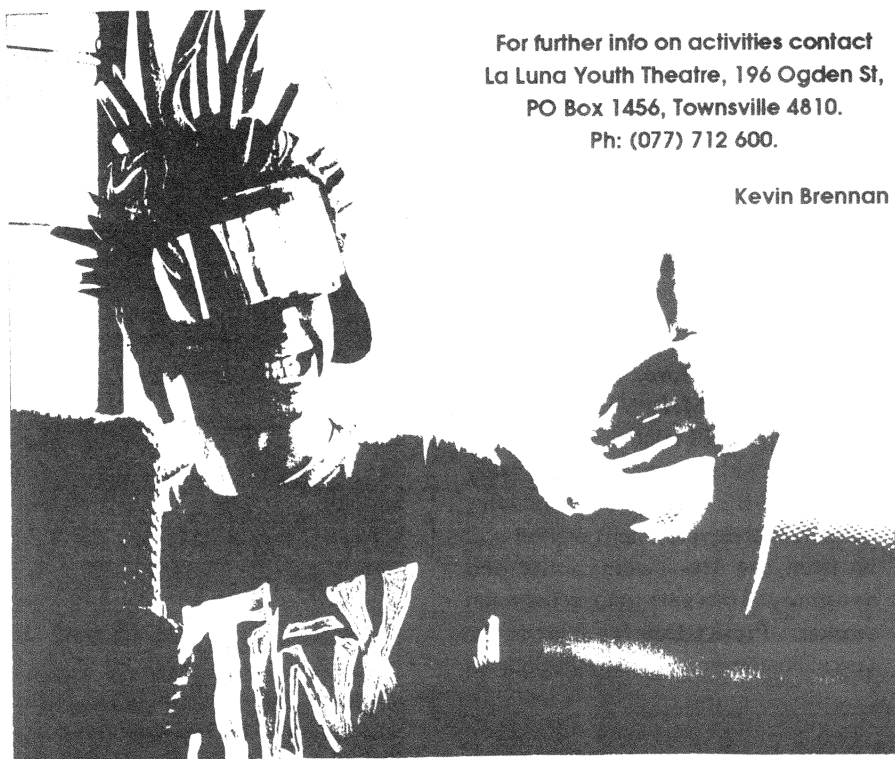
Recent La Luna projects include **Leaving Town**, which took a light-hearted look at living in a "backward social hole"

with no facilities, and **Standing Still**, a piece which explored sexual abuse and its results many years after the event. La Luna is currently working on a **Youth Summit Theatre** project with 15 to 20 year old young people from Townsville's Open Youth Project. The project has been developed in response to an all too familiar "lack of consultation" and is hosting a youth summit based on young people's perspectives.

To all young people and workers with young people in Townsville - our doors are open. Come and join us down the Youth Arts Road.

**For further info on activities contact
La Luna Youth Theatre, 196 Ogden St,
PO Box 1456, Townsville 4810.
Ph: (077) 712 600.**

Kevin Brennan



**School
students gain
business
experience
through
program**

Young Achievement Australia's (YAA) Venture Program gives school students the opportunity to learn through experience exactly what is involved in running a company. Over a six month period, a team of students establish a company, elect directors, sell 'shares' to raise capital, meet the legal requirements of a company and maintain all accountancy records. They also research, manufacture and market a product. The YAA Venture Program provides realistic, practical and enjoyable business skills experience for Australia's young people.

Local businesses and organisations sponsor a YAA company by providing: people to act as advisors, a place to meet, and funding. This year, for the first time, Business Advice for Rural Areas (BARA) facilitators have organised for the YAA Venture Program to be run in Innisfail and Emerald.

Over 6,000 young Australians (including many in rural communities) are participating in YAA programs during 1993. The program culminates in the selection of a Queensland finalist who goes on to compete in the National Finals.

For more information contact
Ms Chrys Stevensen on
(07) 266 9612.



CONTACT Youth Theatre

We Have Ways of Making YOUTHINC

CONTACT Youth Theatre, Australia's premier youth arts company, presents an innovative means of giving young people a voice. The formation of YOUTHINC has created an environment for young people to have input into the company's affairs. This move recognises the need for young people's input into decisions which affect them and is unprecedented in organisations which deal with young people.

YOUTHINC is primarily a performance group which aims to create an environment of personal, professional and political expression for young people, through the individual and the group as a whole. YOUTHINC is committed to recognising the changing nature of youth cultures and issues, and to acknowledge and create an awareness of specific groups within youth culture (such as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, NESB and gender equality/sexuality).

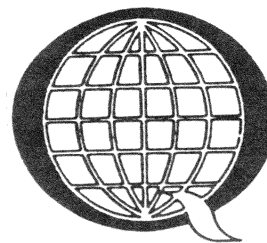
YOUTHINC is responsible for a space within the CONTACT offices. It is currently used as a meeting room for fortnightly meetings, as an office for the administration of YOUTHINC, and for members to hang out in. Regular workshops are also conducted to initiate and rehearse for upcoming performances and to build up a repertoire for issues which concern young people. It is hoped that YOUTHINC will eventually be self-generating and present all-youth projects.

It is hoped that YOUTHINC will fill three seats on CONTACT's Management Committee in 1993. Members of YOUTHINC will liaise between the Management Committee and the youth membership of CONTACT. Mechanisms will be set in place so that YOUTHINC will be informed and able to discuss the agenda of Management Committee meetings prior to the meeting. Consequently, YOUTHINC representatives on the Management Committee will have an informed and supported voice, one not so easily ignored.

YOUTHINC is available for performances at conferences, seminars, festivals and other events which deal with young people's issues.

For more information contact
Christine Nicol or Kirsty Lelshman
YOUTHINC
C/- CONTACT Youth Theatre
109 Edward Street, Brisbane 4000
Phone: (07) 221 5443

The Queensland Overseas Foundation



A Passport to Experience

The Queensland Overseas Foundation is a voluntary, non-profit organisation founded in 1976 to provide young tradespersons with the opportunity to widen their experience by travelling and working overseas.

Sponsored by Queensland Industry and supported by the State Government the Foundation gives scholarships to tradespersons under the age of 25 years. Awardees must have completed an Indenture of Apprenticeship, worked in their trade for a minimum of twelve months and undertake to return to Queensland after the scholarship period.

Awardees receive return air fares and travelling expenses together with a settling-in allowance to allow them to work overseas for a period of one to two years. In addition, the Foundation assists in arranging employment and establishing contacts with overseas organisations. While overseas the award winners are paid wages by the employing company appropriate to the work performed.

The Foundation is now receiving applications for the 1993 round of scholarships.

Closing date - 16 July 1993

For further information or
a copy of the application form
please contact Donna McArthur,
Queensland Overseas Foundation
on (07) 395 6413

Beyond Borders Youth Tour

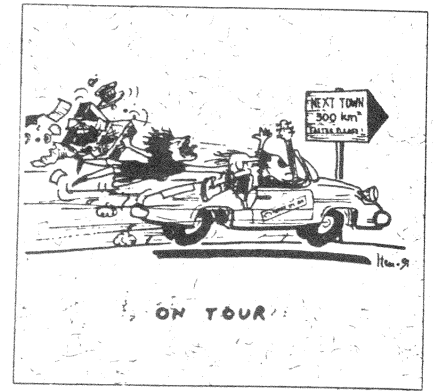
The Beyond Borders Youth Tour is a unique opportunity for young Australians to learn first hand from their peers about other countries and cultures. It brings together 18 young people from Asia, Africa and the Pacific, and four young Aboriginal Australians to share their experiences and responses to human rights, environmental degradation and development issues.

