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"Pre, During and Post" the State Election"

"Precautionary, Preposterous and Predictable" policies

The announcement of a snap State Election ensured we began the 2001 year 'running'. YANQ was eager to obtain as many relevant youth policies as possible in the short lead up to polling day. We were able to do to a brief comparison between the ALP, Coalition, Democrats, CCA, Greens and One Nation. On the 9th February we faxed the information to all Youth Interagency contacts throughout the State, however new policies continued to 'appear' during the week leading up to the Election. Several radio interviews were undertaken to increase positive attitudes to young people throughout the election.

One of our main concerns was the lack of a specific Youth Policy from the major Parties. We were able to secure this from the ALP in the week leading up to the election and will be meeting with the new Government to check that their election promises are kept on track for the best outcome for young people.

Two main points in regards to 'during' the election was (1) the lack of 18 year olds voting and (2) the quick landslide of votes for the ALP that enabled a quick decision on election night to be announced.

There has been a fair amount of discussion regarding the concern of 18-year-old young people not voting. There is still an undercurrent that non-voting is a 'youth' problem, however the system

does not meet young people's needs. An example of this is the confusion a young person experiences when they appear at their local voting booth to vote and are told they are not on the role. Due to the lack of education and political awareness they are oblivious to the fact they need to get an enrolment form from somewhere (eg the post office) and to enroll to vote under a compulsory system. The system needs to change to be more supportive for young people, education and awareness programs need implementing and the media along with politicians need to begin positive dialogue around young people and their issues to spark interest and participation.

By the time this edition of Network Noise has been published, printed, distributed etc, members would have received YANQ's In-Fact outlining members of the new Beattie government. Please note that Youth Affairs has been moved from 'Families Dept' and is now with Minister, Matt Foley within the Department of Employment, Training and Youth. We will keep members up-to-date regarding the implications of this change.

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General Update

* YANQ attended the State Youth Advisory Council (SYAC) meeting in January. YANQ is a member of SYAC along with young people, community groups and government reps.

The meeting focused on reports from members; reports from working groups eg. the local level participation group, the promotions group & the cultural awareness group; development of an 18 month plan, Youth charter and general business. SYAC is still in the early stages of development. More information is available at www.GENERATE.qld.gov.au

* The Bail Accommodation Interest Group has received funds for Bail Accommodation within the community. This group represents various organisations. Bail Accommodation has been needed for many years and was highlighted in the Forde Inquiry especially in relation to Recommendation 6: "That alternative placement options be developed for young people on remand in order to reduce the number placed in juvenile detention centres". For more information please contact YAC on 3857 1155

* YANQ attended the Project Implementation Committee meeting in February for the new Youth and Family Service (YFSS) which will operate throughout the Brisbane City Region. The service aims to provide diversionary and counselling services to families and young people, aged 10-17 years. It will achieve this by helping to provide support services through an outreach model and will be operated by government through the Child Protection/Juvenile Justice system. Where necessary the service will need to access alternative accommodation options.

* On 14th November 2000, the Queensland Parliament passed the Commission and Young People Act 2000 and the Children Services Tribunal Act 2000. The Children Services Tribunal Act 2000 and all

provisions of the Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000, except for those dealing with employment screening, commenced on 2 February 2001. Screening for people seeking to work in child-related employment as paid employees will commence on 1 May 2001 and screening for people seeking to work in child-related employment as volunteers will commence on 1 May 2002. Information regarding this new Legislation can be accessed on the Commission for Children and Young People's website: www.childcomm.qld.gov.au

* YANQ has received positive comments regarding the last edition of the Transitions Journal. It is still available at a discounted price of \$10.00 for members and subscribers. Please contact Peta at YANQ on 3844 7713 for orders. There have been enquires regarding many of the articles including the article written by the Youth Support Coordinators (YSC). If anyone would like to receive further information regarding the Youth Support Coordinator program please contact Louise Villanova, YSC, Northern Brisbane, Ph 3266 5199, Fax 3266 5866 or email coco@gil.com.au

Counselling for Gamblers, their Families and/or their Partners

Break Even is a service for gamblers and their families. The Break Even service is provided statewide through *Relationships Australia, Centacare and Lifeline.*

A gambling Helpline is also available:

1800 222 050

NESB/Youth Matters



From the NESB Policy Officer

The new year has started off at a relatively busy pace, and this will no doubt pick up as we move into the post election period and the number of projects and occasions which were put on hold can now gather momentum again. I have no doubt that this will be a positive and exciting year and a significant time for the tasks ahead.

I wrote in the last Network Noise about what a great opportunity the Diversity 2000 Conference on Reconciliation, Multiculturalism, Immigration and Human Rights was last year, at which nearly 400 people were able to engage in conversation regarding the issues of Reconciliation, Multiculturalism, Immigration and Human Rights. A second national conference on these themes will be held in Melbourne on Friday 30th November and Saturday 1st December 2001. I would strongly encourage people to consider this forthcoming event and claim the dates in your diary.

