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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC.

STOP PRESS: FReeZA up against the wall in State Budget

FReeZA, an Office for Youth program that provides small grants for local communities of young people to plan and implement all ages, drug and alcohol free events featuring live bands and dance parties took a hammering this week in the state budget.

YACVic attended the Treasury department's budget lockup where we discovered a \$1million budget shortfall in funding. This represents 50% of the annual FReeZA budget.



This is particularly devastating for the thousands young people in rural and regional Victoria who volunteer on FReeZA Committees and the 130,000 young people who attend the drug and alcohol free FReeZA events each year.

YACVic recently visited Regional Youth Committees, in every region across Victoria. These visits emphasised the limited number of opportunities available to young people to participate in their local community. This leads to feeling of isolation from the community and can result in anti-social behaviour. Boredom was cited as a major issue for young people in small towns and centres, with high unemployment and limited recreational opportunities. The FReeZA program with its community development focus has made a positive impact on these issues.

The FReeZA program is about more than entertainment:

- it's about young people participating constructively in their community to build something positive for themselves;
- it provides young people with an opportunity to develop skills;
- and most importantly, it is an activity that is developed by young people for young people thus providing an opportunity to develop and express their own unique youth cultures.

If the \$1m funding shortfall is not found in the next six months FReeZA will cease to exist. This will be an enormous blow to young people who already have limited access to funds to meaningfully participate in their local communities.

YACVic will be meeting with the Minister of Youth Affairs as YIKES goes to press to find out what his plans are for FReeZA.

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Public Drunkenness: Is it a crime?

by Paula Grogan, YACVic Policy Officer

The Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee is undertaking an Inquiry into Public Drunkenness in Victoria. The inquiry aims to review current laws and to identify areas of law reform. This article provides an overview of YACVic's submission to this inquiry.

The debate about whether to decriminalise public drunkenness is particularly significant for young people. Existing laws state that any person found drunk in a public place is guilty of an offence and may be arrested and taken into police custody. Statistics show that a large proportion of those arrested for public drunkenness are young people. The number of young people coming into contact with the criminal justice system as a result of these laws is of great concern to YACVic.

While acknowledging that alcohol misuse is of concern to the community, YACVic does not believe that criminal sanctions are an appropriate intervention for what is essentially a social problem. For this reason we support the decriminalisation of public drunkenness. Apprehension and detention should only be used if

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another more serious offence is detected. This approach would bring Victoria into line with other Australian states including South Australia, NSW and the ACT.

The impact of the current law on young people

The criminalisation of public drunkenness disproportionately impacts on particular groups in the community including young people, indigenous Australians and homeless people.

The overrepresentation of young people is clearly evident in statistics published in the Inquiry into Public Drunkenness Discussion Paper. Of those in police custody for public drunkenness in Victoria:

- 79% are aged between 15 – 34 years.
- 19% are aged between 15 – 19 years
- 24% are aged between 20 – 24 years

The high number of young people apprehended for public drunkenness most probably relates to the greater likelihood of these groups being *seen* to be drunk in the street. Young people are more likely to drink in public areas and come to the attention of police while adults tend to drink in licensed establishments.

The Victorian Government has voiced a commitment to reducing young people's contact with the criminal justice system. The *Stronger Citizens, Stronger Families, Stronger Communities: Partnerships in Community Care* report promotes an investment in strategies that divert low risk young people away from custodial facilities to prevent deeper involvement with the juvenile justice system.

The current public drunkenness laws only serve to introduce more young people into the criminal justice system for what may be simply experimental behaviour or a manifestation of a more serious health issue. In contrast, decriminalisation fosters a harm-minimisation approach. This approach does not stigmatise adolescent experimentation and assists young people exhibiting problematic drinking by linking them into services offering longer-term support.

Sobering-up centres for young people

There is growing support for the use of sobering-up centres as an alternative to police custody in Victoria. Community groups usually run these centres providing shelter and food to people while they 'sleep it off'. Police custody should only be

used as a last resort if no responsible person is available to look after the young person or if there are no sobering-up centres nearby.

