YOUTH AFFAIRS NETWORK OF QUEENSLAND INC

1994 POLICY FORUM REPORT

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YANQ Policy Forum
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REPORT ON YANQ ACTIVITIES

SINCE THE 1993 POLICY FORUM

The 1993 Policy Forum nominated four objectives which were to be YANQ's priorities for the ensuing twelve months. These objectives were:

- To increase awareness of needs and to provide support and information to ensure that young people and workers with young people have increased access to information, resources, services and support in rural, remote and isolated areas.

- To investigate representation on Youth Arts Queensland and Cross-Departmental Reference Committee on Youth and Community Cultural Development, and to develop responses to perceived gaps for disadvantaged young people.

- To develop a policy position on employment, focussing particularly on state issues. This will involve research on alternative responses to unemployment, and on structural causes of unemployment. It will also focus on long-term unemployed young people. The policy will inform YANQ's input to the development of labour market programs and will also be used to educate the youth sector.

- To gain funding for an ATSI Networking Project which will provide support and resources for the ATSI Working Party. The purpose of the project, as developed by the Working Party, is to build a statewide network and to develop a culturally appropriate and effective infrastructure that will provide a forum for the ATSI youth sector in this state. This will act as an effective mechanism for advocacy, consultation, coordination and information exchange between government departments, the ATSI youth sector and the mainstream youth sector. The purpose is also to enable all ATSI organisations working with young people in Queensland to inform, negotiate with, and influence government and non-government organisations.

The Policy Forum also proposed the following objectives, but these were not accorded the same level of importance.

- To respond to the White Paper on Employment Opportunities.

- Given the high youth unemployment rate and the changing labour market, to influence public and government perceptions on increased need for recreation and leisure for disadvantaged young people.

- To ensure that YANQ's communications and publications disseminate information to the sector and the community about the networking project and about ATSI youth issues generally.

A review of YANQ's Strategic Plan by the Coordinating Committee in November 1993 directed that YANQ should attempt to develop written policy in each of its priority areas, and attract funding to conduct projects relevant to these objectives.

This report provides information on YANQ's activities in each of the priority areas. It will also provide a brief overview of YANQ's activities in other areas related to youth policy.

YANQ OBJECTIVES

RURAL, REMOTE AND ISOLATED YOUNG PEOPLE AND WORKERS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The Rural and Isolated Working Party was established in 1993 as a result of the 1992 Policy Forum. It had met a number of times prior to the 1993 Forum, via teleconference, providing an opportunity for workers in rural areas to exchange ideas and information. After the 1993 Policy Forum the Working Party was reconvened and other workers were approached about becoming involved. The mailing list for the Working Party has consequently grown to include 21 workers from around the state.

The Working Party has acted as a forum for information exchange and networking among rural workers. It has sought funding to develop a rural services directory and to maintain its operations into the future. To date, it has had no success. It has provided policy advice to YANQ and to AYPAC on a number of issues. It commented on the AYPAC discussion paper, "Towards a National Rural Youth Policy", with a view to adopting the AYPAC policy as YANQ policy on its completion.

The Working Party successfully submitted to the Youth Bureau for funding to cover half of the cost of sending a delegate to the International Rural Affairs Conference in Townsville in July 1994. A detailed report on the Conference will be completed soon.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND RECREATION

The Working Party developed an action plan in January 1994, the main objective of which was to develop a draft policy statement on young people and recreation. Information has been collected on current provision in this area, and strategies employed in other states. A research project is currently under way to draw out information on young people's recreation preferences from needs assessments conducted around the state. This project has been funded by the Youth Bureau, and is due for completion immediately prior to the Policy Forum. This information will form the basis of recommendations to the various levels of government. The Working Party expects to complete the policy in time to influence the next state budget cycle.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The Employment Working Party met in late 1993 to develop a workplan for presentation to the January 1994 Coordinating Committee meeting. The major aims specified in the workplan were to respond to the Green paper on Employment Opportunities and to develop a comprehensive policy statement on employment, education and training. The response to the Green Paper was submitted in March 1994.

The drafting of the policy statement involved a comprehensive review of the literature on employment, education and training, and consultations with providers of employment related services and with young people. The consultations with young people, held in Bundaberg, the Gold Coast and Logan, were organised by members of the Working Party.

Staff also prepared an article on youth wages for WISER, the Journal of the Whitlam Institute for Social and Economic Research, presented a paper to the National Conference on Unemployment at QUT in June, and conducted media interviews on employment, training and income support for young people.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER YOUNG PEOPLE

YANQ maintained its support activities for the already established ATSI Working Party. The Working Party met monthly by face to face meetings of its Brisbane members with teleconference links to other members across the state. The Working Party's Action Plan, developed late in 1993 involves the submission presently before government for a statewide ATSI Networking Project. Negotiations have continued over this period with the proposed funding bodies: the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning, Queensland Health, the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, and the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs. A submission has also been prepared to ATSIC as a potential funding source.

YANQ has recently been informed that a sub-element of the Working Party's action plan, to seek funding for specific ATSI youth related research issues has been successful. A submission for a Youth Strategy Action Grant to develop a model of Community Development Employment Program (based in Cherbourg) has been approved, and the project will begin in late 1994.

STATE GOVERNMENT YOUTH POLICY PROCESS

YANQ has provided both formal and informal feedback to the Youth Bureau throughout the development of the Youth Advisory Forum process. YANQ's input largely related to ensuring a measure of control by young people over the process. YANQ staff were involved in facilitating a small group at the State Forum, and were present to see young people's presentations of their issues.

YANQ has been invited to be involved in evaluating the Forum process.

INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER POLICY AREAS

Young People and Mental Health

In February YANQ conducted a Forum for workers in the youth sector and the mental health sector regarding young people and mental health, and in particular, the findings of the Burdekin Inquiry into Mental Illness. The Forum was attended by 80 workers, representing 50 agencies from around south east Queensland. The Forum was addressed by the Queensland Director of Mental Health, Dr Harvey Whiteford, by the PRO and by youthworkers from Brisbane Youth Service. Small groups developed statewide and regional responses to the issues discussed.