NYIN

The Non-English Speaking Background Youth Issues Network (NYIN) has met twice since the previous edition of Network Noise. In early December the network heard reports and updates on National Police Ethnic Advisory Bureau and Police Youth Partnership Forum Meeting; the NESB Youth Mental Health Needs Assessment Project; information on the recent Kids Help Line Report "Issues and Concerns Facing Young People of Non-English Speaking Backgrounds"; and the National Diversity Conference on Reconciliation, Multiculturalism, Immigration and Human Rights.

The Network also discussed a number of issues, including, incidents of violence at Southbank parklands, the Multicultural Children's and Young Peoples Domestic and Sexual Violence Network, School transition programs, cultural responses to domestic violence, and Multiculturalism and the forthcoming state election.

February NYIN

February's meeting held a further long discussion regarding violence and the Southbank Parklands and resolved to hold a meeting on March 13th to scope the issues and possible actions. The network was informed about a Discussion paper regarding Tattooing and Body Piercing of Children and Young people and were encouraged to respond to the paper regarding any cultural issues that should be taken note of from a cultural perspective. Other discussions focused on NESB Youth Gambling, refugee and humanitarian issues, the continued lobbying for an Office of Youth Affairs NESB Youth strategy, and various strategic opportunities to improve the quality of life for NESB young people as a new government begins its term.

Police and Youth Relations Resources

A number of resources were brought back from meetings at the end of last year and are available for members to have a look at.

A Little Respect: young people, police and the community

This is a video educational resource produced by the Kogarah Police and Community Training Project in NSW to help people explore the complex and sometimes difficult relationships between young people, the police, and ethnic communities. It has a great 15 minute video in which a range of people share their experiences and opinions and a number of discussion and activity guides to enable the community to work together and improve police - community relations. The kit also has a number of information sheets, which are obviously focused on NSW legislation and information, but it is not too difficult to access QLD information should people wish to use this resource in the QLD setting.

Such topics include, considering community problems, hanging out in public space, what is good policing, belonging to groups, attitudes, power, respect, media, language, group norms, cross cultural communication.

The video is for use in group situation and requires the use of a facilitator or teacher to lead the group through the process, and will work best in a group setting of police, young people and community representatives. I would recommend this resource highly.

For more info or to purchase the kits, contact, PACT Program, Ethnic Affairs Unit, NSW Police Service
Phone: (02) 9339 5157 Fax: (02) 9339 5905

Kebabs, Kids, Cops and Crime: Youth, Ethnicity, and Crime

This book was launched in Sydney during the Diversity Conference and looks at the aftermath of two events which occurred in Sydney's south western suburbs in 1998 - the murder of a 14 year old boy and two weeks later the drive-by shoot-up of the Lakemba Police station

The NSW Premier and the NSW Police Commissioner blamed "Lebanese Gangs" for both crimes and media coverage emphasised the "middle eastern appearance" of the alleged perpetrators. A high profile "zero tolerance" crackdown by police in the Bankstown areas was directed against young people of Arabic speaking background in public places.

NESB/Youth Matters Cont.

The authors assess the complexities of ethnicity, racialisation, youth and crimes. They present evidence on crime and ethnicity to interrogate the issue of "ethnic youth gangs" in Sydney.

Examining interviews with police, parents, community workers, community leaders and Lebanese background youths, as well as reviewing national and international research, the authors provide a critical analysis of the media, perceptions of 'gangs', political and police responses to these two above instances by drawing on economic, sociological, anthropological and cultural studies. This book reveals that understanding socio-economic factors is critical to the development of more effective policy responses to youth crime, and that popular assumptions about ethnic criminality are more part of the problem than the solution.

If you are concerned about ethnic young people, issues of crime, media and youth gangs, this is a great book and a good read. Its ability to link the macro context into the micro events presents an important dynamic for our development of future positive responses. I would encourage people to purchase this book. Contact Pluto Press, (02) 9692 5111 or visit them online at www.plutoaustralia.com

National Alcohol Campaign - Parents information booklet

The National Alcohol Campaign has recently released a parents information leaflet which has been published in 16 languages. Topics include, How many teenagers are drinking, how much, how harmful is it, how do I talk to my teenager about alcohol, what to do, planning parties.

For more information visit www.nationalalcoholcampaign.health.gov.au or for a campaign brochure call 1800 010 125

Until next time,

Michael Zgryza

NESB Policy & Network Officer

Northside Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth Social Support Group

Northside GLBT Youth Social Support Group offers social activities and peer support to GLBT people 26 years and under. We know only too well how isolating and confusing it can be when questioning your sexuality and thinking you may not be quite 'straight'.

We meet fortnightly in Strathpine on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. We have; group discussions, videos, outings, guest speakers, workshop information and resources.