The 1993 Beyond the Borders tour will be travelling around Queensland in October and will visit interested schools, universities, TAFE colleges and youth, church and community groups. While on tour, the members will be discussing environmental, peace and justice issues, as well as initiatives and actions for positive global change.

Aims of the Tour

- To offer young people and community groups in rural areas an educational experience normally not available outside of capital cities.

- To provide a greater awareness of the living situations of young people in the world and Australia.
- To combat the sense of powerlessness and apathy felt about international issues by young people.
- To develop networks and friendship among young people and communities to promote their search for alternative solutions to violence, poverty and environmental destruction.
- To encourage and stimulate young people to participate more actively in movements for peace, justice and environmental protection around the world.



If you would like your school/organisation to be part of the Beyond Borders Youth Tour contact:
Carmen Stewart on (07) 891 1168 or mail details to
Overseas Service Bureau
GPO Box 570, Brisbane 4001

Youth Sector Training Council

Literacy Skills Training Project Officer

The Youth Sector Training Council is seeking a part-time Project Officer for the duration of their Literacy Skills Training Project, expected to commence in mid-August 1993.

The Project Officer will have experience in literacy education and will be able to plan, implement and evaluate one workshop conducted over a 3-day period.

The training will target workers in the youth sector to assist young people in developing their literacy skills.

For an information briefing paper contact YSTC on
(07) 852 2311 or fax (07) 852 1441
by Friday, 16 July 1993

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gay/lesbian/bisexual youth support group

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TOEHOLD is a youth group for young lesbians, bisexuals and gay men. As the name implies, we aim to provide a "stepping stone" for young people questioning their sexuality. We hope to do this by providing friendship, support and fun in an open and accepting environment.

TOEHOLD is open to anyone under 26 years who thinks that they may be lesbian, bisexual or gay. We offer:

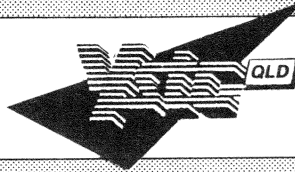
- social activities
- information on issues of concern
- counselling (by trained counsellors)
- group discussions and workshops.

For more information contact Toehold,
PO Box 226, Spring Hill 4004

Qld AIDS Council	(07) 844 1990
Paul	(07) 846 1866
Darryl	(07) 369 2422
Friday 7-10pm	(07) 844 2967

YSTC Training Projects

Phone: (07) 852 2311



The Youth Sector Training Council of Queensland (YSTC) has been busy working at obtaining funding to develop and deliver training to workers with young people. Since the beginning of 1993 YSTC has been contracted to complete the following projects:

Community Rent Scheme Training

A contract to deliver training to Management Committees, Housing Managers and Tenants over 14 weeks (Feb -May).

Sexual Assault of Young Men

A joint project by the YSTC and the Lodge Youth Support Service to develop and deliver training for workers with young people on the context of assault, mechanisms for working with young men who have been sexually abused and self management principles for workers in this area. This training will be offered in Brisbane, Toowoomba and Cairns in late August to early September.

Sexual Assault of Young Men Resource Kit

YSTC and the Lodge are producing a resource kit for workers in the youth sector on the sexual assault of young men. This kit will be used to complement the training provided and will be more broadly available to assist youth services in becoming more sensitive to this issue.

Planning and Evaluation Workshops

These are being offered by YSTC to assist youth service providers/forums to develop a strategic plan for their region.

In addition YSTC has sought funding to develop & deliver training programs in the following areas:

Literacy Tutor Training

This program will provide youth workers with skills to assist young people to develop better literacy skills.

Legal Issues

This training program will provide information on the Juvenile Justice Act and will work with services to develop appropriate policies and procedures in respect of the rights of young people.

Cross Cultural Training

In conjunction with MOCATU (Bureau of Ethnic Affairs) YSTC will develop and deliver training in the area of cross cultural awareness and communication. The aim is to assist services to become more aware of the barriers that NESB young people face when looking to access mainstream youth services.

YACCA Program Training

YSTC has been contracted to complete the initial training phase for the YACCA projects. The project is expected to commence in July 1993 and will cover the planning phase of the YACCA program (crime prevention).

National Workshops to Consult on Competency Standards

1-day Workshops in July

These will be conducted in each capital city and various regional centres to:

- bring you up-to-date on relevant parts of the Training Reform Agenda as they affect the youth sector project, including competency design;
- receive feedback from you on what is included in the competency standards and how these should be packaged.

TOWNSVILLE

When: Monday, 12 July 1993
Tim: 9.00am - 4.30pm
Where: Meeting Room 1
Townsville City Council
City Admin Building
103 Walker Street

MOUNT ISA

When: Tuesday, 13 July 1993
Tim: 9.00am - 2.30pm
Where: Mt Isa Skillshare
Turanga Centre
Enid Street

BRISBANE

When: Wednesday, 14 July 1993
Tim: 9.00am - 4.30pm
Where: Training Room 1
Old Health Dvlp Centre
59 Costin St
Fortitude Valley

The workshops are free and lunch will be provided.

Please register by Wednesday, 7 July 1993 to receive papers and final details of the workshop.

For further information and to receive background papers contact the Youth Sector Training Council on (07) 852 2311 or fax (07) 852 1441.

(Vocational Education Training and Employment Commission)

Call for Submissions

Adult and Community Education Review

The Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations has determined that a review be undertaken by VETEC of the delivery of Adult and Community Education by TAFE-TEQ in Queensland.

Public input is sought by Friday 16 July, 1993 and should reflect views on the following aspects of the current Adult and Community Education system:

- definition of adult and community education • fees and charges
- relevance of the system to disadvantaged groups • structures for provision.

To obtain a discussion paper, including the terms of reference and the draft National Policy for Adult and Community Education for comment, contact:

**The Project Officer, A.C.E. Review, VETEC,
LMB 2234, GPO Brisbane Qld 4001
Ph: (07) 227 4883 Fax: (07) 227 5561**

THE PLAN

In the beginning was the plan.

And then came the assumptions.

And the assumptions were without substance,
and the darkness was upon the face of the Employees.

And they spoke amongst themselves, saying,

"It is a crock of shit and it stinks!"

And the Employees went unto their Supervisors, saying,

"It is a pail of dung and none may abide the odour thereof."

And the Supervisors went unto their Managers, saying,

"It is a container of excrement and it is very strong,

such that none may abide by it."

And the Managers went unto their Division Managers, saying,

"It is a vessel of fertiliser and none may abide its strength."

And the Division Managers went unto their System Managers, saying,

"It contains that which aids plant growth and it is very strong."

And the System Managers went unto the General Manager, saying,

"It promotes growth and is very powerful."

And the General Manager went unto the Board, saying,

"This new Plan will actively promote the growth and efficiency
of this organisation!"