The PRO subsequently resourced a group of youth and mental health agencies in Brisbane north who met to develop proposals for mental health projects and services for young people. The group has made submissions to both state and federal funding programs. The PRO also wrote an article in response to the Burdekin report which was published in the ACOSS publication, *Impact*.

Child Protection Legislation

YANQ prepared a detailed submission to the Review of Queensland's Child Protection Legislation. This involved a Brisbane Forum for interested members and a teleconference with members of the Policy Forum from outside Brisbane. A review of relevant literature was also carried out. Feedback from the final submission has been positive. It is expected that YANQ will be consulted again about the Bill before it is presented to Parliament later this year.

Young Homeless Allowance

YANQ undertook a number of activities in relation to the Young Homeless Allowance. The Allowance was the subject of considerable public debate over the last twelve months, and YANQ has initiated contact with the media on a number of occasions to present a youth sector view.

In January YANQ organised and hosted a forum for workers with young people to have input to the Department of Social Security Review of the Administration of the Young Homeless Allowance. Staff of the Department were present to receive feedback on the allowance's administration.

YANQ also prepared a submission to the House of Representatives Inquiry into Aspects of Youth Homelessness, and subsequently spoke at the public hearings convened in Brisbane in June. The YANQ submission argued that recent media criticisms of the allowance were unfounded, and that there continue to be significant barriers to young people's obtaining payments. It suggested that a full range of family support services were required to avert homelessness. Finally, it argued that the current levels of payment under the allowance are inadequate and should immediately be raised to at least the levels of the adult Job Search Allowance.

Education and Young People's Rights

YANQ cooperated with other organisations in preventing amendments to the Education Act relating to Exclusion and Suspension. The amendments would have institutionalised a greater role for principals in decisions about suspensions, and provided no adequate safeguards to protect young people's rights. This action led to the formation of the Justice in Education Task Group.

Youth Sector Training

The PRO has served as the Vice Chairperson of the Youth Sector Training Council for the last twelve months. The co-location of YANQ and the YSTC has contributed to informal information exchange and cooperation which has proven beneficial to both organisations. YANQ and the YSTC were both involved in negotiations over the future of the Youth Sector Training Program, after support for the program was withdrawn by the Youth Bureau.

SUPPORT FOR OTHER YOUTH POLICY GROUPS

In addition to its own activities and projects, YANQ supports a number of other non-government groups that are active in the youth policy arena. These include:

Youth Justice Coalition

Support to the Coalition is provided through the use of meeting facilities and filing space. YANQ staff, through their involvement in the Coalition, have participated in meetings with the Protective Services and Juvenile Justice Branch of the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs regarding juvenile crime, and with the Shadow Minister for Family Services and Shadow Attorney-General. YANQ staff and committee members have also initiated media contact on the issue of juvenile crime.

NESB Youth Issues Network

YANQ has continued to provide input and administrative support to the Network. It auspiced successful applications for funding to the Youth Bureau and the Bureau of Ethnic Affairs. These funds were used to conduct a literature search of the considerable body of research on NESB young people in south east Queensland, and to develop a two year strategic plan for the Network. As an outcome of this project, the Bureau of Ethnic Affairs is in the process of establishing a reference group on NESB young people's issues, involving representatives of relevant Government Departments. The funds will also be used to conduct regional forums on NESB youth issues.

YANQ and the Network prepared a submission for funding under the Grant in Aid program for the employment of a NESB youth policy worker, to be based at YANQ. The submission was successful, and funding for the project will commence in October 1994. These new resources will significantly reduce the role of existing YANQ staff in the Network.

WAYWARD

YANQ has continued to circulate minutes on behalf of WAYWARD. The role of direct involvement in the group has been assumed by the YANQ Coordinating Committee.

Justice in Education Task Group

This group was formed in early 1994 as a result of issues raised in the context of the Youth Justice Coalition, particularly relating to the exclusion and suspension of young people from school. The group met regularly during the first half of the year, developing strategies for influencing legislation and policy on exclusion and suspension, and the way the policy is implemented in schools. The group has recently suspended its operations in order to join a similar campaign being conducted by Defence for Children International.

Queensland Council of Social Service

Tony Parsons was nominated by YANQ for membership of the QCOSS management committee to maintain the youth sector voice in the organisation.

NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

YANQ's membership and direct involvement in the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC) has been actively maintained. As the national peak body on youth affairs, AYPAC has played a major role in lobbying the Federal Government on a wide range of issues including health, education, employment, income support and housing. YANQ has been directly involved in the preparation of submissions on these issues through policy consultations or through membership of AYPAC's National Representatives Board (NRB).

YANQ's representative on the NRB and AYPAC Deputy Chairperson, Lindsay Granger, was also involved in the preparation of the Youth Gathering '94, a national conference for young people and youthworkers held in Sydney on 7 - 9 July. Primarily funded by a $60,000 DEET grant, this conference planned to provide the first opportunity for a national youth sector gathering since early 1991, and also the first time AYPAC had been able to use a conference as a point of direct contact with its members and the national youth sector generally.

PUBLICATIONS

transitions

YANQ has produced three editions of *transitions*, YANQ's research journal, on the topics of Employment, Juvenile Justice and Rural and Isolated issues. Preparation of the July-Oct 94 edition on Young People and Discrimination has commenced. YANQ has received positive feedback on *transitions*, and it has continued to attract contributions from a variety of significant writers in the field.

Network Noise

Five editions of *Network Noise* were published and distributed since the 1993 Policy Forum. Articles have covered a wide range of topics, including information on upcoming events, policy submissions, recent significant events, and developments in YANQ's priority areas. Members have been contacted on a regular basis for contributions. YANQ has also continued to be regularly contacted by workers in the sector about the inclusion of notices, articles and leaflets in the newsletter.