Northside is a great way to meet other GLBT young people away from the scene, to take a break from the drudgery of the hetro world, explore issues around sexuality or just have a general chitchat about life, death and the universe.

Confidentiality is assured. For more information contact Marnie: 3261 4485 or Rebecca: 0412 289 359

YANQ's Regional Visits Cycle 2001

YANQ has a commitment to visiting all regions in Queensland on a yearly basis. We continue to work towards that goal. This consists of attendance at youth interagencies/networks, visiting community based youth workers, government youth sector reps and others. Visits for the first half of 2001 outside SE Queensland include Rockhampton and surrounding areas, Townsville and North-West Queensland and Bundaberg and districts.

In between these visits YANQ staff will visit some of the SE Queensland Youth Networks. We'll keep you posted.

If you would like any further information regarding YANQ Regional and Interagency Visits please phone Michael or Carolyn at YANQ ph: 3844 7713.

SEX and the LAW

Our poster Young People and The Law which was distributed through schools last year was very successful in encouraging young people, youth workers, teachers, guidance officers and school health nurses to contact us with further questions regarding various aspects of the law which relate to young people. One area of law which we would like to provide more information about is 'sex'. We acknowledge that the information on the poster was limited to that of 'Carnal Knowledge' within s215 of the Criminal Code and the needs of young people extend well beyond this.

We are keen to develop a resource which provides young people, particularly those under the age of 18 years, with information about various aspects of the law as it relates to sex. Balancing the level and type of information with accessibility and distribution issues will be the challenge. If you wish to contribute to the development of such a resource, please contact this office on 32088199 or email at: legal@yfs.org.au

Logan Youth Legal Service

Research & Development



National Primary Health Care Research

YANQ has participated in a national process to identify priorities for primary health care research, evaluation and development. This is part of the Federal Government Department of Health and Aged Care's Primary Health Care Research, Evaluation and Development Strategy. The purpose of the process is to determine priorities to guide the investigator driven research, commissioned research, the Scholarship and Fellowships and the National Primary Health Care Research Institute for the next three to five years of the PHC RED Strategy.

The General practice Partnerships Advisory Council (GPPAC) is a key party in the process. In August 2000 GPPAC endorsed a two-stage collaboration priority setting process for the primary Health Care Research Evaluation and Development Strategy, to be informed by existing work from various sectors. Peak organisations plan to meet at a national meeting in March 2001, and a final report will be produced after this workshop. For further information please contact Dr Jane Ravpack of Barbara Beachum Ph: (08) 8204 5399.

The Youth Drug Alcohol Network Project

Coordinated by YANQ

The Youth Drug Consultation Project is the follow up phase to the Youth Drug Summit held in Brisbane in 1999. At the Summit forty youth agencies across the state submitted stories of 'good practice' in working with young people with drug and alcohol issues. Fifteen of these organisations participated in the Summit via workshop presentations. The findings from the summit appear in the Youth Drug Summit Report, which can be downloaded from the website address; www.health.qld.au/atods/publications/qlldrug_summit.pdf

One of the key action plans of the September 1999 Summit was to develop a safe process to enable young people to participate and share their experiences. To this end 18 projects have been selected from the 1999 Drug and Alcohol Summit YANQ has been resourced to coordinate these projects to work with their youth networks to develop a project that expresses, represents and documents young peoples' experiences, feelings and views on the subject of drugs and alcohol. The project will be working alongside Youth Arts Queensland as they have also received some Queensland Health funds to work with communities on drug and alcohol issues using a community cultural development framework.

Many creative projects are presently being developed and implemented across the state. The projects include video production, story telling, newsletters, multi-media project, resource booklet productions and youth focus groups.

The project will also assist young people to participate in the Zombie Web Internet program that is being implemented by Queensland Health. This component of the program aims to connect young people across the state via the Internet to share their stories and keep in touch.

John Flanagan
Project coordinator

NESB YOUNG PEOPLE & PUBLIC SPACE

NESB Young People & Concerns Around Incidences at Southbank Parklands

Have you or your service heard of any concerns from young people in relation to the Southbank Parklands precinct?

YANQ is currently gathering information from members, as concerns have been raised and discussed through the previous three NYIN meetings on behalf of NESB young people and workers.

YANQ has been involved in public space protocols project and has been kept aware of other projects involving privately managed public space issues, so we are keen to hear further from members as we pursue these concerns further.

Please forward information and feedback to Micheal Zgryza (NESB Policy & Network Officer)
Email: mzgryza@pacific.net.au
Fax: (07) 3844 7731
Phone: (07) 3844 7713

YANQ Alternative Education Working Party

The 2001 YANQ Alternative Education Working Party met for it's first meeting on Monday 26th February. Many thanks to all of you who attended and made enquiries. A diversity of interested participants discussed the range of issues for young people for whom the main-stream schooling system does not 'fit', and discussed potential short term and longer term strategies, particularly related to lobbying and advocacy.

