



Community  
Supporting  
Police

## WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

*“Supporting those  
who support us”*



# Behind the Crime

An initiative of Community Supporting Police Inc. and the  
Queensland Police Service

## Presents

*Amber Alerts - The Queensland Police Journey*

**Presenter: Senior Sergeant Barry McErlean  
Media and Public Affairs Group**

Amber Alert is a system from the USA of enlisting community help to locate an abducted child. Hear how SSgt McErlean won a scholarship to north America to research the system and led the team who introduced the system to Queensland. SSgt McErlean's presentation will feature case studies.

**Friday - 22 June 2018**

**Brisbane Girls' Grammar School Gehrman Theatre  
Gregory Terrace, Brisbane**

*Parking available within school grounds and on the street*

**6.45pm for 7.00pm start**

**Cost:** \$25 per adult  
\$20 adult student/adult concession (children are not permitted)

**More information:** Sergeant Kate Bailey email or email [btc@csp.asn.au](mailto:btc@csp.asn.au)

**Conditions:** Cameras, mobile phones, videos and other audio and visual recording devices are not permitted. These presentations contain adult themes, therefore children (under the age of 18 years), will not be permitted entry.

### **PAYMENT METHODS**

- Pay online using credit card or Paypal payment, please go to <http://csp.asn.au/store/> and follow the links.
- For cheque or money order payments, please post to **Community Supporting Police, PO Box 209, Strathpine Centre, Qld 4500**, and provide your name and contact details.
- If you wish to pay at the door, please email your name to [btc@csp.asn.au](mailto:btc@csp.asn.au)

We need accurate attendance numbers for catering purposes. Once we hear from you, your name will be on the attendee list and will be confirmed at the door.

All monies raised through this fundraising initiative go to support all members of the QPS and their families.

### **Our Generous Donors**

**We would like to thank Brisbane Girls Grammar School for providing the Theatre. Thank You!**

# CSP members Out & About



(left) Ted E Bear, accompanied Community Supporting Police Inc members Peter and Fay Johnson as they travelled from Sydney to Singapore on the Voyager of the Seas. A wonderful 14 days at sea during which a dawn service was held on board prior to entering Darwin Harbour just as the sun rose on ANZAC DAY. This moving service was attended by over 1000 passengers.

During the service the tune "The Band Played Waltzing Matilda" by Eric Bogle was shown on a big screen overlooking the pools, it was very emotive.

After leaving Darwin, Ted E Bear had 4 days in Singapore where he had chilli crab, saw flowers, rode in a boat and on buses before returning home in the comfort of a big white bird.



(right) Peter Johnson with Senior Constable Debbie Wruck at the Gympie Show. 17th –19th May.

As always Peter had a great time chatting to the locals and promoting and fundraising for Community Supporting Police Inc.



(right) CSP's Beige Labrador "Homer" was thrilled with Senior Constable Tammy White encouraged him to be the pin-up pooch for the launch of the joint Pine Rivers Crime Prevention/ Bray Park NHW "light up key ring" project at the Emergency Services Expo at Kurwongbah on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Police were handing out the key rings to encourage residents to know the location of their keys and to remind everyone to lock up their homes and vehicles, and "Homer" was only too pleased to assist in imparting the message. Unfortunately, leaving keys on the on the kitchen bench or in the vehicle's ignition makes it easier for the opportunist to either break and enters homes and or steal from or theft of vehicles. <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/pinerivers/2018/05/22/use-your-keys-to-lock-out-the-thieves-come-get-your-free-key-ring/#> (see page 8 for more members out and about)



We hope you find this edition informative and interesting, keeping you up-to-date with what Community Supporting Police is doing through the State to "support those who support us" and keep us safe.

If you have any feedback, comments or recipes we would love to hear from you!!

Alternatively, if you attend an event, hold an activity or have a story or photos you want to share please feel free to: email the secretary at [info@csp.asn.au](mailto:info@csp.asn.au)



# Farewell & Thanks



Commissioner Stewart acknowledged Protocol Officer Mr Barry Martin at his final induction ceremony before retirement. Barry commenced with the QPS in 2005 and in his 13 years of service he has been instrumental in coordinating various high profile events, including 106 induction ceremonies at both the Oxley and Townsville academies.

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/blog/2018/05/11/induction-ceremony-sees-new-recruits-and-police-dogs-sworn-in-to-service>

Barry the members of Community Supporting Police sincerely thank you for your dedication and constant support of our organisation. Always ensuring our volunteers had a perfect location at the Induction Parades to promote our organisation to the newly graduating officers and their families, as well as a perfect opportunity to sell our merchandise. We congratulate you on a wonderful career and wish you all the best in your retirement.