Considering the high number of young people detained for public drunkenness offences, it is important to tailor service provision to meet the specific needs of young people. Adult drinkers, particularly habitual drinkers, have different needs to young people. YACVic believes that youth specific sobering-up centres should be established to cater for young people up to the age of 21. This will provide space for young people who are beginning to drink and those showing signs of more problematic alcohol use. If youth specific centres are not available, space should be dedicated to young people within the generalised centres.

Sobering-up centres need to offer a safe and user-friendly space for young people to sleep off the effects of their drinking or drug use. The centres would also provide more intensive support for young people requiring linkages to other services such as accommodation and drug and alcohol services. The centres would not provide separate services but rather refer young people to other agencies as appropriate.

Rural Victoria

Statistics published in the Inquiry into Public Drunkenness Discussion Paper show that rural regions generally have higher total per capita alcohol consumption figures. This may be because many social activities in rural and regional towns revolve around the consumption of alcohol.

A discussion about law reform should address the wider social context of drinking patterns. For example the lack of alcohol-free recreation for young people in rural areas needs to be considered. In addition, if public drunkenness is decriminalised, particular attention must be given to appropriate provision of sobering-up centres in rural areas. Currently lack of services in the country can often result in young people being taken into custody as there are few other options.

The inquiry provides a great opportunity to re-assess the impact of public drunkenness laws on young people. The importance of diverting young people away from the criminal justice system cannot be over-emphasised. YACVic urges the State Government to make a firm commitment to youth specific sobering-up centres and to adopt policies that support rather than criminalise young people.

YACVic's Youth Policy Resource Centre

For YACVic members interested in youth policy in Victoria the Youth Policy Resource Centre (YPRC) is a valuable tool. The centre is available to all members of YACVic and holds material on the diverse range of issues affecting young people. If you would like to visit the centre please give the office a call (03) 9612 8999 to arrange a time.

We hold a wide variety of material including journals, government reports, books, video's, tapes, kits and statistics. The following list will give an idea of the titles that we hold and some of the material that we have received in the past few weeks:

Being Fair: a procedural fairness manual for Australian schools (National Children's & Youth Law Centre)
Brotherhood Comment (April 2001)
Out of the Fire, Domestic Violence & Homelessness (March 2001)
Sustaining the Reconciliation Process (Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation)
A Secure Workplace for Young Australians (National Children's & Youth Law Centre)
Know Your Rights at School (National Children's & Youth Law Centre)
Disability Discrimination in Schools (National Children's & Youth Law Centre)
A Grant Seekers Guide (Bryan Grehan)
Parity (Council for Homeless Persons, Vol 14, Issue 3)
VCOS Noticeboard (May 2001)
The Concept of Youth Development: Literature Review (AusYouth, February 2001)
Voiceworks – Body Issue (Issue 44)



Access – journal for people with a disability (April/May 2001)
Connect – supporting Student Participation (No 18, April 2001)
YAPRap (Newsletter of Youth Action & Policy Ass NSW, April 2001)
Successful Submission Writing for Non-Profit Organisations (Roberts Management Publication)
The Australian Directory of Philanthropy (Philanthropy Australia Inc)
Network Noise (newsletter of Youth Affairs Network of Queensland, March 2001)
Recognising Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Rights (Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation)
Local Symbols of Reconciliation – What we can do! (Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation)
It's About Time (Streetwize Communications, 2001)
Network (Newsletter of Rural Women's Network, no 1 2001)
This listing is no where near exhaustive of the material that we hold or the topics that we have information on, so if you are looking for research material in a field related to youth studies give us a call and we will do our best to help you.

A Nation United

Meredith Gawler, YACVic Young Media Spokesperson attended the Joint Commemorative Meeting of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Centenary Commemoration Ceremony held in Melbourne on 9 May. Meredith shares her experience of the joint sitting with YIKES. . .

I felt very privileged to have the opportunity to attend the official celebrations as a young person on behalf of YACVic.

The Joint Sitting of Parliament included speeches from the Prime Minister John Howard, Kim Beazley Leader of the Opposition, the Most Reverend Peter Hollingworth AO OBE Governor General of Australia and Victorian Premier Steve Bracks describing the achievements of the last 100 years and the challenges facing Australia today and in the future.