CATHERINE BLACK

WAYWARD (Women Alongside Young Women for Action, Research and Development)

Agency

ZigZag Young Women's Resource Centre

W.A.Y.W.A.R.D. is a community based feminist network which strives to empower and celebrate young women and the women who work with them, through action, research and development.

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months ?

- Domestic Violence for young women who have **no** access to young women specific accommodation (ie refuges).
- Child Protection Legislation.
- Limited funding of the W.A.Y.W.A.R.D. Network.
- Lack of counselling and support services for young women in the areas of
  - Sexual Abuse
  - Eating Disorders
- W.A.Y.W.A.R.D. looking at involving young women in the network.
- Young women's issues in general.

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months ?

- Limited resourcing means that we are unable to proactively seek funding and are constrained in addressing issues.
- W.A.Y.W.A.R.D. consolidating and developing a strategic plan - looking at being more responsive to young women and workers.
- W.A.Y.W.A.R.D members have been active in the following newly funded projects :-
  - Sexual Violence Prevention Program, for you women with mild intellectual disabilities.
  - Forgotten Voices, - a community arts project for young people.

What three issues would your group like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Raise the profile of young women specific issues in the youth sector.
- To provide or assist W.A.Y.W.A.R.D. to gain a worker as a resource person who would resource W.A.Y.W.A.R.D. and also resource Y.A.N.Q., in terms of providing a gender analysis for issues as they arise.
- Lobby for increased services that would resource and support young women who endure marginalisation because of their age and gender.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Recreation:

- W.A.Y.W.A.R.D. has sought funding from Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing to organise another Young Women's Speakout (during Youthweek).

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

W.A.Y.W.A.R.D. Young Women's Speak Out Report - Zig Zag.
Y.A.C.C.A. Opportunistic Prostitution.
Logan Migrant Neighbourhood Centre - Cross Cultural Camp.
Unmasking Young Women's Issues - Linda Manning - Zig Zag.
Somewhere to Call Home - Sally Watson - Zig Zag.
Brisbane City Mission - Young Parenting Women
Wild Women's Group Research Report - to be launched November 1994.

Have any of these reports had any influence in the youth sector ?

All have influenced the Youth Sector in terms of workers and the community gaining a more in-depth appreciation of young women's experiences and have therefore raised the profile of young women's issues in the sector.

MARIANNE ELLSWORTH

SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND YOUTH ACCOMMODATION COALITION (SEQYAC)

Agency

Teen Challenge

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months ?

1. Income Support
2. NESB Issues
3. Rural and Remote

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months ?

1. Income support - concerns about Youth Training Initiative (YTI)
2. Young Homeless Allowance and Protocols

What three issues would your group like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

1. Income support especially the new Y.T.I. and its relation to CES etc..
2. The DSS and DFSAIA Protocols
3. NESB Issues.

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

The HRS worker has visited and supplied information re housing and housing programs to allow better access to housing and related services for these groups.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Youth employment:

The Inquiry into "Apsects of Youth Homelessness"
The new Youth Training Initiative- we had some input into it.

LAWRIE MOYNIHAN
YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION

Agency

Logan Youth Legal Service

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months ?

1. Education Department policy and legislation
2. Monitoring new Juvenile Justice legislation
3. Proposed Smoking Act

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months ?

1. New Juvenile Justice legislation
2. Youth Legal Aid Service
3. Defence for Children International

What three issues would your group like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

1. World Peace
2. Training for Youth Workers on Legal Issues
3. Increase links with Defence for Children International and Legal Services
4. Exclusion and Expulsions.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

- Westbrook closing down makes it more difficult for remote communities.
- Young people still in watchhouses in country areas. No bail accommodation yet by Department of Family Services.

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people:

- JJ Act brought in use of Elder in cautioning young people. (Not too sure if it's working).

Recreation:

- Youth space shop proposal in Brisbane central.
- Young people constantly being moved from areas where they gather for recreation.

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Transitions - Y.A.N.Q.

KAYE NUNAN
YOUTH ARTS QUEENSLAND

What group are your representing ?

Youth Arts Organisations

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months ?

1. Exploring collaborative funding for Youth Arts Organisation from Arts and non arts bodies.
2. Creating opportunities for professional development and training for Youth Arts Workers.
3. Advocating for Youth Arts representation on Arts QLD. decision making bodies/ advocating for a youth arts and cultural development policy.

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months ?

1. Increasing interest from the Youth Sector in understanding the role, arts and cultural development can play in youth work.
2. Shift in focus for youth theatre groups to a broader arts focus.

What three issues would your group like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

1. I'd like to see the needs of ATSI young people continue, but NESB could also be a priority if it hasn't been so before.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

- Access to, and participation in, arts and cultural development activities remains problematic
- Obvious factors ie. lack of transport, lack of dedicated youth spaces are significant barriers. However lack of youth arts infrastructure in these regions is a problem Youth Arts Qld is trying to address.
- Individual artists working with young people need to be supported.

Recreation:

- Recreation continues to be a term which centres on SPORT!! I think the work of Y.A.N.Q.'s Recreation Working Party on broadening that definiton to incorporate notion of arts and cultural development has been important.

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Youth Arts Queensland is currently undertaking research into the arts and cultural development needs of young people in Mareeba/Yarrabah/Mt. Morgan. Some of that research should be ready by Policy Forum.

TONG GALIKI

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WORKING PARTY

What group are you representing ?

Darumbal Youth Service- Rockhampton

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months ?

1. Access and Equity
2. Employment Options
3. Recognition
4. Lack of interest for support to attend the 3rd World Indigenous Youth Conference.

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months ?

- Youth Wilderness Cultural group
- Youth Oriented Ideas
- International Youth Workers targeted for 'Programming'
- Substance use Education
- Cultural Exchange Workshop - "for all !"
- Young people's Spirituality.