The meeting heard about a number of projects that are happening, including government policy initiatives and will continue to monitor happenings in this area. It was decided to meet again in three short weeks to take advantage of the winds of change. The future for the working party will consist of developing a terms of reference with a view to identifying projects/initiatives for the coming months and identifying key opportunities for change.

The meeting provided a great opportunity for a range of stakeholders to think-tank and hear about the range of responses to this issue.

For further information please contact Carolyn Grant at YANQ ph 3844 7713 or email cgrant@thehub.com.au

Funding



Local Cultural and Festival Grants Program

Closing Date for application is the 2nd April 2001. This program provides financial assistance towards community cultural projects, festivals and events that encourage the cultural development of neighbourhoods and communities. Grants up to \$7500 are available.

Guidelines and application forms can be obtained through the following Brisbane City Council outlets:

- ✦ Brisbane City Council Call Centre
- ✦ Ward Offices
- ✦ Customer Service Centres
- ✦ Regional Community Development Teams

Applications can also be obtained from the Councils website:

www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

For more information contact the BCC Call Centre on 3403 8888

Arts Queensland

In 2001 Arts Queensland is introducing a new funding framework for the arts and cultural community. Most of the current funding programs have been rolled into five new Programs of Assistance. The new Programs of Assistance are not artform-based but reflect the objectives of each program. There is greater emphasis on the outcomes generated by projects funded by Arts Queensland. A number of the grants now have two rounds per year but individuals and organisations seeking funding for amounts up to \$5,000 are free to apply all year round.

There are five Programs of Assistance:

1. Arts and Cultural Projects
To support arts and cultural projects that involves creative excellence, innovation and/or enriches traditional practices.
2. Business and Audience Development Program
To support the growth of a viable and sustainable arts and cultural sector in Queensland.
3. Creative Partnerships Program
To support strategic alliances and co-operative projects between the arts and cultural community and other sectors and industries to enhance the support base in Queensland.
4. Professional Development Program
To support Queensland artists and arts and cultural workers to stage and participate in significant state, national and international events and activities that provide professional development opportunities for Queensland's artists and cultural workers.
5. Cultural Infrastructure Program

Further Information: 1800 175 531

(07) 3224 4896

www.arts.qld.gov.au

LAYING DOWN THE LAW

YOUTH WORKERS LEGAL
EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Legal Aid Queensland and the Youth
Advocacy Centre are offering a series
of two day workshops.

When:	Ipswich	26-27 March
	Gold Coast	29-30 March
	Rockhampton	23-24 April
	Mackay	26-27 April
	Townsville	21-22 May
	Cairns	24-25 May
	Longreach	18-19 June
	Mt Isa	21-22 June
	Maroochydore	16-17 July
	Bundaberg	18-19 July
	Toowoomba	20-21 August
	Brisbane	23-24 August

Contact: Debra Jumpertz

Phone: (07) 3857 1155

Email: debra@yac.net.au

Cost:	Full Registration - inc. GST
	Community workers \$30
	Students/Unwaged \$15
	Government Workers \$60

Day Registration - inc. GST
Community workers \$20
Students/Unwaged \$10
Government Workers \$40

Cost covers workshops, lunch,
morning and afternoon tea on both
days and information resources.



Resources/Publications



Resource Manual for Facilitators in Community Development

Author: Jeremy McArdle

Volume II of the Resource Manual was released in 1999 and offers five completely new chapters developed in response to the rapid and sweeping changes experienced by the community sector in the last few years.

Chapters included in Volume Two include:

- ◆ Applied Community Development
- ◆ Community Management
- ◆ Networking and Collaboration
- ◆ Movement Building
- ◆ Building Teams that Work

The resource manual contains facilitator notes, diagrams, participatory exercises, sample outcomes, discussion prompts, handouts and worksheets.

The manual is suited for use by, community workers, educators, trainer in community organisations, schools and other organisations.

	Cost:	Cost GST	Total
Vol I & II (in one folder)	\$75	\$7.50	\$82.50
Vol I (separate folder)	\$45	\$4.50	\$49.50
Vol II (separate folder)	\$45	\$4.50	\$49.50

All prices include postage. To obtain an orderform call Vista Publications on 03 9534 8881

2001 Essential Youth Calendar

For information on upcoming events for young people check the Youth Calendar.

The calendar has information on young people's events from Australia and around the world, as well as dates to be determined and ongoing events and programs.

To obtain a copy of the calendar go to

www.egroups.com/group/youthaustralia

Community Development in the Market Economy

Author: Jeremy McArdle

Extensively referenced and written in an easy to read style this 120 page book places the phenomenon of economic rationalism into historical, political and philosophical contexts and documents practical responses to what has been described as the greatest social and economic transformation since the industrial revolution.

Community Development in the market economy will be of value to those concerned about threats to social justice and democracy in these uncertain times.