An official indigenous ceremonial welcome from the elders of the Wurundjeri People and Richard Walley OAM from the Nyoongar People opened the Centenary Commemoration Ceremony. The welcome included indigenous dancing, music and the burning of Eucalyptus branches. The

smoke from the branches is a symbolic sign of welcome for the Wurundjeri people.

I found the celebration of the Journey of Australia and Australians across 100 years of Nationhood to be the most interesting and enjoyable part of the event. Australian achievers from diverse areas including politics, the arts, industry, community, education science, welfare, defence, religion, law and justice, immigration and multiculturalism, sport, aviation and industrial relations. Most of those honoured were past Australians, however there was a huge applause when Betty Cuthbert, Olympian gold medalist and Multiple Sclerosis activist was wheeled on stage in her wheel chair to deliver a speech for the sports award.

The ceremony finished wonderfully with 15 year old Australian Hayley Eaves speaking of her hopes and dreams for the future Australia. Hayley began her speech by saying "at the first federation celebrations in 1901 a young person, who is Asian and a woman would not have been able to address such a gathering." Hayley received a thunderous applause!

The Centenary of Federation is an opportunity for Australians not only celebrate the last 100 years, but to look forward with vision to the future. It is the young people of today and future generations who will create the Australia of the future.

Wanna be a member on YACVic's State Council?

Here's your opportunity to become an active member of YACVic! We are seeking interest from our members to fill a vacancy on State Council, YACVic's main decision making body.

So if you'd like to get actively involved with YACVic contact Jamie Crosby, YACVic Chairperson C/- YACVic Ph (03) 9612 8999 or email: info@yacvic.org.au.

Young people are encouraged to apply!

Wanna work for us?

Boo hoo.. sadly our wonderful Admin Officer Shelley Harford is leaving us to travel around Australia on a motorbike.

So we need to find a new **Administration Officer**. A Position Description is available by phoning (03) 9612 8999.

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 30 May

We also need a **book keeper** for one day a week (over 10 weeks) to replace the lovely Bettina who will be going on maternity leave from mid June.

For further enquiries contact Janet Jukes, Executive Officer (03) 9612 8922

Where would we be without

FReeZA

By Emma Hand

I am a young mum. I was on the local FReeZA committee until becoming a mum and returning to further study about 18 months ago. My involvement on the committee helped me make the decision to pursue a career in youth work. This paper was an assignment for my current studies, which I have altered slightly to address the news regarding FReeZA funding cuts.

FReeZA was started in 1997 by the Victorian Government to tackle the growing amount of young people with no entertainment, increasing usage of licit and illicit drugs and to provide a safe and secure environment where young people could socialise and have fun.

FReeZA committees consist of young people organising, budgeting and staging drug and alcohol free gigs throughout Victoria. Each provider has their own committee of local youth aged between 13 and 18yrs old, as well as older volunteers up to the age of 25. This gives young people a sense of ownership, responsibility and the knowledge they CAN make a difference in the community. In other words, involvement in this committee gives young people a sense of belonging or community connectedness, which is one of a range of protective factors which minimises risk factors in 'at risk' young people.

Anecdotal comments from young people include:

"... This keeps me out of trouble with the cops. ... It's shown me how to be part of a group. ... It's given me purpose. ... I used to be so bored, didn't fit into school but this is different. ... I don't know where I would be without this. ..."

Each provider receives \$20,000 to stage 8 events in 12 months. In 1997-1998 27 FReeZA providers staged 150 events with 70,000+ young people in attendance.

From 1998-1999; 45 providers staged 250 events with attendances of 200,000+ young people attending. These figures have skyrocketed and continue to grow.

FReeZA providers ensure that every event is drug and alcohol free and fully supervised, and cannot be held without the attendance of registered security personnel. There are providers throughout Victoria, which gives the opportunity for young people to get involved or attend in their local area.

Mildura Youth Centre first received funding for drug and alcohol free events in 1998 to combat the ever-increasing amount of young people in the CBD on Friday and Saturday nights. Since then there have been many different faces in the committee, from the older generation moving on to the younger generation wanting to make a difference.