(right) Assistant Commissioner Michael Condon with Mr Michael Ma and Assistant Commissioner Brian Wilkins.

Recently, the Queensland Chinese United Council generously donated \$5,000 to CSP Inc Helping Hand Fund. Making the presentation is Mr Michael Ma, Chairperson of the Queensland Chinese United Council. This generous donation was gratefully received by Assistant Commissioner Michael Condon (Chair of Helping Hand) and Assistant Commissioner Brian Wilkins (Brisbane Region) at the Chinese Festival Gala Night held at City Hall during 2018 Chinese New Year celebrations. Helping Hand can provide financial support to QPS members and their families who find themselves in necessitous circumstances when facing serious or life-threatening illness or injury.

((Sgt Jim Bellos) as per MyPolice Blog link <https://qld.us2.listmanage.com/track/click?u=bc40de864c611dd173a42d2ea&id=334966f9ac&e=2502583d55>



**Thank you to our wonderful sponsors!!!**





Community Supporting Police Inc member and District Crime Prevention Coordinator Sergeant Nadine Webster, (photo left: Sergeant Webster standing left) once again invited CSP to attend the Ipswich North Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards night. This annual event sees North Ipswich Rotary acknowledge the endeavours of local Police and Emergency Services Officers at a Gala Dinner held on Friday, April 20, at the Ipswich Civic Centre.

These Officer of the Year Awards provide the opportunity for members of the public, whether they represent local councils, community organisations, or as individuals to show their gratitude and support for the emergency services members who keep our community, streets and homes safe.

The event is two fold: it allows the community to recognise and acknowledge the amazing activities performed by the men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day/night they don their uniforms. Whilst recognising the diversity and complexities of their respective roles and the extraordinary dedication each officer has for their community.

Each award nominee has been chosen because their peers or members of the public, or both, have recognised them as outstanding in their service to the community. The criteria includes the officer’s ability to:

- Display very high standards of professionalism; or
- Perform significant acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding or courage; or
- Handle complex and difficult situations with humanity; or
- Demonstrate excellence in a policing discipline, role or task.

NORTH IPSWICH ROTARY

EMERGENCY SERVICES

OFFICER of the YEAR

2017

The Awards were presented in the following categories for each discipline:

**Ambulance**

- Ambulance Officer of the Year- – Awarded to **John Burowski**

**Fire Services (Fire and Rescue Services)**

- F&RS Fire Officer of the Year – Awarded to **Mark Stephenson**

**Fire Services (Rural)**

- Rural Fire Officer of the Year – Awarded to **Robert Anderson**

**State Emergency Services**

- SES Member of the year- Awarded to **Christopher Brandt**

**Police**

- Queensland Police Service of the Year—**Sergeant Margetts (pictured below)**



“Sergeant (Sgt) Margetts is an officer of 39 years service and a strong advocate for humanity in policing, with a particular focus on mental health and suicide prevention. He has been the driving force in the creation and implementation of the Mental Health Co-Responder Unit, which is unique in Qld, and provides rapid response for people experiencing mental health crisis, massively changing the way mental health support is delivered in the district. (see page 5 for more information regarding this program).

Sgt Margetts is an outstanding professional role model and teacher for trainee police and embodies community policing approaches, treating all he comes in contact with courtesy and kindness.”

Sgt Margetts was nominated by a team member and previous team member who both highlighted what a role model he is, how well respected amongst his peers and how professional he is as an exemplary leader.

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/ipswich/2018/04/23/police-and-emergency-services-officer-of-the-year-announced/>

## NURSES PROVIDE BACK UP FOR IPSWICH COPS

### **THE MENTAL HEALTH CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM INVOLVES A MENTAL HEALTH NURSE JOINING FORCES WITH LOCAL POLICE ON CALL OUTS INVOLVING A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE.**

Ipswich police, ambulance and mental health workers are leading the world when it comes to dealing with mental health in crisis situations.

The program started in March 2017 and has recently been expanded, now providing a seven day a week service. Ipswich Police Officer and Mental Health Intervention co-ordinator Sergeant Leon Margetts felt there was a growing need to address the issue of people in crisis when police are called to a home.

"It was a no brainer. We needed to think a bit laterally, so this is what I came up with," Sergeant Margetts said. "Mental illness has increased in society in general. There are not many services available after hours.