What three issues would your group like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Media hype and misinformation
- Community Education program /awareness that young people are human too !
- Cultural development for murries and non-murries
- More ongoing funding (long-term) rather than one-off/short-term.
- Maintain links Nationwide through database, if possible.
- To lift the profile of the Aboriginal and Torres Islander Working Party.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

- Limited resources and networks for appropriate referrals.
- Rural and remote needs recognition
- Mental Health Education to help families cope with suicide attempts and grief.
- Develop exchange programs for under 15s to link into city program.
- Increase funding for service needs and delivery

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people:

- The big problems Murri young people face today are racism and a general perception that they are hopeless and not worth the time of day
- Giving alternative measures for model behaviour.
- Lack of respect for themselves and others, eg. Elders and parents.
- Appropriate Role Models who are Murris (not North American **or fashion**able footwear !)

Recreation:

- After hours recreation activities in a safe environment
- Give more opportunities for young people to make decisions.
- Increase adventure based and experiential learning options.

Youth Employment

- Training for employers about their obligations to young people and not assume that they would do the right thing.
- Look at any issues for young people that may reduce his/her ability to attend or concentrate on work especially through the 3 to 6 months.
- Allow follow-up visit at work place to "touch-base" with young people over the initial 3 month period depending on young person.
- More Cadetships and Traineeships

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Girls Time Out
YACCA (Youth and Community Combined Action) - Janine Grebert.

Have any of these reports had any influence in the youth sector ?

- A good report on our young women- how sexual advancement is made towards them.
- Needs identified by youth was an important issue.

NICOLE ROSSITER

Y.M.C.A.

What group are you representing ?

Y.M.C.A. of Brisbane

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months ?

- Youth Development
- Recreational Holiday Programs - providing unique and various alternatives to our holiday programs.

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months ?

- Increased need for young qualified outdoor Recreation Leaders.
- More needs for disabled people - Q-Rapid
- Provision of more challenging programs
- Development of programs for older age groups (12 - 15 years) specific to their needs

What three issues would your group like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Peer support programs - both community and schools (Youth Supporting Youth)
- Effective leadership training within communities for young people
- Community recreation (after hours) programs- get youth off the streets and
- participating in something constructive.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

Future - rural/city exchange
funding

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people:

- Y.M.C.A. hired campsite to ATSIC in January 1994 for Orientation to City Week.
- Assmilation and acceptance within communities.
- Assimilation and acceptance of existing communities.

Recreation

- Disabled
- Providing recreational programs
- Assimilating amongst others
- Providing wheelchair/disabled people improved facilities at campsites eg. ramps, pathways etc.

Youth Employment:

- Youth Parliamentary Bill - Youth Parliament Scheme
  "Employer Apprenticeship Incentive Scheme Bill 1994"

MARISA PATCHELL

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH

Agency

Neighbourhood Youth Project- Thuringowa

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months ?

- Bringing together a multidisciplinary body at grass roots level to address adolescent health issues.
- Creation of a lobby group made up of both government and non-government youth sector representatives.
- Provide a forum for training and education in adolescent issues.
- Youth participation in A.A.A.H. activities.

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months ?

- Monthly meetings of A.A.A.H. to enable above mentioned issues to be addressed including networking and information swapping.
- Development of a submission for a research project involving young people in action research to determine problem solving strategies in the area of youth suicide.

What three issues would your group like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Address youth suicide
- Development of more youth participation to address issues affecting their lives
- Increase access to services such as health, recreation and accommodation through recognition that transport is a factor restricting access particularly in rural and regional areas.
- Unemployment

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

- Setting up of Magnetic North Youth Service Providers forum to discuss local issues.
- Setting up of A.A.A.H. Townsville Branch to discuss adolescent health issues.
- Setting up of Neighbourhood Youth Project to meet the needs of adolescents living in Thuringowa Council
- Setting up of SKIDS providing mobile food outreach service.

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people:

- Not enough being done in this area.

Recreation:

- Neighbourhood Youth Project-Thuringowa provides recreational activities for 10-16 yr.olds

Youth Employment

- Not enough being done in this area.

JAMES FINN

YOUTH SECTOR TRAINING COUNCIL

Agency:

Youth and Family Service, Logan City

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months?

- Funding shortfall for national co-ordination of youth sector training
- Maintaining youth sector involvement in the Training Reform Agenda
- Development of training resources is limited by insufficient allocation of resources

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months?

- Increased staffing levels and developing an appropriate organisational structure.
- Developing an Australian Vocational Certificate training program
- YACCA training
- Developing training strategies in mental health and user rights

What three issues would you like to see YANQ act on over the next year?

- Workplace based training for youthworkers
- Employment of young people in the youth sector.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems of young people in rural and remote communities

- Developing a regional structure that incorporates regional branches
- Ensuring training programs are developed at a number of locations around the state
- Utilising local trainers in program delivery

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people

- Cross-cultural training package for youthworkers
- Consultation with young people to develop resources for everyday practice
- Student placement from Kangaroo Point

Youth Employment

- Development of Australian Vocational Certificate project

Please list any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Cross Cultural Training Workbook	YSTC	YSTC
YACCA Training Report	YSTC	YSTC
Male Sexual Assault Training Report	YSTC	YSTC
Training Needs Analysis Framework	YSTC	YSTC
YSTC Newsletter	YSTC	YSTC
YACCA Newsletter	YSTC	YSTC
Draft National Competency Standards	NYSTU	NYSTU

PAUL MARTIN

TOEHOLD (Gay and Lesbian Young People)

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months?

- Consolidation of existing services
- Attainment of funding

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months?

- Funding of a health needs analysis
- Funding to run "Stepping Out' workshops and BLYSS drop in group
- Incorporation of Toehold
- Establishment of BLYSS (Brisbane Lesbian Youth Social Support)

What three issues would your group like to see YANQ act on over the next year?