It has evolved into an amazing program from humble beginnings of less than 50 people in attendance at the first event to 775 at our most popular event, *The Style Wars Tour*. Average attendance to our events hovers around 350. I surveyed eight *Playpen* committee members and they all said that FReeZA is bigger and better than ever and that they are learning important life skills, most committee members thought that their involvement in FReeZA would help them with job opportunities.

Very few incidents have been reported at events staged by Mildura's *Playpen* committee. It has taken over two years for FReeZAs in our area to gain credibility with young people, parents, schools and the wider community. Local businesses and police are extremely supportive of

the event, young people see it as an okay place to say you are going to.

The recent closure of the Powerhouse has resulted in an increase in attendances at our FReeZA gigs. The Powerhouse provided pinball machines, a place for break-dancing comps and an area in the CBD where young people could hang out. Since Powerhouse closed numbers attending our concerts have further increased, the last three have sold out with 350 tickets sold and up to 200 young people turned away at the gate.

Due to the increasing popularity a decision had been made to hold these events on a monthly basis, increasing the number of concerts held from the funded eight to 12 per year. This was possible because of government funding, the large volunteer component and widespread community support.

If the TRUE cost of FReeZA was costed out, the government would see that they are getting value for service. Without government funding the quality and level of service is not possible. Without community support and the volunteer component FReeZA would not be what it is today either. Conservative estimates put the real cost of staging 8 FReeZA concerts in excess of \$70,000. As you can see, young people thought their efforts were valued.

People travel over 100 kms to attend our concerts. There are young people living in rural Victoria whose schools do not allow school socials what is their entertainment if FReeZA is taken away?

FReeZA committees across the state, and those involved in supporting these committees should be thanked by their communities and government for their contributions made to their community. They have provided the best available entertainment, have enabled young people to shine in their many and various talents, whether unearthing bands or to seeing a shy young person, male and female, become a young adult with the confidence and ambition to take on the world, and to take on government decisions that are unfair!

Written with involvement of Mildura Youth Centre *Playpen* committee.

References:

<http://www.freeza.vic.gov.au/freeza/dfreeze/facts.html>

<http://www.freeza.vic.gov.au/freeza/freezaguidelines.doc>

Mildura Youth Centre FReeZA archives.

To get involved in the Save FReeZA campaign contact Rowena Allen, Goulburn Regional Youth Committee email: ceysrow@mcmmedia.com.au or contact YACVic

National Youth Affairs Network of Australia Communiqué from the New National Youth Peak Organisation

On May 4 and 5 2001, all the State youth peak bodies from across the country, as well as major national youth organisations met in Melbourne to discuss the establishment of a new national youth affairs peak body.

The two-day meeting set in train the development of a new national peak body for youth affairs. Since the defunding of the Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC) in 1998, and despite a lack of resources, the youth affairs sector has maintained strong networks in order to keep youth issues on the national agenda.

The new national peak body will be made up of a broad-based membership of community sector organisations who work with and for the interests of young people. As a group we are committed to establishing a strong representative voice at national level for all young people.

We invite all people interested in the issues that affect young people's lives to become members of the new peak body, to ensure that young people have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

We call upon the Federal Government to recognise the value of an organised representative voice and fund this organisation in line with their commitment to govern for all Australians.

The group will be meeting again in August 2001 to formally establish the new peak body. Contact YACVic for more info.

+++YOUTH FORUM ONLINE, is currently hosting an online discussion about what a national youth peak can achieve for young people.

See the YACVic website to take part in the discussion www.yacvic.org.au +++



Senator Kate Lundy at YACVic
Photo by Lise Della Torre

Politicians at YACVic

On 10 May YACVic hosted an informal afternoon tea to provide our members with an opportunity to speak with Victorian Minister for Youth Affairs, Justin Madden, and Federal Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs, Senator Kate Lundy.

Intrepid journalist and photographer Lise Della Torre came along to document the afternoon and "press the flesh" with Justin and Kate. . .

As I bolted down Elizabeth Street in a desperate attempt to reach the YACVic offices by 3:30 to attend a "meet and greet" with Justin Madden, and Kate Lundy I wondered what I was in for...