And the Board looked upon the Plan and saw that it was good.

And the Plan became Policy!

This is how Shit Happens.

Anonymous

Doin' Time

28 July - 21 August 1993

Doin' Time, a performance piece about life on the outside, and life on the inside, opens in Brisbane on 28 July. It is fast, contemporary and topical Australian theatre.

Doin' Time is a show which investigates person-centred justice, personal imprisonment and the human ability to survive and overcome. The show uses skilled performers, wearable sets, steel costumes, poetry, soundtrack, percussion and dance.

Doin' Time runs for four weeks, at the Metro Theatre in Brisbane, from 28 July to 21 August, before touring to campuses and prisons. Group booking discounts, for groups of ten or more, are available for all evening shows. At cut price Saturday matinees at 2.00pm all tickets will be \$10.

For more information contact:

Kylie Murphy (018) 152 132

For bookings contact:

Phyllis McDuff (07) 846 5814

**Mount Isa Youth Forum
has changed it's name!**

We are now the

**North-West Youth
Interagency Forum**

At a recent workshop a group of enthusiastic people who work with young people from our region got together to look at the future for the forum in the north west. Our vision for the future is to create an environment where people work together to identify and meet the needs of young people in north-west Queensland.

For meeting details see page 20.

Zig Zag

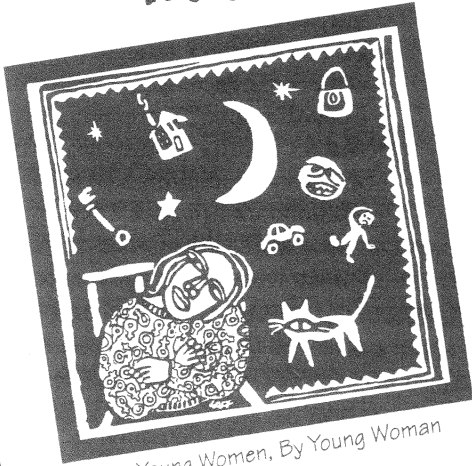
Somewhere To Call Home

On Friday, 17 June 1993

Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre
launched their latest resource,
"Somewhere To Call Home".

The resource is the product of a
participatory research project into young
women's supported accommodation.

SOMEWHERE
TO CALL
HOME



For Young Women, By Young Woman

Housing Information

Somewhere to Call Home consists of two publications: 1) the Young Women's Handbook designed for young women, by young women, and 2) the Worker Resource Book.

The **Young Women's Handbook** is a valuable resource for any young woman currently in, or searching for, housing. The booklet aims to stimulate young women's individual and collective recognition of issues affecting their lives in relation to housing, and provides them with some options for addressing commonly identified needs. Written and researched by a group of young women, the booklet provides practical, easy-to-read information on available housing options - from short term emergency accommodation to public housing - as well as fundamental issues such as support, sharing and safety. The booklet concludes with a concise directory of housing services around Brisbane.

The **Worker's Resource Book** was written by the project worker for other youth and/or housing workers. It outlines how the project was carried out and the findings. It is designed to be a highly practical resource for

workers interested in participatory processes of working and/or young women's housing issues. Part A examines participatory research methods based on the worker's experiences. Part B presents the housing issues identified by young women involved in the project, together with huge lists of responses generated to address these issues.

If you are interested in new ways of working with young women and in providing young women with relevant,

useable information about their housing, then the **Somewhere to Call Home** set of booklets is for you!

Sets of booklets are available for \$15
(three Young Women's Handbooks
and one Worker's Resource Book)

from Zig Zag ,

575 Old Cleveland Rd,

Camp Hill 4152. Ph: (07) 843 1823.

Individual copies of both booklets are
available at a reduced price after an
original set purchase.



IN a world where the 'backlash' has seen the greatest offensive against women's right to abortion, jobs, child care and social services in decades, now more than ever the women's movement must work together to create a better future. In Australia, the Labor Government of Hawke and now Keating has presided over an increasing wage gap between men and women, cuts to women's services, job losses, and little change to the status of women.

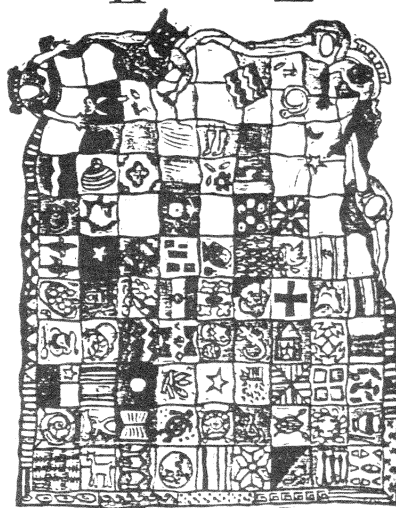
More and more the public face of feminism is seen as the 'femocracy', those women who were active in the 70s for women's rights and who are now on government payrolls and committees, hamstrung by politicians who have a little concern for women's rights other than the preoccupation with the production of glossy pamphlets and reports.

On campus, the advent of the loans scheme will drive millions of women into poverty and debt before they can even find jobs. And those women that are able to enter University will have a low retention rate particularly in non-traditional disciplines.

Unemployment is at its highest levels since the depression, and women are being driven out of full-time work into part-time and casual jobs with no job security, sick pay or holiday pay. The Youth Wages scheme, Enterprise Bargaining and the Employment Contracts Scheme look set to drive women and men's wages into the dark ages. Once again it will be women, those with the least bargaining power, who will work for slave wages with no protection from Trade Unions.



NOWSA



Network of Women Students
Australia

Annual Conference
5-9 July 1993
Brisbane

NOWSA has a long history and occupies an important place in the women's movement in Australia. After all, what other conference can bring over 300 women together from campuses all around the country to educate, activate and agitate for women's right to education, land rights, jobs, abortion, social services, self-determination, to proper health care and an end to discrimination?!

NOWSA - the Network of Women Students Australia, started in 1987, bringing together women from all backgrounds and campuses into a forum for discussion, information sharing, education and activism. Last year saw the advent of political action as part of the conference agenda. Women took to the streets in their hundreds, protesting the government's education cutbacks and with a wide range of women's rights demands. This

year we plan to continue this new tradition in Brisbane, as activism will always comprise the fundamentals of the women's movement.

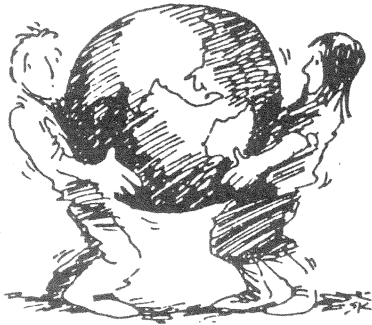
1993 is the International Year of the World's Indigenous People's, and NOWSA, as part of its commitment to internationalism, is focusing on indigenous women's issues as a major part of the conference agenda, with speakers from Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and hopefully South Sea Islander women's communities. This year we are honoured to have Diana Pumpak attend and address NOWSA on the student struggle in Indonesia against the oppressive Suharto regime. The Australian Government and big business have blood on their hands in South East Asia, from Indonesia and East Timor to Bougainville. Diana is also a member of Student Solidarity for Democracy in Indonesia and will have some important information to share on women's struggles in her country. Recently the first Asian Indigenous Women's Conference was held in the Philippines. A selection of papers from this conference will be available at the NOWSA conference.