- Participation by young people (in policy and programs)
- Networking of young women's organisations
- Policy and programs need to take account of gay and lesbian young people and their issues.

FRANCINE SEETO

NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND YOUTH ISSUES NETWORK

What have been the key issues for your group over the last twelve months?

- Strategic Plan for the Network for the next 2 years
- Regional information and increased networking
- Secure full time worker for the Network
- Support and resources for cross-cultural training projects

What have been the major developments in your area of interest in the last twelve months?

- Strategic Plan for the Network for the next 2 years
- NESB youth policy worker funded for 2 years based at YANQ
- Cross-cultural awareness training in youth sector state wide
- Outreach forum for north Queensland workers on NESB youth issues, the first step to expansion of the Network.

What three issues would you like to see YANQ act on over the next year?

- Would like YANQ to develop and represent/advocate for policy which is culturally inclusive- to do this more effectively, tapping into the NESB Youth Issues Network and the worker. Basically, YANQ could raise the profile of NESB youth issues to a greater extant than it does at present.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems of young people in rural and remote communities

- North Queensland consultation/forum and report, by Susan Ferguson (August 1994)

Please list any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Accommodating Difference	Ian O'Connor, Annie Gowing, Corrie Macdonald	SEQYAC
Working with Diversity	Theresa Gatbonton Donna Hughes	Migrant Women's Emergency Support Service
Mission Possible	Compiled by Helen Ferguson for NESBYIN	YANQ/ Youth Bureau

REPORTS FROM INTERAGENCY DELEGATES

BILL BRINER

IPSWICH YOUTH FOCUS - YOUTH INTER AGENCY

What have been the key achievements by your inter agency, or by services in you region, over the last twelve months ?

- Strengthening of the youth network
- Establishment of a youth intellectual disability service for young people
- Appointment of a Youth Development Officer at the Council.
- Development of a Youth drop in centre at Esk.
- New position of a school liaison officer at a local private school.
- Pilot of a youth health nurse based at one local high school.
- Forum developed by young people "Youth for Youth".
- Funding and establishment of a support group for young parents.
- SAAP - Youth Network established - a subgroup of SAAP interagency. (one benefit has been consistency of data collection).
- YACCA established in Goodna
- Funding from DTSR for Youth Week for the whole network - including a series of 8 workshops.

What are the three issues you inter agency group would like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- The lack of integration between programs and the lack of transitional support (both within Departments eg. various youth health programs and between different programs).
- Lack of recreation alternatives for young people (especially under 18) that are appropriate and accessible (eg. hours of operation, community attitude towards youth - especially those groups that are stigmatised such as the disabled, age limits, transport, etc..).
- Inequity of distribution of resources and services - distribution is not in areas according to need. Under resourcing of existing services.
- Lack of transportation to meet young people's needs - especially in rural areas.

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

• Community Access and Transition Service - Research Report	Katrina Baker	I & W M Family Resource Centre
• Goodna Youth Needs Analysis	Rachael Robinson	YACCA Goodna
• Project Impact: Youth needs analysis for Esk and Toogoolawah	Katrina Baker	I & W M Family Resource Centre
• Alcohol and Drug Youth Research		Alcohol & Drug Unit W. Moreton Health.
• Community Needs Analysis Liechhardt	Hayley Leavor	Delfin Property Management
• Boonah Youth Needs Analysis	Lyn Stibbe	Boonah Community Help Centre
• Ipswich Youth Needs Analysis	Sue Lloyd	Ipswich City Council
• Ipswich City Council Planning Issues Paper No. 6.	Sue Lloyd (section on youth needs)	Ipswich City Council
• Youth Advisory Forum Reports	Paul Dunn	YDO Areas South DSTR

Have any of these reports had any influence in the youth sector ?

- Led to the establishment of a new service
- Led to the establishment of a rural drop in centre

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

- Community development officer for youth based with Esk Shire Council
- Continued population growth in rural areas surrounding Ipswich.
- Transport remains a major issue.

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

- Local Aboriginal employment network formed to address employment needs.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Interagency meets regularly. Includes focus on youth issues.
- Aboriginal worker employed in DTSR for sports promotion
- Aboriginal Housing worker employed in DHLGP
- Continuing problems in the Education system - not enough support, promotion, not outcome oriented (bums on seats).
- Government money not spent effectively at a grass roots level.

Recreation:

- Some initiatives to provide avenues for local recreation facilities (eg. half basketball courts).
- Transport still a major problem.

Youth Employment.

- The White Paper - "Case Management" the new panacea. Has the appearance of still focusing the problem as within youth, and glossing over broader structural and cultural issues.

ANGELA BAKER

ROCKHAMPTON YOUTH INTERAGENCY

What have been the key achievements by your inter agency, or by services in you region, over the last twelve months ?

- Establishment of YACCA in Rockhampton - Co-located with Y.A.C.
- Supporting Rockhampton Youth Advisory Forums
- Establishing a pilot program in schools - "Student Mediators Program"
- Development of an interagency support group to look at suspensions and exclusions from school - Initiative of Department of Education and Department of Family Services and A.I.A.
- Development of 'Early School Leavers Vocational Course' - recognised and funded by DEET for young people who haven't completed year 10.
- Involvement by Rockhampton Rotary in Youthtrek.
- Establishing Accommodation Working Group - identifying and responding to gaps in youth services.
- Involvement by the Rockhampton Mayor in Youthtrek.
- New identity and focus for the 'Youth Interagency Rockhampton'
- Increase in training for workers in the Youth Sector
- Increased media awareness.

At last year's Policy Forum, your region nominated three issues as the most important youth sector issues in the previous twelve months. Have there been any developments on these issues of the last twelve months ?

- No developments

Have there been any developments on other regional issues discussed at the 1993 Policy Forum ?