Cost: \$16.50 Including GST

To order a copy call 03 9534 8881 for an orderform

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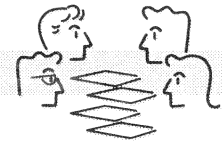
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www.acys.utas.edu.au/ncys/orders/researching-youth.html

Cost: \$35.20 (including GST and postage and handling within Australia)

Conferences/Training/Events



The Australian Institute of Criminology presents:

The Character, Impact and Prevention of Crime in Regional Australia

2 - 3 August 2001

Jupiters Hotel, Townsville

The AIC is hosting a conference relating to the nature and consequences of crime in regional Australia with a particular emphasis on preventative strategies. The aims of the conference will be to discuss the incidence and types of criminal activities which particularly affect regional Australia as well as collaborative efforts to reduce criminality through preventative interventions and pro-active programs.

As well as the two day conference there will be a pre-conference workshop organised by Townsville City Council, Thuringowa City Council and Thuringowa Crime Prevention Partnership.

For more information contact Marianne James AIC, ph (02) 6260 9242 or email:

Marianne.James@aic.gov.au

AIC is also hosting:

Police and Partnerships in a Multi-Cultural Australia: Achievements and Challenges

A two day conference in Brisbane, 25 - 26th October. For further information regarding this or other events hosted by the Australian Institute of Criminology please see www.aic.gov.au

* The Creative Arts in Community Services Workshops:

Dates: 12th May or 11th August 2001

Cost: \$75.00 (RSVP needs two weeks notice)

Org: Southbank Institute of TAFE

Contact: Denise Bolland

Phone: 3244 5313

* The Not So Big Day Out - Festival

Date: Sunday 6th May 2001

Org: The Acacia Ridge Districts & Community centre

Contact: Lee Colley

Phone: 3277 4893

Juggling in the Three Ring Circus

Young People, Homelessness & Early School Leaving

(3 & 4 May 2001)

Two Day Conference

The Youth Support Coordinator Program is hosting a conference under the auspices of Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ). The Conference aims to be an innovative and creative forum for schools, community groups, youth programs and young people to highlight issues facing young people who are at risk of homelessness and early school leaving and promote the value of community links with schools.

Put these dates in your diary registration forms will be sent soon.

For further information contact the Conference Convenors:

Angie Dunbavan : (07) 3892 3887

Jolanda Horsburgh: (07) 3378 5017

SISTERS INSIDE INC. Women in Prison Conference

State, National & International
28th, 29th & 30th
November 2001

Pencil these into your diary now!

For further information contact Sisters inside Inc:

PO Box 3407,
South Brisbane Qld 4101
Ph: (07) 3844 5066
Fax: (07) 3844 2788
Email: sisters@lrnnet.org.au

HOMOPHOBIA: GET OVER IT

Creating safe & supportive schools free of homophobic violence & harassment
23rd -24th June, Bardon Centre, Brisbane

At the beginning of 2000 a group of individuals from the GLBT community, the youth community sector and the education sector began meeting with the aim of organising a conference that addressed homophobia in Queensland schools. Under the auspices of Youth Affairs Network Queensland (YANQ) they successfully applied for funding from the Gaming Machines Benefit Fund to begin organising the Conference for June 2001.

Aims of the Conference

- * Increase awareness regarding homophobia in school communities
- * Present current research regarding homophobia and the experiences of GLBT young people in schools
- * Present models of good practice regarding creating supportive environments in schools
- * Provide workers with effective strategies and approaches for challenging homophobia and valuing diversity in schools

We invite....

We invite people who work in school communities and who work with school communities in Queensland. Workers within schools include educators in State, Independent and Catholic schools, school administrators, school nurses and guidance officers. Workers who work with schools include the Youth Support Coordinators Network, the Youth Suicide Prevention Community Networks, community health workers, community youth workers, members of parents and citizens associations and workers within the GLBT community. Students are also invited and are involved in the conference organisation.

Cost	* Government workers: \$140	(Concessional rates will be available for individuals whose workplace cannot fund their attendance)
	* Community workers: \$100	
	* Students/unemployed: \$50	

Registrations & Enquires

Registration forms will be available in March. For both registrations and enquiries, contact the project workers Roland Kidman-Lewis & Tim Klein on
Phone: (07) 3846 7581 Email: get.over.it@uq.net.au

Interagency Meetings



South-east Queensland

Beaudesert Interagency

Contact: Marg Moss
PO Box 374 Beaudesert, Q 4285.
Ph (07) 5541 3762, Fax (07) 5541 3654.
Meets first Wednesday of the month
10am – 12pm at Illoura Centre,
31 Duckett St, Beaudesert.

Beenleigh and District Interagency

Contact: Sharyn Bloomfield,
Beenleigh Community Health,
PO Box 386, Beenleigh Q 4207.
Ph (07) 3290 9833 Fax (07) 3290 9899.
Meets 2nd Thursday of the month 2-4pm at
Community Health,
10-18 Mt Warren Blvd, Mt Warren Park.