The informal setting gave everyone in the room a chance to talk to not only the Minister and the Senator but also others involved within the area of youth affairs including interested young people and

youth workers. A wide range of YACVic members attended. Conversation flowed easily in the pleasant surroundings as opinions and beliefs were shared.

It was refreshing that both Minister Madden and Senator Lundy were incredibly courteous and possessed genuine knowledge and awareness of their respective youth portfolios. In their introductions both the Minister and the Senator expressed their longing for more communication between the various State Youth Affairs Ministers and the Federal representative in order to work out an effective approach to tackle youth issues.

■ It's been a busy month on the polliie front here at YACVic. Last week we met with State Shadow Minister for Women's Affairs and Local Government, Leonie Burke to discuss the Opposition's ideas about the role of local government and young people. YACVic looks forward to a continuing dialogue with both federal and state politicians to keep young people's issues on the agenda.

Here kitty, kitty, kitty

Tarquin couldn't believe how much his household spent on food some weeks. Somehow, whenever it was Sue or Eleferia's turn to do the shopping, the kitty would be blown. But when he did the shopping, there would be change from the money everyone put in. In search of answers, Tarquin went through the pile of grocery dockets and found that although he had always used his own money for personal stuff like toothpaste and razors, the others were using the kitty to buy everything from hair goop to tampons. No wonder the kitty always went further when he hit the supermarket. Tarquin gathered the grocery dockets and called a house meeting.

Hold the line (& your life)

Nola's flatmate stiffed her with a big phone bill by calling his girlfriend overseas for huge periods of time. While the phone company was sympathetic, they weren't able to chase the flatmate as he'd racked off to join his girlfriend. As the bill was in both his and Nola's name, Nola was the one that suffered when the phone company sued for the 3-grand it was owed. Nola saw a financial counsellor who arranged a deal with the company to pay off the debt, but she can't move on with her life because her credit file is now stuffed she can't get a car loan, a credit card or even get another phone company to connect her. Nola didn't find out until after the crisis that you could get monthly phone billing, which might have stopped the bill from spinning totally out of control.

TELEPHONE BILLS Some people suffer a tragic memory loss and "forget" that they called Scotland or rang an info hotline when it comes time to cough up for the phone bill. To avoid the ugly phone bill scenes that follow such memory losses, there are a number of options your shared household can pursue.

If you want to share the phone bills, then consider getting monthly billing as this can help reduce the problem of people with short memories, but phone companies can and do "back-bill" for up to six months from the date some calls were made, so it is important to decide whether to simply ask the phone company to barr all 1900 hotline numbers as well as long distance and international calls.

If you want no sharing of phone bills, perhaps because everyone has their own mobile, consider getting a phone service that provides the household with incoming calls only. This is provided for free in some instances by phone companies, subject to you meeting certain conditions, such as your having a non-rental plug-in phone. At least this system means no landline bills for the house to argue over, but does not resolve the all too-familiar complaint of house members failing to pass on phone messages.

Finally, some phone companies have recognised the needs of shared households and provide a phone service, where each member of the house gets their own phone account. The account gives you your own personal phone number with a PIN to access outgoing calls and messages. Some of the services are limited to two accounts per phone line, but you could consider installing extra lines.

This type of service costs extra but it may be worth it to prevent grief over who entered the cricket phone competition 16 times in one day and you can be sure that you get your messages.

Shared household costs

...keeping money issues to a minimum

Moving out of home into a shared household is an excellent way to become independent, without having to face the big costs of setting up a home by yourself. However, shared household costs can lead to huge money headaches if you and your housemates don't establish a few ground rules for splitting the expenses fairly. This article identifies some options to help you avoid getting caught in shared house of financial horrors.

Tips for ensuring housemates pay their fair share

KITTY rules vary from house to house. In some houses everyone contributes a set amount of money each week to the kitty to cover all food, cleaning stuff and bathroom essentials, with everyone buying their own personal stuff like shampoo and conditioner. In other houses, the kitty is only for cleaning stuff, and the basics like milk, bread and marj, with everyone buying their own food.