- Youth Committee in Yeppoon received funding ($40,000) to set up service
- Increased housing stock for young people
- Establishment of I.M.A.G.E. in Moranbah - research into pilot program in other mining towns.
- Increased training - especially youth suicide prevention.

What are the three issues you inter agency group would like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Responding to White Paper initiatives - Youth Training initiatives and Youth Training Allowance.
- Exclusion/suspension from school - research what is going on in schools, why so many young people are dropping out; why the school system is failing.
- Job Creating versus Job Training

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Existing but not living Future of Work Project	Sue Jackson & Mary Crooks Brotherhood of St Lawrence	Youthtrek (079) 22 55 99 Brotherhood of St. Lawrence (03) 304 7055
How to make the Govt. Work for You	Bruce Scott MHR Member for Maranoa	Jeff Jenkins (079) 319 805

Have any of these reports had any influence in the youth sector ?

Existing but Not Living: Research partly carried out in Rockhampton - increased awareness in the media - the need for an income, gaps in service delivery - CES, DSS

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

- Establishment of I.M.A.G.E. in Moranbah (Initiating Moranbah's Alternative Guidance Education)
- Issue of confidentiality in Rural Towns highlighted by participant in Youth Advisory Forums (YAF)
- Issue of recreation in sport Clermont highlighted by participant in YAF.
- Issue of alternative education highlighted by participant in YAF.
- Condom vending machines placed in schools and service station in TAMBO

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

- Continuation of LAEPC Group (Local Aboriginal Employment Promotion Group)
- Issue of Racism in Rockhampton Highlighted by participant in YAF
- Invitation by new Police Commissioner for young Aboriginal people to be involved in committees regarding police matters - especially PLO's (Police Liaison Officers).

Recreation:

- Group of Aboriginal Young People organising Alcohol Free Discos as part of fundraising
- Youth Expo - free entertainment (Youth bands) service awareness.
- YACCA - logo's and promotional materials (posters, T-Shirts) developed by young people-designed and printed.
- Increase in art activities organised by youth services.

Youth Employment.

- Establishment and growth of Youthtrek (JPET program) promoting community involvement, especially Rockhampton Rotary Club and Mayor and Rockhampton City Council.
- Lobbying key government agencies- CES, DSS to recognise needs of 15 year olds who have left school, are not homeless, but need an income.
- Lobbying DEET to provide appropriate and relevant training programs for young disadvantaged people ie. Early School leavers Vocational Course.
- Exploring options for Job Creation - Rockhampton Rotary assisting with this - identifying needs of local businesses and how to make money out of these.
- Increased media awareness.

JOHN McDONNELL

GOLD COAST YOUTH NETWORK FORUM

What have been the key achievements by your inter agency, or by services in you region, over the last twelve months ?

- Youth Worker Training (Funded by Department Tourism, Sport & Racing)
- YACCA Special Program
- Video Production in conjunction with Bond University
- Nerang Youth Network (YACCA Initiative)
- Integrated Alternative Care & Community Based Service Network
- Development of Youth Health 'Service
- Task Group: Re:- Mental Health Issues.

At last year's Policy Forum, your region nominated three issues as the most important youth sector issues in the previous twelve months. Have there been any developments on these issues of the last twelve months ?

- Lobbying for Sexual Assault Worker to work specifically with young people.
- Ongoing efforts to provide Youth Specific Legal Service on Gold Coast

Have there been any developments on other regional issues discussed at the 1993 Policy Forum ?

- Department of Tourism, Sport & Racing Youth Forum on recreation issues.
  Youth Forum on Young Parents.
- Establishment of network of workers involved in Drug and Alcohol issues.
- Establishment of two alternative education programs for young people.
- Lobbying for Department of Social Security Youth Service Unit on Gold Coast.

What are the three issues you inter agency group would like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Lobbying for Mental Health Services for youth.
- Improved public transport
- Education issues
- Drug and Alcohol related issues.

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

YACCA Report into Opportunistic Prostitution	Marianne Botka Michael Lye	Gold Coast Youth Services Inc.
Youth Careers Information Advisory Program	Mary Pennel Ann Marie Alias	Gold Coast Skill Centre

Have any of these reports had any influence in the youth sector ?

- Ongoing funding of Y.A.C.C.A. Special Grants Program

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

- Expansion of services provided by Krurungal (ATSI Welfare Agency)
- Development of Murri Specific Driving Licence, cultural awareness work experience and Job search Program (six months) co-funded by DEET and DEVETIR.

Recreation:

- Recommendations from Youth Bureau Forum to be acted upon.

Youth Employment.

- Four co-funded DEET and DEVETIR Programs.
- Gold Coast Flexi-School
- Street Co.
- House with No Steps (Youth work options).
- Murri Driving Licence Course (as above)

JOHN FLANAGAN

LOGAN YOUTH INTERAGENCY

What have been the key achievements by your inter agency, or by services in you region, over the last twelve months ?

- The completion and implementation of the identified functions and structures of the Logan Youth Interagency.
- The employment of a Youth Development worker in the Logan City Council.

At last year's Policy Forum, your region nominated three issues as the most important youth sector issues in the previous twelve months. Have there been any developments on these issues of the last twelve months ?

Youth Unemployment:

- Logan JPET has been successfully running for the past 18 months.
- The National Youth Strategy Grants are completed. The DEET, Information and Access Pilot Project is completed.
- The Logan Youth Employment Working Group has received funding for a needs study into industrial placement services. Skillshare is the sponsoring body.