Brisbane Inner Urban Youth Interagency

Contact: Mitchell Dobbie
Drug Arm, 83 Castlemain St Milton.
Ph (07) 3368 3822 Fax (07) 3367 3289.
Meets 1st Wednesday 10-12pm of the month at
Drug Arm

Caboolture Youth Network (YCAN)

Contact: Janine Carter
Caboolture Shire Council.
Ph (07) 5420 0342, Fax (07) 5420 0350.
Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month 12:30 – 3pm at
Families, Youth and Community Care Qld,
Level 3 King St, Caboolture.

Gold Coast Youth Network

Contact: Ruth Knight
Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth
PO Box 31 Chevron Island, Q 4217,
Ph (07) 5575 5316.
Meets Last Wednesday of month
at Stephens Community Centre.

Inala Youth Interagency

Contact: John Rigsby-Jones,
Inala Youth and Family Support Service,
PO Box 414, Inala Q 4077.
Ph (07) 3372 2655 Fax (07) 3372 2710.
Meets at 12:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month at
Centrelink Office, Wirrawat St Inala.

Ipswich Youth Focus

Contact: Mark Smith
Ipswich City Council
PO Box 191, Ipswich Q 4305.
Ph (07) 3810 6656, Fax (07) 3810 6741.
Meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at
12:30pm at Ipswich Health Plaza

Logan Youth Interagency Network

Contact: Carolyn Mc Burney,
YFS Logan, PO Box 727 Woodridge 4114.
Ph: 3208 8199
Meets 3rd Monday each month 9am at Logan City Council
Chambers, cnr Wembley Rd & Jacaranda Ave Woodridge

Pine Rivers Youth Service Providers Network

Contact: Di Cattling,
Youth Care Pine Rivers
PO Box 143, Strathpine Q 4500.
Ph (07) 3881 2823 Fax (07) 3881 1047.
Meets 1st Monday of every second month, 2pm at
16 Lincoln St, Strathpine.

Redcliffe Youth Service Providers Network

Contact: Angela Toomey
Redcliffe City Council, PO Box 66, Redcliffe Q 4020.
Ph (07) 3889 5733 Fax (07) 3883 1630.
Meets 3rd Wednesday of each alternative month 3pm
at the Meeting Room Peninsula Business & Tourism Centre
35-37 Redcliffe Parade, Redcliffe.

Redlands Youth Network

Contact: Christine D'Arcy,
Bayside District Health Service,
PO Box 585, Cleveland Q 4163.
Ph (07) 3240 8311 Fax (07) 3821 4782.
Meets 3rd Monday of each month 9:30am – 11:30 am
at Redlands Health Service Centre, Hospital Grounds,
Cleveland.

South-east Youthlink Interagency

Contact: Jillan Covey
JPET, 34 Sanders St, Upper Mt Gravatt, Q 4122.
Ph (07) 3349 2855 Fax (07) 3349 3593.
Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9am – 11am Centrelink
Office Stones Corner.

Youth Health Interagency

Contact: Lea McLaughlin at Brisbane Youth Service
PO Box 1389, Fortitude Valley Q 4006.
Ph (07) 3252 3750 Fax (07) 3252 2166 .
Meets every two months at Child and Youth Mental Health
Service, Cnr Water and Rogers Sts, Spring Hill.

Wynnum Youth Network

Contact: Danielle Jenkins
Bayside Adolescent Boarding Inc (BABI)
PO Box 69 Wynnum Q 4178.
Ph (07) 3393 4170 or Fax (07) 3393 5808.
Meets every 3 months, 9:30am – 11:30am. Venue
changes.

Interagency Meetings



Regional Queensland

Bundaberg District Youth Network

Contact: Nicole Lester
PO Box 2252 Bundaberg Q 4670
Ph (07) 4153 3066 Fax (07) 4152 1813
1st Thursday of month at TBA

Cairns Youth Services Network

Contact: Terri Golding-Clarke
YDO, Cairns City Council
PO Box 359, Cairns Q 4870
Ph (07) 4044 3353 Fax (07) 4044 3830
Meets last Thursday of month 3:30pm
Cairns City Library, Abbott St Cairns

Central and North Burnett Community Service Network (YDIG youth sub group)

Contact: Andrew Crowthers & Jodie Manskie
Monto Neighbourhood Centre
PO Box 97, Monto Q 4630
Ph (07) 4166 1733 Fax (07) 4166 3186
Meets 1st Monday of month (venue changes)

Central West Youth Network

Contact: Warren McDonald
PO Box 191, Barcaldine Q 4725
Ph (07) 4651 1211 Fax (07) 4651 1778
Meets every 2 or 3 months

Emerald Youthlink Network

Contact: Brad Witt
Rural Youth Worker, Emerald Shire Council
PO Box 21, Emerald Q 4680
Ph (07) 4982 0540
Meets 1st Monday of every 2nd month
FYCCQ Conference Room, 51 Ruby St Emerald