"This concept frees up emergency departments and frees up a lot of police resources. Instead of sitting at the hospital, the general police can go back out and fight crime which is what they should be doing".

"We are the only district doing this full time in Queensland. I am fielding enquiries from all over about our model so it can be replicated elsewhere."

West Moreton Health clinical nurse consultant Chris Watkins has joined founding co-responder and clinical nurse consultant Janet Brack to respond to police call-outs where mental health might be a factor to provide expert assessment and advice. "Predominantly it's about looking after people in their community, in their own homes, and circumventing the need for people to come to the Emergency Department if at all possible," Mr Watkins said

"It is really important that we let people know that it is OK to reach out. "It means someone experiencing a crisis is connected to a mental health professional almost immediately.

"You know you have really made a difference when you arrive to find someone who is really distressed and feeling hopeless and they don't see that things will ever get any better. "Being really present with them can make a huge difference. Sometimes just talking to someone and being there for them when they need it most is all they need to help get them back on track."

Before the co-responder program was set up, police would routinely take anyone experiencing a mental health crisis to an Emergency Department because they do not have the specialised mental health training to properly assess a person and establish their needs.

Police alert the co-responder to any mental health-related call-outs and the co-responder accompanies the police to provide an on-the-spot assessment.

"In the majority of instances we find that people can access the services and treatment options they need without going to the Emergency Department. That may mean a referral to West Moreton Health's Acute Care Team for follow up care or contact with another community support service," Mr Watkins said.

Co-responder and clinical nurse consultant Janet Brack says there is a direct correlation between the introduction of the program and the number of people taken to the Emergency Department under an Emergency Examination Authority (EEA).

"In the six months before the program was launched, 274 people were taken to an Emergency Department by police or ambulance under an EEA. In the subsequent six months there was a 17.5 per cent reduction in EEAs once the program was in operation," Ms Brack said. "In that same period we responded to 316 call-outs, with 28 – or less than nine per cent – requiring an EEA. "We estimate the presence of the co-responder roughly halves the rate of EEAs."

**If you or someone you know needs access to a public mental health service :  
call 1300 MH CALL (1300 64 2255) They operate 24/7.**

Posted by Jodie Richter | Apr 10, 2018 | Community, Health <https://www.ipswichfirst.com.au/nurses-provide-back-ipswich-cops/>

**CONGRATULATIONS  
to all the  
NOMINEES & AWARD WINNERS**



The *Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) Helping Hand (HH)* is a registered tax deductible gift status organisation which aims to render financial aid and assistance to members of the *Queensland Police Service (QPS)* and their families, who are faced with serious, terminal, life threatening injuries or significant personal trauma.

*Helping Hand* has established a network of volunteer employees across the State, who can identify and coordinate assistance for colleagues and their families. HH raises funds through donations, sponsorship, payroll deductions and fund raising events.

No donations have been spent on administration costs since the fund commenced in 2005. *Helping Hand* donations, including those made through the payroll system, are tax deductible.

Financial support of *Helping Hand* is vital for the Fund to continue to support members of the *Queensland Police Service* for as little as \$2.00 per pay, **YOU** can make a significant difference.

**If you are a Queensland Police Service employee in need of support please contact your local QPS Chaplain or CSP Branch.**

## Brisbane CSP meeting dates for 2018

**Annual General Meeting Police Headquarters: Wed 12th September 7.00pm**  
**General Meeting at Police Headquarters: Wed 14th November 2018 7.00pm**



**If you would like to attend your local CSP Branch meeting please contact your local QPS Chaplain or CSP Branch representative.**

**Cairns: Rev Doug Foster—[foster.dougn@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:foster.dougn@police.qld.gov.au)**

**Mareeba: Inspector Rolf Straatemeier—[straatemeier.rolfr@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:straatemeier.rolfr@police.qld.gov.au)**

**Townsville: Senior Sergeant Janelle Poole—[poole.janellem@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:poole.janellem@police.qld.gov.au)**

**Rockhampton: Senior Sergeant William Fleming—[fleming.williamj@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:fleming.williamj@police.qld.gov.au)**

**Toowoomba: Inspector Sharee Cumming—[cumming.shareet@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:cumming.shareet@police.qld.gov.au)**



## CRIME STOPPERS DAY 2018

### Safety, across Australia

Crime Stoppers Day was celebrated on Monday 21 May and is a day when the community volunteer not-for-profit organisation recognises the efforts of Australia's eight independent, Crime Stoppers programs which operate in each State and Territory. Crime Stoppers Australia "is a key member of the Crime Stoppers International network that represents 1200 programs operating in more than 25 countries."