Youth Crime:

- The Logan YACCA program has developed well with the full implementation of its plans. This has included :-

  - "RAVE ON" a youth newsheet in the local paper
  - "THE BUS" - Mobile Information Activity Centre aimed at increasing the access of information to school students.
  - Youth Video Information Nights.
  - The development of the Youth Consultative Committee by "Open Family" in the

Browns Plains, Marsden area.
- The development of a network meeting between Police, Council, Department of Family Services and the community.
- The completion of DEET Young Offenders program.
- MYO YACCA - Canoe making workshop.
- Feral Arts and Open Family arts projects at the Loganholme Hyperdome and the Browns Plains, Marsden and Crestmead areas.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

- Still no increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services.
- Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services have started to employ Murri workers however, funding was only granted for as 12 month period and was not refunded. This is a serious problem.
- Murri Interagency still meets.
- DFS has set up an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference group in relation to the new Juvenile Justice Legislation.

Recreation:

- Synergy - NESB Youth Group has organised several dance parties.
- Logan YACCA has organised several graffiti projects.
- MYO YACCA - organised canoe making workshops

Discrimination facing young people (eg. on the basis or face, disability, sexual preference etc)

- The production for information kits to increase the access of information to marginalised groups.
- Synergy (NESB Youth Groups) development of regular Dance Parties
- Synergy Conference

Have there been any developments on other regional issues discussed at the 1993 Policy Forum ?

- Young women's issues.
- The closure of the Living and Learning Program.

What are the three issues you inter agency group would like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth issues.
- Youth Unemployment
- Recreational Activities

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Youth Policy Forum Report	Helen Ferguson	DTSR
Family Planning Report	Helen Ferguson	Family Planning
YACCA Special Grants Report	James Finn	Youth & Family Services
Logan Regional Resource Centre - Youth Current Status Paper		LRRC
Towards a Social Planning Strategy	Andrew Jones	LRRC

Have any of these reports had any influence in the youth sector ?

- YACCA Special Grant Report lead to funding from DFS

KAREN MOWETT

NORTH WEST YOUTH INTERAGENCY FORUM

What have been the key achievements by your inter agency, or by services in you region, over the last twelve months ?

- Recruitment of a Youth Development Officer, positioned at Mt Isa.
- A Youth Development Worker is employed on a part-time basis to work in the Shire of Cloncurry. This position was appointed by the Youth Action Committee in Cloncurry.
- A part-time Youth Drug and Alcohol Worker is also positioned in the Cloncurry Shire. This position is funded by the Regional Health Authority.
- A full-time Youth Development Worker is now employed to cover the areas from Richmond to Julia Creek.
- Winton now has a Sport and Recreational Officer which is employed on a part-time basis.
- YACCA provided funding for two youth workers to be positioned in Mt. Isa, to work with the problems of opportunistic prostitution.

Have there been any developments on other regional issues discussed at the 1993 Policy Forum ?

- The Community Relations Program was dropped by the Council.
- The Mulkuddi Music Festival was held in September, 1993. They hope to hold another Festival, but this at present is doubtful.
- More funding came through for Dajarra to run another Feral Arts Program.

What are the three issues you inter agency group would like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

1. Training for young people in terms of employment.
2. Health Issues eg. Drug and Alcohol Programs.
3. Housing : - Winton and Richmond.
4. Sport and Recreation.

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Youth Needs Survey	Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing.	Dept. T.S. & R.
Youth Needs Survey	As above	As above.
Regional Development Plan	As above	As above

Have any of these reports had any influence in the youth sector ?

Only High School students were surveyed in the Youth Needs Report. All figures from this report have been correlated. Since Government agencies, high school students and unemployed youth were consulted on the Regional Development Plan, we feel positive that it will **work**.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

- Our Youth Development Officer can idenify the issues that are affecting youth in our region and carry out negotiation between government bodies.

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

- The Wei Qei Youth Drop in Centre was closed.
- A Sport and Recreation Youth Development Officer was employed to work with ATSI youth.

Recreation:

- The Police Youth Club Disco has since changed, the hall is now hired out to others to run discos for youth aged 13 years and under.
- A Youth Forum was formed in the Shire of Winton for the young people. The local Shire Council provided a house for the forum group.
- Youth Week October 1993, was celebrated throughout the region.

Youth Employment.

- Training/Education:

  - Skillshare are continuing to run Life Skills Programs for young people on a regular basis.
  - Marillac House (Home for Aboriginal youth living in isolated communities outside Mt Isa) have received funding to run their own Life Skills Program for Aboriginal Youth.

JENNY McALLISTER

WESTSIDE YOUTH INTERAGENCY (BRISBANE)

What have been the key achievements by your inter agency, or by services in you region, over the last twelve months ?

- The University of Queensland Union obtained a Youth Bureau grant of $6,000 to research tertiary students housing needs at the St. Lucia campus. Consequently, the University has allocated funding for alternate tertiary housing projects.

- This year, The Westside Youth Interagency issued two press releases on issues affecting students in the Western suburbs. The two press releases were on income support & youth homelessness and on student accommodation.

- The Interagency has also lodged two submissions for research consultation projects, with the Brisbane City Council Grant Project and the Gambling Machines Benefit.

- Two unfunded youth services continued to exist in our area. They are the Kenmore Youth Access Project and the Moggill Uniting Church Youth Services.

- The Youth Interagency has provided us with the opportunity to continue our networking activities.

- Be-Centre - a group of young people, who are unfunded, have successfully fundraised $5,000, towards establishing a youth centre - through raffles etc..

- Indooroopilly High took part in a project researching housing issues for female secondary students from a non-English speaking background. The report recommended the establishment of culturally appropriate, emergency accommodation service and that housing information be made available in a variety of different languages.

- The Kenmore Youth Access Program continued its aerosol arts project.

At last year's Policy Forum, your region nominated three issues as the most important youth sector issues in the previous twelve months. Have there been any developments on these issues of the last twelve months ?

Last year, the Westside Youth Interagency nominated income support, accommodation and health and welfare issues as the most important for our area. We are pleased to report, we issued a press release on the issue of youth homelessness, outlining the issues and obstacles young people face in trying to access the payment. A research project into tertiary students housing needs has been completed, and the final report will be issued by the University of Queensland Student Union to lobby the local, state and federal governments.