One of the most important aspects of the NOWSA tradition is the night time activities. This year we have planned a cabaret, a public meeting on women and the media, a women performers evening and of course the traditional women's dance at the end of the conference! Women are encouraged to bring instruments and ideas for performance at the Monday Night cabaret. NOWSA participants will also be offered discounts at selected book stores, cafes and Flying Frogs will be providing soothing massages to weary conference-goers during NOWSA.

This year's NOWSA conference will be a big one. We encourage women from all over Australia to attend. Billets will be provided for those who require them. Hope to see you there!

The NOWSA Collective

For more info contact
Pippa or Toni on (07) 371 1611
or Freya on (07) 358 4875.
(See page 24 for venue details).



When kids come together, they get a lot done...

Kids Meeting Kids

International Children's Congress

Kids came together from many places when KIDS MEETING KIDS held their International Children's Congress on 20 November 1992 in cooperation with UNICEF. About 250 kids between the ages of 4 and 19 came from over 100 countries, and talked about the needs of children within their own countries and the needs of children everywhere. Among these kids were homeless kids, street kids, refugees, and others who were going through difficult times. We talked about the big problems that many kids face and how we, as young people, can solve them. We also talked about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and ways to further its work.

Kids started to get to know each other by sharing information and materials on their home countries and cultures. Some kids had games from their countries and played them with the kids in their groups.

Later on, kids reported on the situation in their countries. Some reported by Luma-phone, a phone provided by the Copen Fund that allows you to hear and see who you are talking to. We heard reports from kids from different parts of the world on what was happening for kids in their countries. This was the first time we ever used this kind of technology to report the situation for kids. We heard kids from Brazil, Mexico and Italy. The Brazilian kids were reporting from their Congress of Street Children held in Brasilia. They talked about the violence in Brazil and how they, as street children, are being

exterminated to make the streets 'cleaner'. Two kids were shot and killed the week before because of their participation in organizing their Congress. A boy from Mexico touched on drugs and problems of kids in natural disasters. The group from Italy reported on the refugees from Bosnia who are staying in their country.

A boy at the Congress also spoke about leaving Bosnia just two months ago. He was lucky enough to be with his family; but, in fact, when we asked what happened to his friends, he told us they had all been killed. Another boy from the Ivory Coast spoke about the serious problems of hunger and famine in the countries of Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia and the malnutrition of kids in his own country.

We talked about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the set of laws for children which is now international law, and how we can get all countries to ratify and enforce it. Among the countries that have not ratified it is the US. We hope that it may be ratified soon under the Clinton Administration. Writing letters and sending petitions to government leaders is one way to urge leaders to ratify.

Many kids at the Congress wrote letters and started off petitions which, in the US, they were going to send to (then) President-Elect Bill Clinton before his Inaugural Day. We urge that other kids and adults do this as well.

It is very important to let others know about the work kids are doing and to see that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is imposed in all the countries of the world. Kids from different countries are writing to each other - talking about themselves, their countries, and ways they can make children's rights possible, and peace throughout the world. They are forming international networks where children from all countries can spread information about what is happening for kids. They have formed a computer network where kids can spread information about what is happening for them and ways that kids and grown ups can help. Please pass the word on to your friends, classmates, group leaders, teachers and anyone you might know who would be interested. If you would like a petition or more information, please call or write to:

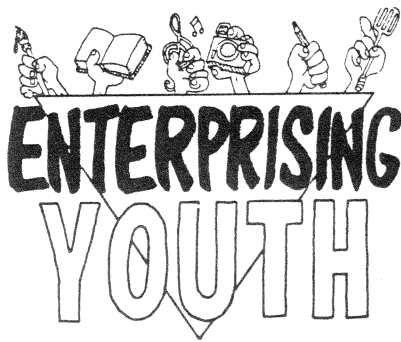
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Kids Meeting Kids
380 Riverside Drive, Box 8H
New York NY 10025 USA
Phone: US (212) 662 2327

Herbert Williams

From: "National Coalition News", Vol 17, No 4, Spring 1993 (National Coalition of Alternative Community Schools, Summertown, USA.)





Hi. My name is Shirley Burrows and I have been quietly creating **Enterprising Youth** over the past 12 months. My aim is to help young people restore a sense of "self", to once again regain the early childhood belief that "anything is possible". **Enterprising Youth** aims to support and encourage the individual to recognise their uniqueness and their spirit. This will be achieved through the following initiatives, broadly divided into five main areas:

Information and Education: This group will be responsible for creating a magazine, liaising with media, coordinating workshops, running the library and so on.

Enterprising Youth is an initiative whose purpose is "to empower young people to speak and live their truth, to be responsible for their own personal growth and to bring into the world what they truly love".

Business: This group is for those young people interested in running their own business, however large or small. Ideas include a "Youth Creations" label to market artistic works, the "Pocket Money Club" for odd jobs, "Business Buddies" to align young people with successful business people for guidance and support in their own venture, and "Operation Shoebox" where people are encouraged to give those ideas kept tucked away in the ol' shoebox to young people to enable them to bring those ideas to life.

Adventure: This involves camps, travel, abseiling, firewalking, social events and more.

Service: Service is where young people are given the opportunity to "give back" to the Community.

Special Projects: Special events include projects like "The Festival of Youth", "Youth Awards" and "The Personal Growth Directory for Youth".

All activities will be run by young people, for young people. **Enterprising Youth** will be self funding with all profits returning to the young people involved.

At this early stage I am seeking to make contact with youth groups offering a service or product, individuals interested in supporting the initiative in any way and with those young people wanting to become involved.

Shirley Burrows

For more information contact Shirley Burrows, Enterprising Youth, PO Box 2066, Fortitude Valley 4006. Ph: (07) 899 2907

National Evangelization Teams

Since 1988 almost a hundred men and women have invested a year of their lives in serving on a ministry team that is radically changing the lives of young people each year. NET is a Catholic ministry of evangelization serving the church, in Australia, at its very heart and purpose. A NET team consists of twelve volunteers, aged between 18-30, who have devoted one year of their life to take up the challenge of presenting the Catholic faith to young people in a way that is meaningful and relevant to their daily lives. Each year thousands of young people across Australia are being challenged to make a personal response to the love and power of Jesus Christ.

NET is now recruiting for next year's teams, so, if you are Catholic, interested in serving God and would like more information on how you can become a NET team member, please send your name, address and phone number to the:

Recruiting Officer
National Evangelization Teams
PO Box 516
Fortitude Valley Qld 4006

or talk to our staff personally on (07) 252 1061

THUMBS UP



to WAYWARD (Women Alongside Young Women for Action, Research and Development) and workers Angie and Michaela for organising a Young Women's Speakout held in Brisbane on Monday, 28 June. The Speakout provided an opportunity for over 70 young women to meet, in a safe environment, to share their stories and experiences.