Crime Stoppers Australia statistics show that in 2017:

- \* 317,129 Contacts via calls, website and other means
- \* 142,694 Information reports passed to police
- \* 7,907 Arrests resulting from our program

From information gathered from the 2016 Census, which highlighted: "nearly half (49%) of Australians had either been born overseas (first generation Australian) or have one or both parents born overseas (second generation Australian), and of the more than 6.1m Australians who were born overseas, nearly one in five arrived since the start of 2012." This year's Crime Stoppers Day had a special focus on encouraging people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to speak up about crime. To facilitate this Crime Stoppers has a well-trained team of members on standby who can assist and can arrange relevant translation services if required. Thus, empowering everyone in our community to report crime, anonymously

<https://mailchi.mp/7a5663078346/celebrating-crime-stoppers-day-2018?e=0db98fe3b7>



# Community Supporting Police Inc



## *Support those ...who support you*

Community Supporting Police Inc (CSP) is a community driven organisation which is devoted to raising funds to provide comfort and support to members of the Queensland Police family in times of crisis and /or trauma.

Since its inception in 1991, CSP has continued to raised funds to provide emergency accommodation free of charge to hundreds of QPS families who have required assistance. Requests for assistance are made through the Police Chaplain or Human Services Officer.

### **Membership is \$20 per year**



Helping Hand is a registered charity and is a sub-committee of CSP. Helping Hand provides financial assistance and a communication network to members of the QPS family affected by serious illness or personal trauma.

**QPS members can make donations to Helping Hand through payroll deductions, which are tax deductible**

For more information about *Helping Hand* or *volunteering for CSP* or *CSP membership*

visit [www.csp.asn.au](http://www.csp.asn.au) or

email [info@csp.asn.au](mailto:info@csp.asn.au)

To make a donation or purchase *Behind the Crime* tickets or *CSP merchandise* check-out [www.csp.asn.au](http://www.csp.asn.au) or email [info@csp.asn.au](mailto:info@csp.asn.au).

# CSP members Out & About



(left) CSP members: Deb Nicholson, Jan Robertson and Leonie Fordyce joined Sgt Kate Bailey at the Cannon Hill "Dogs on Patrol" on Sunday 27th May. Originally this event was scheduled to take place on the last Sunday in March which has been designated as Australia's Neighbour Day, however due to predicated bad weather the event was postponed until Sunday 27th May. Deb, Leonie and Jan had a great day talking to local residents about the work that CSP does for members of the Queensland Police Service and their families. Neighbour Day celebrations provide a great opportunity for residents to connect with others who live within their neighbourhood. The idea behind the concept of Neighbour Day encapsulates the importance of building a local community by improving the relationships with the people who live in the local street and its surrounds, particularly the elderly and those who may be vulnerable.



(Left) On Sunday 27th May saw CSP members Vic and Cecelia Serchen again join Pine Rivers Crime Prevention Officers Sergeant Sharnelle Harris, Senior Constable Tammy White and Volunteer in Policing Russell Bremner and Jo Midgley as well as the Crime Stoppers Pine Rivers Volunteer Area Committee: Jodie Cunningham and Aaron at the annual Dayboro Day Festival. Members of the Queensland Mounted Police: Sergeant Roy Mientjes on "CJ" and Const Amy Walkden on "Merlin" also joined in the fun and festivities. As you can see from the photo left, "Connie" the CSP horse did not want to miss out on seeing all the stalls had to offer so decided she to jump a ride with "CJ", whilst JP Teddy relaxed with "Connie's" friends and promoted NHW to all who attended the stand. Even though the weather was a bit dismal we all had a great time promoting CSP to all who stopped by to a chat and look see. The Queensland Fire and Emergency Services were demonstrating the jaws of life while members from the Queensland Ambulance Services were explaining how to perform CPR.



(left) On Sunday 20th May CSP members Vic and Cecelia Serchen joined with Pine Rivers Crime Prevention Officers Sgt Sharnelle Harris, Snr Const Tammy White and Volunteer in Policing Russell Bremner at the Mini Emergency Services Expo held at Old Petrie Town. The day was a great success, the large crowd who attended the regular Sunday markets were entertained by the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums, were able to talk with and meet members (both two and four legged) of the Dog Squad, the children were given the opportunity to sit in a Police car, some even managed to try the siren to their parent's dismay and surprise. Other activities included fire extinguishing demonstrations provided by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. The Queensland Ambulance Services were also in attendance.