We do no feel that much has been achieved on the health and welfare issues.

Have there been any developments on other regional issues discussed at the 1993 Policy Forum ?

No

What are the three issues you inter agency group would like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

1. <u>Accommodation</u>
   - the high cost of rental accommodation
   - improvements to tenancy legislation
   - more campus-based accommodation for tertiary students
   - the need for a range of accommodation options for young people
   - the urgent need for a SAAP funded emergency accommodation place, for young people, located in the western suburbs.
   - state or federal government funding for Kalimna, a Salvation Army Hostel, at Toowong, so they can build 60 more rooms. The Salvation Army owns the land, but don't have the funds to extend the hostel. The hostel is heavily used by university students, who come from country areas, to pursue their studies in Brisbane.

2. <u>Shortage of income support for young people</u>
   - income support schemes are well below the Henderson Poverty Line figure of $167/wk. and young people just don't receive enough income to survive properly.
   - young people have problems accessing the Young Homeless Allowance
   - the fact that young people aged 16 - 18 years on YHA, can't get rent assistance, straight away, as they have to serve a waiting period.
   - the Austudy assets tests (on parent's assets) excludes a lot or rural students from getting Austudy.
   - perhaps, the federal government should look at different overseas models for income support for tertiary students, eg. in Germany, parents pay income support for their children through the taxation system, and the government uses this money to pay an allowance to the students.
   - rent assistance should be extended to all Austudy recipients
   - Non-Brisbane metropolitan students often experience loneliness, during their first years of moving to a city, as they don't have the support of friends or family, and have to survive on limited financial resources.

3. Research and Consultation Projects to find out the needs of young people.

- the interagency would like to see state/federal government funding for research and consultation into the needs of young people living in the western suburbs of Brisbane.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

The University of Queensland Union fund a UQ-Linkers Club, which act as a support club for rural students, who study at the University of Queensland. The Union participated in UQ-Linker Clubs orientation program, specifically aimed at introducing rural students to the services and activities of the Union and the University. This is hoped to be a regular activity, to be held at the beginning of each year.

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

Last year, the University of Queensland Union - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee, ran a successful cultural week, which included traditional food, craft and entertainment.

Recreation:

The University of Queensland Union obtained funding from the Youth Bureau, to hold activities for Youth Week. Last year's theme was health and the theme for 1994 will be recreation. The Student Union also hold regular workshops for students on a number of recreational activities, such as photography,dance, bike maintenance, screen printing and employment aimed schemes such as bar training etc..

Youth Employment.

The Student Union at the University of Queensland, this year has employed a Student Employment Officer, to help university students to find part-time work. The Employment Officer will also provide information and advice on employee rights and provide job searching skills for students.

SYLVIA FISHER

MAGNETIC NORTH YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDERS

What have been the key achievements by your inter agency, or by services in you region, over the last twelve months ?

- Bowen and region taking part in Youth Week (Townsville)
- Youth Week in Townsville
- Planning workshop in Magnetic North Youth Service Providers
- Ethics Workshop by Suzi Quixley

At last year's Policy Forum, your region nominated three issues as the most important youth sector issues in the previous twelvemonths. Have there been any developments on these issues of the last twelve months ?

1) Rural and isolated workers' teleconferences have been useful

2) Negative: Recreation outlets closed in Ingham and Townsville

3) No action

Have there been any developments on other regional issues discussed at the 1993 Policy Forum ?

- Training money for rural and isolated workers lost due to collapse of the Townsville Welfare Council Inc.
- Yellow Brick Road parenting program operating
- Drug and alcohol recovery program operating
- Young people from regions had the opportunity to present their issues through the Youth Advisory Forum

What are the three issues you inter agency group would like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Youth specific issues for rural and isolated areas (more youth workers, not resource workers)
- Recreational options for young people
- Impact of White Paper on rural and isolated young people (particularly those under 18 years of age).

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Recreation:

- Closure of recreational options in Ingham .
- Neighbourhood Youth Project operating in Thuringowa

Youth Employment.

- Negative: The proposed winding up of the JPET program in June 1995
- Negative: The tightening of the criteria for accessing the Young Homeless Allowance
- Negative: The problems that will be a consequence of case management where unemployed young people will be assessed as "deserving" or "undeserving."

ROBERT HASSON

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS YOUTHLINK NETWORK

What have been the key achievements by your inter agency, or by services in you region, over the last twelve months ?

- 2 Youth Advisory Forums conducted in region
- Youthworker network formed
- The development of Youthlink to address the needs and problems in rural and isolated areas

What are the three issues you inter agency group would like to see YANQ act on over the next year ?

- Training for workers in rural and remote areas, culturally appropriate and held in the region.

Developments in YANQ priority areas:

Needs and problems specific to young people in rural and remote communities:

- The development of the Youth Advisory Forums which researched and gave recommendations on 3 topics- Recreation, Health, and School Exclusions.
- Dysart has developed the Community Youth Support Scheme

Needs and problems specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people:

- Woorabinda successfully applied for $38 500 to develop a youth program for 1994/95. The program covers developing a 5 year plan, training for workers, and programs for young people.

Recreation:

- Youth Advisory Forum addressed issue of recreation.

Youth Employment.

- The employment situation for young people in the region is quite devestating. Many young people find that they need to leave the region in a bid to look for jobs. In turn, this means leaving family and friends and still having the uncertainty of finding employment.

List any reports you know of relating to youth issues which have been done in your region in the last twelve months.

Recreation	Clermont Youth Advisory Forum	DTSR
School Exclusions	Moranbah Youth Advisory Forum	DTSR
Confidentiality of health issues	Barcaldine Youth Advisory Forum	DTSR

Have any of these reports had any influence in the youth sector ?

- The material was collated and presented at the State Youth Advisory forum
- Young people's representatives on liaison committees
- Raised the profile of young people in the region and awareness of their issues and concerns