THUMBS DOWN



to National Party delegates for branding unmarried mothers as immoral, sinful and lazy. According to delegate Julia Brownhill, speaking at the party's NSW conference on 20 June, young women are having children out of boredom and because it was easier to collect the sole parent's pension than to find work. It seems Ms Brownhill would have benefited from attending the Young Women's Speakout.

Essay & Poster Competition

Building a Bridge Between

Police and
Indigenous People

What can Police and Indigenous People do
to Bridge the Gap?

We are interested in your ideas!

As this year is dedicated to the World's
Indigenous People we invite you to

WRITE AN ESSAY OR DESIGN A POSTER

expressing your feelings and ideas.

The competition is open to students of all backgrounds.

We are looking for your ideas and how you express
them. Grammar and spelling are a minor
consideration.

There is no limit to the length of the essay but we
would appreciate dedication to the theme "Building
a bridge between police and indigenous people".

The competition will be judged by a committee
which has indigenous representation. The judges'
decision will be final.

The Queensland Police Union has ownership of all
entries and they will be used as content material for
the Queensland Police Union journal.

Closing date - 27 August 1993

Send to "Competition"
PO Box 2, Roma St, Brisbane 4003

For further info contact
Charlie Grimpel on (07) 364 6199 or Netta Tyson,
Murri Mura Centre on (07) 846 5946

Committee Profile

Name:

Dianne Matters

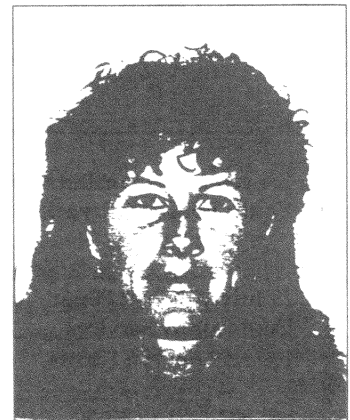
Occupation:

Freelance Youthworker
(Previously employed by
Bundaberg Area Youth
Services)

Star Sign: Cancer

Committee Position:

Committee Member



Brief Training and Work History

- 1973: Diploma Secondary Teaching (Art)
- 1974: Art Teacher, Port Augusta High School
- 1975-81: Travelled extensively, worked as housemaid, barmaid, go-go dancer, English Teacher in Japan
- 1981-82: Teaching Custom Painting (airbrush)
- 1983: Travel
- 1984: Contract Art Teacher
- 1985-86: ISIT Cert, Dept Community Welfare SA, Grad Dip in Educational Counselling, Res Care Worker
- 1987: Travel
- 1988-90: Trainer with severely intellectually disabled (Vic); Support Worker intellectually disabled (Qld)
- 1991-1993 Youthworker, YSTP Graduate

Special Skills/Interests in the Youth Field

- Counselling, both one-to-one and group work
- Holistic education
- Crime prevention

Most loved food: Toast

Favourite word/s: All words - correctly used and spelled!

What is the best thing you've ever done:

Travelled and experienced other cultures

What books are you reading at the moment:

Paul Theroux "Picture Palace"; John Keats "India File"

Who would you most like to meet:

Fyodor Dostoevsky (in the last/next life!)

What word/s might other people use to describe you:

Talkative, assertive, good-humoured

What word/s would you use to describe yourself:

Reclusive, anti-social, witty

What is your idea of perfect happiness:

Spiritual "enlightenment"

Which words or phrases do you most overuse:

Theoretically; amazing; incredible; I suspect ...

What is your greatest regret:

Nothing (I am an Existentialist!)

What one thing would improve the quality of your life:

Plumbing

How would you like to be remembered:

As I am



Interagency Meetings



July / August 93

Far North Queensland Youth Forum Network

29 July 1993 at 4.00pm
Dept Family Services
130 McCloud St, Cairns

Contact Karen Fasano

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1108
Cairns 4870
PH: (070) 525 517

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

20 July 1993 at 10.00am
Youth Access Centre
Victoria Bridge, Townsville

Contact Leslie Mackay

C/- Open Youth Project
PO Box 573 Townsville 4810
PH: (077) 713 648

Rockhampton Youth Interagency

13 July 1993 at 12.00pm
New Horizons, Quarry St

Contact Cheryl Greene

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

North West Youth Interagency Forum (Previously Mt Isa Youth Forum)

14 July 1993 at 9.00am
Turanga Centre, Enid St
Mount Isa

Contact Tim Berryman

C/- Community Dvpt Assn
PO Box 345
Mount Isa 4825
(077) 436 541

Regional Queensland Youth Interagency Meetings

Gladstone Youth Alliance

20 July 1993 at 10.00pm
Community Advisory Service

Contact Gail Law

C/- Community Advisory Service, Suncorp Bldg
141 Goondoon St
Gladstone 4680
PH: (079) 724 855

Bundaberg Youth Forum

5 August 1993 at 9.30am
Ed Centre, 78 Woongarra St
Bundaberg

Contact Genevieve Houston

C/- Youth Employment Service
PO Box 935
Bundaberg 4670
PH: (071) 537 150

Sunshine Coast Youthworkers Forum

12 August 1993 at 10.00am
One Stop Youth Shop
Collins Place, Duporth Ave

Contact Kathy Brook

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 1174
Maroochydore 4558
PH: (074) 439 661

Gold Coast Youth Network

28 July 1993 at 10.00am
Gold Coast Youth Service
15 Oak Ave, Miami

Contact Janette Green

C/- Stephens Community Centre
PO Box 881
Burleigh Heads 4220
PH: (075) 937 006



Interagency Meetings

July / August 93



Western Suburbs Interagency

27 July 1993 at 10.00am
Baptist Church,
57a Kenmore Rd, Kenmore

Contact Graeme Ault

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

Brisbane Youth Interagency

22 July 1993 at 9.30am
(Venue to be determined)

Contact Eric Moes

C/- Brisbane Youth Service
PO Box 1389
Fortitude Valley 4006
PH: (07) 852 1335

Logan Youth Interagency

27 July 1993 at 3.00pm
C'wealth Centre
Ewing and Carmody Sts
Woodridge

Contact Deidre Foreman

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

Wynnum Youth Interagency

29 July 1993 at 2.00pm
Youth Access Centre

Contact Bev Cooper

C/- Youth Access Centre
7 Ross Court
Bloomfield St
Cleveland 4164
PH: (07) 821 2887

South East Queensland Youth Interagency Meetings

Annerley Youth Interagency

2 August 1993 at 2.00pm
DSS Stones Corner

Contact Tracey Rimes

C/- Youth Access Centre
7 Ross Court
Bloomfield St
Cleveland 4164
PH: (07) 821 2917