Gladstone Youth Interagency

Contact: Andrea Hughes
Gladstone City Council
PO Box 29, Gladstone Q 4680
Ph (07) 4972 4855 Fax (07) 4972 6557
Meets 1st Wednesday of month
Neighbourhood Centre 105 Toolooa St, Gladstone
Hervey Bay Youth Sector Workers Network
Contact: Sue Lawler
PO Box 45, Torquay Hervey Bay q 4655
Ph (07) 4125 0230 Fax (07) 4125 0303
Meets 2nd Tuesday of month
Venues Subject to change

Warwick Youth Network

Southern Downs Health Service District
Contact: Julieanne Williams
PO Box 273, Stanthorpe, Q 4380
Ph (07) 4681 5260 Fax (07) 4681 5228
Meets quarterly, 1st Wednesday of month
Warwick Community Health Centre

Innisfail Youth Services Network

Contact: Rebecca Hyde
PO Box 887, Innisfail Q 4870
Ph (07) 4030 2255 Fax (07) 4061 6005
Meets twice per year at Alan Maruff House, Innisfail

Mackay Youth Connection & Network Inc

Contact: Helen Anderson
Mackay Youth Support Service
PO Box 1630, Mackay Q 4740
Ph (07) 4953 2299 Fax (07) 4953 3454
Meets alternate months 3rd Tuesday 2pm at FYCCQ
3rd Thursday at Mackay Youth Support Services

Magnetic North Youth Service Providers

Contact: Monica McCabe
PO Box 573, Townsville Q 4810
Ph (07) 4771 3648 Fax (07) 4721 5804
Meets 3rd Tuesday of month from 10:30am
Migrant Resource Centre T&G Building, Cnr Stanley &
Flinders Sts, Townsville

Mt Isa and District Youth Interagency

Contact: Alvin Hava
QLD Health
PO Box 2958, Mt Isa Q 4825
Ph (07) 4744 4805 Fax (07) 4749 0663 or
Kathryn McFarlane(Mt Isa Centre for Rural & Remote
Health Ph (07) 4745 4509 Fax (07) 4749 5130
Meets Monthly

Rockhampton Combined Youth Sector & Suicide Prevention Network Youth Interagency

Contact: Kalie Bloxson
Capricorn Youth Housing
PO Box 644, Rockhampton Q 4700
Ph (07) 4927 7333 Fax (07) 4922 8488
Meets 3rd Tuesday of month at the Community Health
Centre at 10:30am

South Burnett Youth Development Network

Contact: Shirley Varrall
PO Box 326, Kingaroy Q 4610
Ph (07) 4162 5052 Fax (07) 4162 5120
Meets monthly at Child Health Building, Kingaroy

Sunshine Coast Youth Workers Forum

Contact: Terri Shine
Caloundra City Council
PO Box 117, Caloundra Q 4551
Ph (07) 5491 0952 Fax (07) 5491 0801
Meets every 6 weeks at Alcooringa, Ballinger Rd, Buderim

Toowoomba Youth Organisations Network (TYON)

Contact: Ed Bradbury
Department of Education
PO Box 38, Toowoomba Q 4350
Ph (07) 4688 4419 Fax (07) 4688 4498
Meets monthly (venue changes)

Membership/Subscription Application Form Tax Invoice

all relevant fees have 10% GST included. Must be paid by personal cheque, money order, credit card or cash ABN 28 205 281 339

Category Applied For:

Individual / Young Person (aged 12-25years) Membership

YANQ Membership Application Form

Title _____ First Name _____
 Family Name _____
 Postal Address _____
 Suburb _____ State _____ Code _____
 Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
 Fax _____ Mobile _____
 E-mail _____

- Receiving Centrelink \$5.00
- Young Person \$10.00
- Income <\$25,000 \$15.00
- Income \$25,000 - \$50,000 \$40.00
- Income > \$50,000 \$50.00

Must be paid by personal cheque, money order, credit card or cash

Organisational Membership Organisation _____

Contact Person: Title _____ First Name _____
 Family Name _____
 Position _____
 Postal Address _____
 Suburb _____ State _____ Code _____
 Phone (W) _____ Fax _____
 Mobile _____ E-mail _____

- Community Not for Profit Organisation**
- Funding <\$100,000 \$55.00
 - Funding \$100,000 - \$250,000 \$80.00
 - Funding \$250,000 - \$400,000 \$120.00
 - Funding >\$400,000 \$150.00


- For Profit Organisations**
- Community Organisation \$165.00

Subscriber Department/Service _____

Contact Person: Title _____ First Name _____
 Family Name _____
 Position _____
 Postal Address _____
 Suburb _____ State _____ Code _____
 Phone (W) _____ Fax _____
 Mobile _____ E-mail _____

- Community Not for Profit**
- Individual \$60.00
 - Organisation \$160.00
- For Profit** \$15.00
- Government Department or Service** \$40.00
- Federal, State, Local** \$50.00

N.B If for some reason you are unable to sign the values and vision statement of the Network you are entitled to become a subscriber after submitting the relevant fee. **Pay by Credit Card:** American Express Mastercard Bankcard Visa

Card Details 
 Name on Card _____ Amount _____
 Expiry Date _____ Signature _____

Please send application; cheque; money order or credit card details to YANQ 30 Thomas St, West End Q 4101

I.....have read and support the objects and the values summary of the Network and hereby request to become a member of the network.