**Meet the name sakes  
of the newest members recruited  
to the Community Supporting Police Dog Squad**



**Police Dog Aussie**

PD Aussie was born in April 2011 and has served as a drug detection dog in Brisbane with his handler Glen since February 2013. This role involves PD Aussie assisting the investigating officers to search houses, yards, vehicles and vessels for drugs that may not have been found using normal search techniques. In addition to these duties he regularly attends music festivals and entertainment precincts to search for dangerous drugs. It could be said that PD Aussie has a split personality.: sometimes he is a big cuddly teddy bear but others times he is a ball of energy. Photographer David Leporati info <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/blog/2015/08/07/meet-the-qps-calendar-dogs/>

**Police Dog Larry**

PD Larry is a QPS bred Labrador born in December 2012 and is trained to detect the scent of human remains and drowned victims. With three of his brothers currently serving as QPS Drug Detection dogs, it was only a matter of time before PD Larry honed his particular skill.



**Police Dog Sailor**

PD Sailor, (above & right) was sworn in on Thursday, September 01, 2016 at the Oxley Academy Induction ceremony. PD Sailor is part of the Drug Detection team in Brisbane. [QPS Media](#) on Sept 01,2016

JENNIFER'S COCONUT DELIGHTIngredients:

1 cup Self Raising Flour  
 1/2 cup Sugar  
 150 gms Butter  
 1 tbs Cocoa  
 1 cup Lightly crushed cornflakes  
 1 dessert sp golden syrup  
 Few drops vanilla

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 180degrees  
 2. Melt: butter and golden syrup  
 3. Add: melted butter and golden syrup to dry ingredients  
 4. Mix: together thoroughly  
 5. Press: into lined lamington tin

Bake: for 20—30 minutes

Ice: with chocolate icing and sprinkle with coconut

Icing

200 g icing sugar  
 30 g cocoa powder  
 20 g butter finely chopped  
 2 tbs boiling water (add a little extra water if your icing is very thick and difficult to spread)  
 2 tbs desiccated coconut for sprinkling

Enjoy!!!

IMPOSSIBLE QUICHE

(from Silkwood -Kurrimine Beach Red Cross Branch members favourite Recipes 2nd Edition)

Ingredients:

1/2cup Self Raising Flour  
 1 cup Grated Cheese  
 3 Eggs  
 2 tbs Margarine (this will be melted)  
 1 1/4 cups Milk  
 1 Medium Onion  
 3 Bacon Rashes (chopped)  
 Good Sprig Parsley

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 180degrees  
 2. Combine flour, bacon rashes, grated cheese, parsley and onion in a bowl  
 3. Mix well  
 4. Beat eggs and add milk  
 5. Add melted margarine to milk/egg mixture  
 6. Combine milk mixture with dry ingredients

Pour: into oven proof dish

Bake: for 45 minutes or until browned and set

Enjoy!!!



**JP Teddy  
\$12.00**

# Junior Police Polos Sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12



**CONSTABLE T. BEAR  
2014  
\$60.00**



**Junior Police Cap  
(adjustable)  
\$10.00**

# \$30.00



**Connie the  
Horse  
\$12.00**



**Police Dogs \$12.00  
(named after QPS working dogs)**



**Koala Cop  
\$25.00**



**QPS Lanyard**



**Drink Holders**



**Pen Holders**



**Community Supporting  
Police Pen in a Pouch  
\$5.00**

**CSP merchandise can be purchased at our stalls at various community events including but not limited to: The Caravan and Camping Show, the Brisbane EKKa both held at the RNA Grounds. Other locations where CSP merchandise can be purchased are some Police Beats (Capalaba, Ipswich Central) as well as on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the Police Headquarters Shop (ground floor 200 Roma Street Brisbane);  
OR online at [www.csp.asn.au](http://www.csp.asn.au)**

**If you want to check out the CSP merchandise once you access [www.csp.asn.au](http://www.csp.asn.au) please go to "Our Store" by clicking on the links, orders can be made here with payments processed through PayPal or Credit Card for your convenience.**

**Alternatively, once you have selected your items you can place your orders through [orders@csp.asn.au](mailto:orders@csp.asn.au) and arrange for payment and delivery.**

**As you are aware all funds raised go to support those who support us.**

**We sincerely thank you for your support.**