Inala Youth Interagency LARGEFLY

8 July 1993 at 1.00pm
Inala Youth Access Centre
Inala Plaza

Contact Steve Mayers

C/- Inala Youth Service
PO Box 265, Inala 4077
PH: (07) 372 7739

Ipswich Youth Focus

21 July 1993 at 12.00pm
Conf Room, 3rd Floor
C'wealth Building,
Cnr South and East Sts

Contact Thelma Atwell

C/- Youth Access Centre
PO Box 188
Ipswich 4305
PH: (07) 281 8200

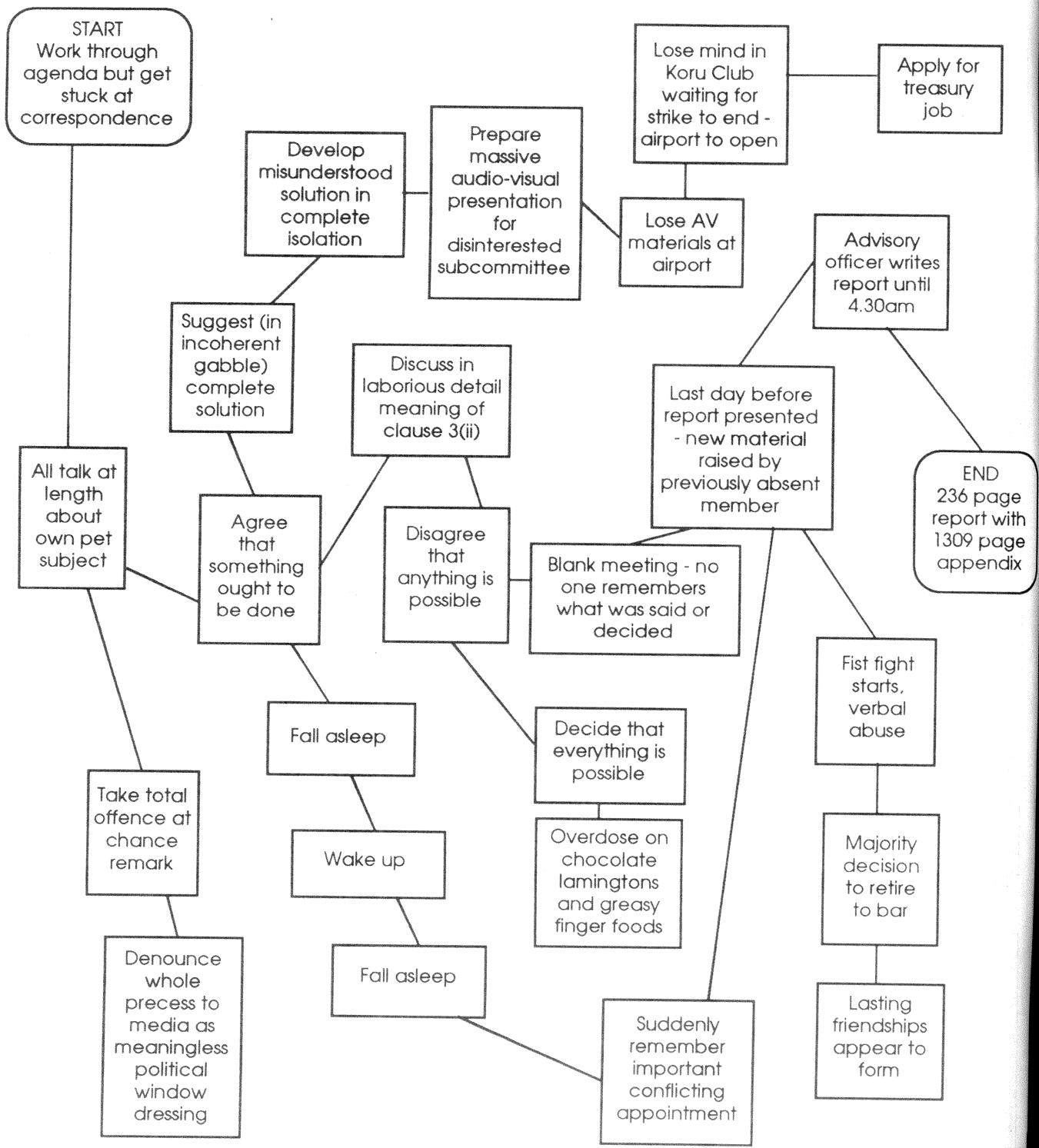
Beenleigh Youth Interagency

30 July 1993 at 1.30pm
DFSAIA, 100 George St,

Contact Gary Bourke

C/- Beenleigh Community
Health Centre
PO Box 223
Beenleigh 4207
PH: (07) 287 5344

REFORM OF EVERYTHING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALL OVER AGAIN



Meeting? - Who needs a Meeting?
What I need is a Holiday!

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ATSIC

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER COMMISSION
REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST**

**National Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
Islander Tourism
Strategy**

Registrations of Interest in the development of a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism Strategy are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians who may be involved in the tourism industry.

The Strategy is an initiative of the Royal Commission Into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody which aims to enhance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in the tourism industry.

A Tourism Industry Advisory Committee, chaired by an ATSIC Commissioner, has been formed to oversee the development of the Strategy.

The Committee would like to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations, individuals and groups; governments; government marketing agencies, tourism industry organisations and businesses; cultural and heritage bodies; specialist advisers, consultants, academics and the general public.

(A) SUBMISSIONS ON ISSUES

The Committee welcomes submissions on issues and topics for the Strategy, which will aid the development of culturally, environmentally and economically sustainable indigenous tourism in Australia.

An information paper on the possible scope of Submissions to the Strategy is available through Fax: (06) 285 3604, phone 008 020571 (answering machine) or (06) 289 8962.

(B) PROJECT CONSULTANCIES

Registration of Interest is sought from experienced consultants to research or implement projects which will aid the development of the Strategy. Research topics include supply and demand aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tourism, attitudinal surveys, enterprise analysis and developmental needs.

Following Registration of Interest for a consultancy, selected parties will be invited to tender for contracts within their field of competence. Applicants applying for a consultancy should provide details of:

- experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs;
- experience in tourism;
- experience in undertaking consultancy work for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders;
- names of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander referees; and
- curriculum vitae of personnel who would undertake work on the proposed consultancy; and

Submissions to the Strategy should be submitted by 31 July 1993. All Registrations of Interest in undertaking a consultancy should be in writing and submitted by 31 May, 1993. The Secretariat address is:

Secretariat
Tourism Industry Advisory Committee
Employment Branch
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Commission
PO Box 17
WODEN ACT 2606



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help others!**

Community Assistance Grants

The Brisbane City Council's Community Assistance Grants Program is calling for submissions for the funding of specific projects in the following areas:-

- Initiatives to assist migrant groups in local communities.
- Assistance to unemployed youth.
- Initiatives to improve facilities for the Aboriginal community.
- Services to disadvantaged women and children.
- Community-based care and access to community facilities for the aged.

Applications will be assessed by the Council in consultation with the Queensland Council of Social Services (QCOSS)

It is expected that most grants will be in the range of \$2,000 to \$5,000. These grants are not intended to cover the general operational or running costs of organisations.

To obtain guidelines and an application form contact Lisa Corrie on telephone (07) 225 4434.

Applications should be submitted to:

**Community Assistance Grants
Finance Division
Floor 6 Brisbane Administration Centre
GPO Box 1434 Brisbane 4001
Attn: Local Government Clerk Finance**

Applications Close: 26 July, 1993.

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**Improving Educational Opportunities for
Disadvantaged Students - The Smith Family**

The Smith Family EDU-CATE program exists to improve educational opportunities for disadvantaged students. It is accessible to only one child in any family and contributes to the child's education from Year 7 until age 16 when Commonwealth Austudy arrangements are applied. The amount of scholarship varies according to city of location. Annual scholarships are paid between \$260 and \$350.