The kitty rules your household develops depends on how far everyone wants to split costs. Obviously it is pointless for everyone to buy their own personal jar of vegemite, unless you're offended by crumbs in the jar. In this case, you might want to keep vegemite out of the kitty pool of stuff and label your own crumb-free jar.

Whatever kitty rules your household settles on, it's a good idea to ensure everyone is aware of the game plan and that the house reviews the rules from time to time to ensure everyone is still considers the outcome to be fair.

UTILITY BILLS (gas, electricity and water) can result in big disputes if the bills are not properly managed – but sensible management of these bills should not involve timing each others showers. Unless one of your housemates is running a big hydroponic set-up in the laundry, splitting the bills equally is usually the fairest approach. However, there are some sensible precautions you can take to ensure that no-one is stuck with big debts if the house breaks up.

Names on utility bills If your utility companies will let you put the bills in everyone's name, this is can be good idea, so that each house member is authorised to discuss the account with the utility. However, just because the bill has more than one name on it, doesn't mean that you will only be liable for your share if things go wrong. Everyone whose name is on a joint account can be held fully responsible for the whole debt. It can also be tempting to put all the bills in the name of the person who is eligible for winter energy bill concessions- but is this fair? No matter whose name is on the bills it is important for steps to be taken to prevent big debts, by establishing payment plans.

Utility payment plans The costs of utilities can be a big burden, especially with seasonal use of appliances such as heaters. Fortunately, all utility companies in Victoria must provide people with payment plan options to meet the cost of utilities. There are two types of payment plans for you to choose from. The first is a budget plan where you are sent a payment card to enable you to make payments as you choose in advance of the next bill. The second type of plan, is an instalment plan where you make an agreement with the utility company to pay set amounts at set intervals, again using a payment card (but direct debit of your account is possible). The instalment amount is calculated on an estimate of your household's average usage over the year, which softens the impact of any variations between winter and summer bills. If you stick to the instalment plan, the utility company will not expect you to pay bills as they arrive, but it will send you the bills so you can check all your payments went through. It is important for you to monitor the instalments to ensure that the amount you are paying will be enough to cover a full year of bills. Instalment plans can be started even when there is an outstanding bill.

Sharing the instalments around Instalments payment plans can be an easy way to share the bills, as everyone can take turns at paying the instalments as they become due. For instance, if there are 3 of you and 3 utilities to pay, then you could rotate the fortnightly instalment payments, so that you each end up making one payment to each utility every six weeks. The beauty of the payment plan card system is that you get a receipt for each payment, which can be stuck on the fridge so the whole household can see that the instalments are under control.

Utility bill blowouts If a crisis hits with a utility bill, that can't be resolved with a payment plan, all utility companies can tell you about the special government run, one-off Grant Scheme that may be able to help you, if due to some unexpected financial hardship, your household can't meet a bill.

Where to get help and advice...

For referral to a financial counsellor if you are

struggling with bills and debts:

- Financial and Consumer Rights Council ph: 9614 5433
- Credit Helpline ph: 9602 3800

For assistance with complaints about treatment by a utility or phone company:

- Energy Industry Ombudsman ph: 1 800 500 509

National Sorry Day

Date: 26/05/01

For more info: www.journeyofhealing.com

Group facilitation

Date: 30/05/01

Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Hawthorn Campus, Melbourne Uni

Discussion, Theory, Practic, Support, Resources and Personal Development. Additional workshops will be held on August 16 & 17 and November 20 & 21

For more info: 9817 4094

Email: Info@teamtraining.com.au

Where the waters meet: A conference on community solutions for Indigenous youth justice

Date: 01/06/01 – 03/06/01

National Conference organised by the Northern Territory Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Committee, based in NT University.