Signed Date

I.....a current financial member of the Network, second the application.

Signed Date

Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc

who are we?

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

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

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

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

who can join?

Membership of the network may be granted to youth organisations, Youth Workers and young people in the non government youth sector who have: Agreed to support the objects and values summary of the network and paid the prescribed fee and completed the relevant application form

Subscriber

Any other individual or organisation interested in the work of the network is entitled to become a subscriber after submitting the relevant fee.

Become a member..... and make a difference!

Keep up to date

- Free newsletter quarterly, Network Noise
- Free Infact sheets distributed regularly
- Discount on other YANQ publications, such as Transitions
- Information on-line at our website
- Access to library resources
- Free-call 1-800 line for regional members

Make valuable contacts

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

Access professional development

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

YANQ Aims

Working together to improve the quality of life of young people in Queensland and thereby improve the quality of life of society

YANQ Objects

- To promote the interests of the youth sector particularly the interests of disadvantaged and marginalised young people, throughout Queensland.
- To enable the participation of young people, particularly disadvantaged and marginalised young people, in the Network and wider community.
- To advocate with and for young people, particularly disadvantaged and marginalised young people.
- To lobby to achieve long term social change in the interests of young people particularly disadvantaged and marginalised young people.
- To support and encourage the development of new means of meeting the rights and needs of young people, particularly disadvantaged and marginalised young people.
- To contribute to the development of the youth sector through networking, research and information provision.
- To develop policies on issues affecting the youth sector.
- To ensure that the Network has adequate resources to properly address issues affecting the youth sector.
- To function in a manner consistent with the Values and Vision of the Network.

join today!

Simply fill in the application form, detach and return it to YANQ with your membership fee payment. For more information please call us on (07) 3844 7713 or 1800 177 899 (available for regional Qld)

Summary of our Values

At YANQ, we believe that everyone is unique. At the same time, human beings share a lot in common, and are essentially social. We envisage a society where everyone lives in harmony. For this to happen, society must both value every individual and seek the best outcome for the community as a whole. There is the same diversity amongst young people as the rest of the community; like everyone else, young people need to feel respected and valued. When young women and young men are treated as important, the rest of society will gain from their insights and experiences.

We aim to contribute to developing a society that genuinely includes all its members. That's why we are committed to promoting multiculturalism (in its widest sense), and supporting and respecting the wide range of cultures that are part of Australian society. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people always have been, and always will be, the first people of this land. Because of their special relationship with the land, indigenous culture will always have a particular significance in Australian society. Focussing on reconciliation with indigenous people is an important starting point toward creating a more inclusive society. It also provides a model for other areas of action, including strategies toward improving the situation of young people.

We believe that the most effective way to achieve constructive social change is for people to work together. Economic, social and political change is happening all the time, and it is critical that we constantly assess and reassess our strategies if we are to influence change. Both the process and outcomes of change must be fair if sustained, constructive social change is to occur

We believe that everybody is entitled to have their basic emotional and material rights met. The central role of governments is to ensure that this occurs. Unfortunately, at the moment, governments in Australia focus on supporting global economic interests. Whilst we believe that everyone is fundamentally equal, some sections of our society do not have access to their fair share of society's resources. This includes young people, whose basic human rights are currently not being met. YANQ is committed to encouraging positive discrimination on behalf of those groups which miss out in society so that this type of social injustice will be overcome. It is only when everyone's fundamental rights are fulfilled, and each has the means to fully participate, that it will become relevant to talk about "mutual obligation" between society and its members.

We believe that a range of strategies is required to achieve constructive social change. Governments in Australia appear committed to stopping the voice of those who challenge their misplaced priorities. YANQ is responsible for being a strong public voice which lobbies and advocates on behalf of those young people who particularly miss out in society, and of young people as a whole. To undertake this role effectively, it is crucial that we draw on the expertise of those working most closely with issues affecting particular groups of young people - young women and young men themselves, youth workers and youth organisations. That's why networking is another important social change strategy; it enables the youth sector to participate in collective action.

Ultimately, YANQ's credibility is maintained by practicing what we preach. Our whole structure is designed to ensure that our values and vision permeate the organisation. We are committed to maintaining an open, flexible, accountable, consistent, inclusive, valuing approach in all our dealings - within YANQ, and in our relations with our members and the wider community. We are committed to applying our values in everything we say, and everything we do.