**For further information contact THE SMITH FAMILY,
17 Peel Street, Locked Bag 1000, South Brisbane 4101.
Phone: (07) 846 4400. Fax: (07) 848 4348**

HEALTH FOR MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE: VALUING DIVERSITY

This national conference aims to promote equity and the value of diversity in delivering health care to our multicultural society. Its objectives are: 1) to present policies and management practices currently used in the delivery of health services to Australians of non-English speaking backgrounds; 2) to promote and develop strategies to improve the management and delivery of health services to multicultural Australia; and 3) to promote strategies which will orient services to achieve better health outcomes. The conference will focus on a range of themes relevant to service delivery and organisational change in health care in Australia.

DATE: 10-12 November 1993
VENUE: University of Sydney

For further info contact Paul Conroy on (02) 718 8440.

PUTTING CHILD WELFARE BACK ON THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL AGENDA

Hosted by the Child, Adolescent and Family Welfare Association of Queensland (CAFWAQ) this statewide conference is for all non-government and government organisations involved in the provision of services for children, young people and families. The conference is open to all interested organisations and individuals in the welfare sector. Topic areas will include family, outcomes, practice, management, parenting and ethics.

DATE: 24-26 October 1993
VENUE: Hervey Bay

For further info contact CAFWAQ on (07) 839 1150.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT

The conference aims to provide an appropriate forum for those working and/or researching in the area of unemployment to raise issues and present findings to fellow workers, researchers and other interested participants.

DATE: 27-28 September 1993
VENUE: Griffith University,
Nathan Campus, Brisbane

For further info contact Peter Creed on (07) 213 1888, Brian Drury on (07) 808 0500, Loretta Poero on (07) 226 9111 or Tass Sakellariou on (07) 212 6666.

CRITICAL CONNECTIONS

This National Rural and Remote Allied Health Professionals Conference will encourage presentations, discussion and debate to lead to the review and improvement of health service delivery. In particular, the conference offers delegates ample opportunity to further develop clinical skills, especially those relating to Aboriginal and Islander issues in this the International Year for the World's Indigenous People.

DATE: 15-17 August 1993
VENUE: Toowoomba

For further info contact the Conference Secretariat on (07) 369 0477.

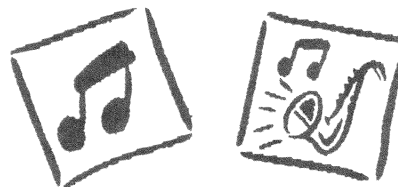
NETWORK OF WOMEN STUDENTS AUSTRALIA (NOWSA) CONFERENCE

See page 16 for further details.

DATE: 5-9 July 1993
VENUE: University of Qld

For further information contact Pippa or Toni on (07) 371 1611 or Freya on (07) 358 4875.

MUSIC: A TOOL FOR CHANGE



The Australian Youth Music Network presents this 3rd Australian Youth Music conference, a practical hands-on workshop approach to exploring the notion "Music: A Tool for Change". Program content includes 1) young people, crime and music; 2) how to build a music studio on a shoestring; 3) music and the Koori Community; 4) running a gig; 5) marketing and promotion; 6) information sharing; 7) improving the performance; 8) videos; and 9) producing your own CD.

DATE: 5-6 August 1993
VENUE: Brisbane Town Hall
COST: \$195 - \$120

For further info contact Darren Bennett on (054) 611 881.

JUSTICE UNAFFORDABLE IS JUSTICE DENIED

This National Association of Community Legal Centres Conference covers a broad range of topics including, in order of workshop presentation: women's issues, disability, immigration, economic access to justice, prisons, welfare rights, management issues, media, youth, tenancy, environment, clinical legal education, Aboriginal and Islander issues, law reform, NESB access, administrators, HIV/AIDS, starting a CLC, industrial issues, consumer credit, professional indemnity, lobbying for finance and police powers.

DATE: 12-16 July 1993
VENUE: Griffith University
Brisbane

For further info contact Ingrid Wigren on (07) 844 1635.

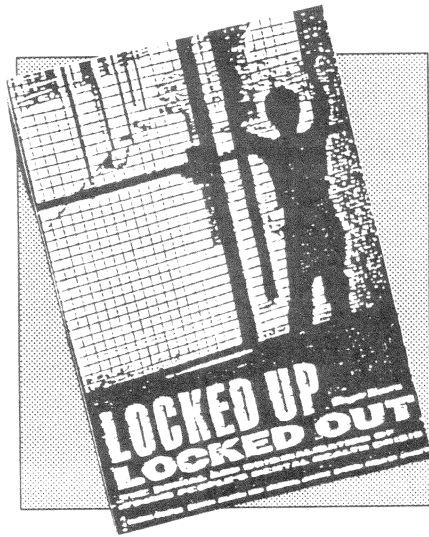
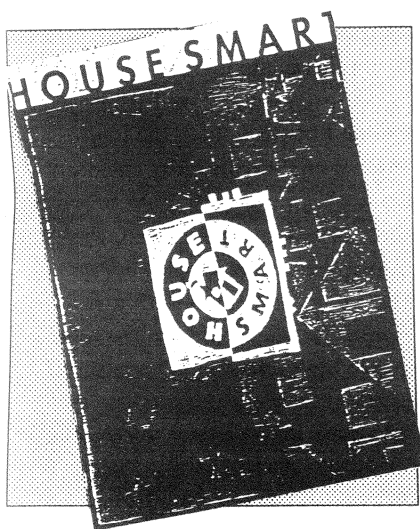
HOUSE SMART

Housing Information for Young Home Leavers

House Smart is a booklet produced by the National Union of Students and the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services designed to assist post-secondary students with their legal rights and responsibilities as tenants. It provides a useful guide to finding accommodation and tips for those moving out of home for the first time. It also provides a summary of tenant laws in an easy to read table format, and a list of organisations and people you can go to if anything goes wrong. Whilst **House Smart** is a national publication, the booklet does emphasise the differences between states and territories in tenancy law and other housing requirements.

While the Union believes that **House Smart** will fill a gap that currently exists regarding housing information, this booklet will not solve the basic problem, the lack of affordable accessible accommodation for students that is also conducive to study. Therefore NUS will continue to lobby the government to meet the housing needs of students.

For a copy of **House Smart** contact the National Union of Students, PO Box 1176, Carlton Vic 3053. Ph: (03) 347 1844.



LOCKED UP, LOCKED OUT

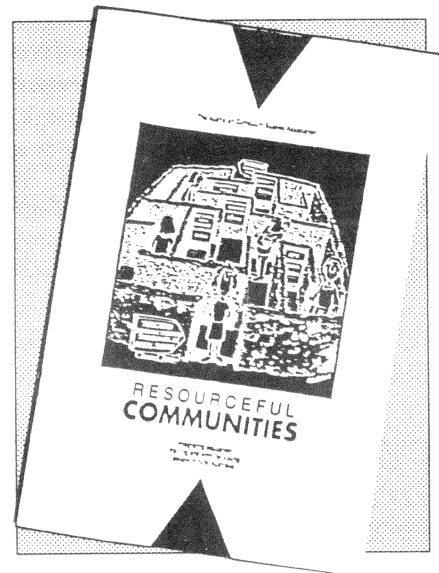
Locked Up, Locked Out: The Denial and Criminalisation of Young People's Mental Health Crisis investigates the state of mental health services for young people in Victoria. The report identifies current shortfalls in service provision which have three major implications for young people with mental health problems. First, many end up as in-patients in adult psychiatric facilities. Second, the suicide rate has now increased to be the biggest killer of young people, and finally, young people are increasingly in contact with the criminal justice system. The report also offers a comprehensive set of policy recommendations and service models relevant to all states.