Ph: (08) 8946 6974

Jobs Now: Employment and careers expo

Date: 07/06/01

Where: The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road

For more info:

Ph: 9457 9907

Email: jobsnow@banyule.vic.gov.au

Web: www.banyule.vic.gov.au

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Week

Date: 8/06/01 – 15/06/01

Web: www.atsic.gov.au

Youth Forum – 2nd Futures

Date: 13/06/01

Where: Bendigo

A Youth Forum prior to the Victorian Rural Health Forum being run by CAN (Country AIDS Network). CAN is currently calling for presenters for this conference running from 14-17 June. More info available from CAN

For more info contact: Neil Roxburgh, ph: 03 5443 8355

Email: cancan.org.au Web: www.can.org.au

Minus 18 – Gay & Lesbian underage event

Date: 16/06/01

Time: 2:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: Velvet Room, 288 Queen Street, (enter from Lonsdale St) Melbourne

Minus 18 is a fully supervised, no alcohol, no drugs, no smoking, under 18 event. ID is required for purchase of tickets and entry. No one 18 or over will be admitted.

No Passouts. For more info ph: 9511 4083 or 9510 5569

Email: minus18@mailcity.com

Web: www.also.oeg.au/minus18/

Train the Trainer

Date: 18/06/01

Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Hawthorn Campus, Uni Melbourne

Oriented for human services to address planning, delivering and reviewing training

For more info ph: 9817 4094

Email: Info@teamtraining.com.au

Social epidemiology

Date: 19/06/01

Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Where: VicHealth Seminar Room, Ground Floor, 15-31

Pelham St, Carlton

Presented by Dr Anne Kavanagh & Dr Theo Vas, chaired

by Dr Julia Shelley

Not just for us... Safe-injecting rooms: a survey of 215 street based heroin users in Melbourne

Date: 19/06/01

Time: 9:30am – 10:30am

Where: Boardroom, Australian Drug Foundation, 409

King Street (cnr Batman St), West Melbourne

Presenter: Craig Fry, Turnin Point Alcohol Drug Centre

Human Services: with or without seams?

Date: 22/06/01

A conference designed for all parts of the human services sector, to explore the benefits and pitfalls of amalgamating health, housing and welfare services.

For more info: Social Options Australia ph: (03) 8327

3460 Email: info@soa.com.au

Homophobia, get over it!

Date: 23/06/01

Where: Brisbane

Creating safe and supportive schools free from homophobic abuse and violence. Auspiced by the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland

Web: <http://www.uq.net.au/get.over.it>

CWAV rural issues practice/policy forum

Date: 28/06/01

Time: 10:00am – 1:30pm

Where: Shell Theatre, Shell House, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

Rural models of Service Delivery

For more info: Tiffany ph: 03 9614 1774

Email: admin@cwav.asn.au

Students & Sustainability

Date: 02/07/01 – 6/07/01

Where: Newcastle University, NSW

For more info ph: 02 4968 1281

Email: s-and-s@angelfire.com

Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission Regional Consultations

Date: 02/07/01 – 05/07/01

HREOC regional consultations to assimilate views about racism in Australia and to devise ways of tackling issues of racism.

For more info: <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/worldconference/aus.html>

Competing Visions

Date: 04/07/01 – 06/07/01

Where: Kensington Campus of University of NSW, Sydney

National Social Policy Conference from 4-6 July run by the Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales

For more info: www.sprc.edu.au, ph: 02 9385 7800

Media Circus 2001

Date: 15/07/01 – 15/07/01

Where: Melbourne

Media Circus is a gathering of people who create, consume, critique and distribute media content that challenges, questions, expresses and celebrates our culture, our society and the way we live.

For more info: www.antimedia.net/mediacircus/

Women's bodies women's history: Converstions across time and cultures

Date: 21/07/01 – 23/07/01

Where: Melbourne University

A history conference that looks at the future as well as to the past – reflecting on a century of change.

For more info contact Associate Prof. Janet McCalman ph: 03 8344 0053

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A model for consultation in early psychosis

Date: 24/07/01

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Where: Australian Drug Foundation, 409 King Street West Melbourne

Presenter: John Gleeson, Early Psychosis Prevention & Intervention Centre

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VICTORIAN EVENTS

InfoXchange: <http://www.infoxchange.net.au/youth>

Vicnet: <http://events.vicnet.net.au/events.cgi>

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Australian Clearing House for Youth Studies:

<http://www.acys.utas.edu.au/ncys/events/>

Youth Gas: <http://www.youthgas.com/calendar.htm>