The report is available for \$6 (plus postage) from the Victorian Community Managed Mental Health Services. Ph: (03) 417 2866.

RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITIES

Resourceful Communities: Integrating education, training and work for young people in rural Australia draws on the experiences of a wide range of schools in integrating with community affairs and provides some excellent examples of what can be achieved through the cooperative endeavours of rural schools, industry and the community. It also contains practical information which will assist all those people with an interest in the process of establishing greater links between education, training and work.

For a copy of "Resourceful Communities" write to the Australian Curriculum Studies Association, PO Box 884, Belconnen ACT 2626.



THE BODY BOOK

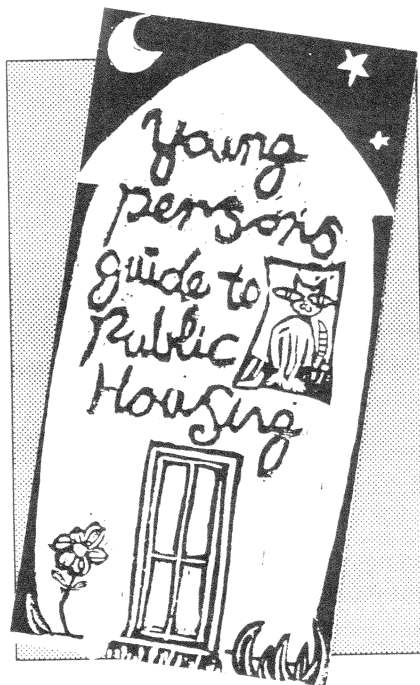
The Body Book: A Guide to Health Services for Young People is currently being produced by the Brisbane Youth Service. The book is a resource for young people about services they can access for health needs in Brisbane and also contains information about health issues and user rights.

The **Body Book** will be available free to young people and for a nominal fee to community organisations. Contact Brisbane Youth Service, PO Box 1389, Fortitude Valley 4006. Ph: (07) 852 1335.

YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE TO PUBLIC HOUSING

Young Person's Guide to Public Housing provides basic information to young people looking for public housing. The brochure outlines a range of fundamental issues which need to be considered before, during and after application for public housing. An easy-to-read, practical and informative resource for housing workers with young people.

Young Persons Guide to Public Housing is available free from SEQYAC, PO Box 324, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006. Ph: (07) 252 2555.



DISABILITY REFORM PACKAGE

The **Disability Reform Package** brings together services to help people with a disability become more independent by improving their ability to work. Through the Package, people with a disability have easier access to Commonwealth work-related rehabilitation, work programs and training courses provided by the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) to improve their ability to work. They can also get help to find a suitable

job, together with financial assistance and personal support while working. Disability Panels consisting of specially trained staff can help people with a disability decide what full or part-time work they can do. The Panel can also assist with rehabilitation, training and job search services. Panel meetings are relaxed and people can bring someone else along if they wish. Interpreters can also be arranged.



People wanting more information about the Disability Reform Package should contact the Disability Support Officer at their local Social Security office. Most offices also have a Migrant Liaison Officer - or you can phone the Multi-lingual Telephone Information Service on (07) 13 1202.

Queensland Rural Services Directory

Prepared by the Rural Communities Policy Unit, the Queensland Rural Services Directory is a guide to the range of services offered to rural communities by the Queensland Government and includes a number of Commonwealth and non-government services. The directory consists of two booklets which cover 1) Fitzroy and Central West areas; and 2) Mackay, Northern and North-West areas of Queensland. It does not aim to cover all the services available in these areas, but rather to widen the opportunities for the community to gain access to information and services.

For copies of the **Queensland Rural Services Directory** contact the Rural Communities Policy Unit, Office of the Cabinet, PO Box 390, North Quay 4002, ph (07) 225 8035 or Women's Infolink, PO Box 12275 Elizabeth St, Brisbane 4002 ph (008) 177 577.

COPING BETTER, LIVING LONGER

The Queensland Association for Mental Health is producing a video about suicide prevention - which doesn't mention the word suicide. The video will present problems commonly faced by young people, including relationship breakups, not doing well at schools and feeling hopeless about the future. The video then shows positive and negative ways of coping with those problems, such as talking about them, escaping through drug abuse, of asking for help. The video will come with a resource manual for teachers and will be supplied free to high schools in Queensland.

For more info contact Judy Magub, Friendship House, 20 Balfour St, New Farm 4005. Ph: (07) 358 4988.

WHAT IS YANQ?

The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) Inc. is the independent, non-government umbrella organisation of groups and individuals from Queensland's youth sector.

Operational since 1989, YANQ was incorporated in January 1991. The Network acts to promote the interests and well-being of young people in Queensland, especially disadvantaged young people. It advocates for them to government and the community and encourages the development of policies and programs responsive to the needs of young people.

YANQ also supports the development of regional networks in the non-government youth sector. It is YANQ's view that the development of stronger networks will lead to better services for young people as information and skills are shared.

YANQ consists of over 400 individual and organisational members throughout Queensland, including youth services, advocacy groups, church groups and community organisations with interests in areas as diverse as juvenile justice, housing, health, rural issues, young people with disabilities, young women's issues and young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-English speaking backgrounds. Associate members are drawn from federal, state and local government bodies.

WHAT DOES YANQ DO?

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

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

HOW DOES YANQ WORK?

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

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

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

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

YANQ PUBLICATIONS

NEWSLETTER

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

JOURNAL

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

WHO CAN JOIN?

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

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

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

SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers receive six newsletters and three journals per year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES PER ANNUM

Individual	Income < \$16,000	\$5.00
	\$16,000 - \$50,000	\$20.00
	Income > \$50,000	\$30.00
Organisation	No funding	\$5.00
	Funding < \$100,000	\$35.00
	Funding > \$100,000	\$50.00
Government	Department or Service	\$70.00
Subscribers	<i>transitions & Network Noise</i>	\$50.00
<i>Membership fees are due and payable on a calendar year basis (covering the period 1 January - 31 December)</i>		

YANQ MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTION FORM

(Contact) Name: _____

Organisation / Dept: _____

Postal Address: _____ Code: _____

Street Address: _____ Code: _____

Ph: () _____ Fax: () _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY APPLIED FOR

Individual	Income < \$16,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	Organisation	No Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00
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	Income > \$50,000	N-G <input type="checkbox"/>	Govt <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00		Funding > \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
						Government Department or Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$70.00
SUBSCRIBERS						<i>Transitions & Network Noise only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00

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

Signed _____ Date _____

Membership applications must be approved by the YANQ Coordinating Committee

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