



WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

“Supporting those who support us”

PRESIDENT’S WINTER MESSAGE

It is an honour to update the Community Supporting Police (CSP) and Queensland Police Service (QPS) family. 2023 seems to be progressing faster than I can remember some of our previous years. It feels like time has sped up after COVID-19 to ensure that we can fit in as much as possible. Catching up with family, friends, seeing work colleagues in the office and travel. Although there have been bright days, there has also been terrible tragedy befall our community.

The murders of Constable Matthew Arnold and Constable Rachel McCrow in December 2022 sent shockwaves through the nation, as the community learnt of the abhorrent actions of the murderous persons at the Wieambilla property on the Western Downs, Queensland. As a community, we have mourned their loss and hope that such tragedy never occurs again. Unfortunately, throughout 2023 there have been serious attacks on our police officers, that demonstrates that policing is and always will be a dangerous profession. The attacks on Paramedics and medical staff are also cowardly and totally uncalled for. To work in a helping profession can sometimes bring serious risk to its members.

On a more pleasant note, ‘Community Engagement’ is the theme of our Biennial Conference to be held in Townsville on 29 July 2023. The conference provides an opportunity for executive members of CSP Brisbane and the regions to meet face to face to discuss how the organisation is progressing in our current environment. Community engagement occurs in a variety of ways, through personal encounters, organisational commitment, and the use of electronic media such as, Facebook.

How we connect has changed dramatically in the last twenty years with the ability to speak and see a person on the other side of the world. Children have always had crime fighting heroes that are portrayed on the television however, the electronic media has taken this to a whole new level. There are also those whom seek to take advantage of all members of our community including, the vulnerable; children and older members of society. It is the electronic medium of communication that we need to make people aware of the dangers and that we also move with the times in protecting people.

Earlier this year, a decision was made by the QPS and CSP that Senior Constable Clancy, a life size Koala Cop mascot has reached retirement age. Clancy first hit the streets in 1996 due to a request from Kids Help Line that children were reluctant to speak to police but, felt comfortable in the presence of a large cuddly Koala. There were four mascots in total, located in Brisbane, Yamanto, Townsville and Rockhampton. From my 41 years-experience in the QPS I have seen a change in how children react with police and in the main, it has been a very positive experience. The advent of Adopt a Cop, School Based Policing, and the likes of Emergency Services Expos, has helped in this regard by enabling direct non-threatening communication.

Upcoming events – like the Aviation Australian Expo and the Caravan and Camping show RNA Showgrounds to be held in June, the Brisbane Exhibition 12 to 20 August 2023, QPS Open Day; date to be advise, and like events enable CSP to meet with members of the community and build relationships. It is a pleasure to see so many young children wearing the Junior Police caps, shirts and trousers that provide an indication of the connection between the QPS and the community.

Continuing on the theme of communication, the Chaplaincy Unit continues to be the main connection between QPS members, and the use of the Emergency Accommodation located in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns. And to that end, the Reverend Matthew Govan has been appointed to replace the Reverend Doug Foster who returned to work with his Church. Doug was a member of the CSP Management Committee and president of the Cairns Branch. We welcome Matthew to CSP and thank Doug for all the time he has spent working with members of the QPS.

I thank all members of CSP whom in their own way assist to strengthen the bond between QPS and the community. Look after yourselves so that you can look after family, friends and the person who needs a hand. And, if you have some time available, please help CSP help those who help us by volunteering at events.-

Dan Mahon (APM)
President
Community Supporting Police Inc.

Blue HOPE is unique as the case officers can build a rapport with the client immediately because of their own current or former experiences. There is no wasted time seeking clarification as to stories told, as inevitably we are able to identify exactly with the sometimes awful and cruel sights, smells and sounds as described by our clientele, things which make up the daily life of any Police Officer.



Vale John Dent

Oscar John ‘Jack’ Dent



5th May 1945 – 18th April 2023



Members of Community Supporting Police Management Committee, Mr Vic and Mrs Cecelia Serchen, together with QPS Southern Region Chaplain Jeff Baills joined mourners at the Holy Name Catholic Church Toowoomba on the 5 May to pay respects and honour John’s life of service to his community.

Mr John Dent a former jackaroo, and Queensland Rail employee for nearly 43 years will be remembered for his dedication and loyalty to his family (late wife) Rita and son, Geoffrey, and for his commitment and hard work within his local community.

John’s tireless service to: St. Vincent’s de Paul Society, since 1988; SPRED (Special Religious Education Community Organisation) which seeks to ensure that people with an intellectual and or developmental disability are supported in their community; Neighbourhood Watch, honoured as member of the Year 2001; Victims of Crime; Holy Name Care and Concern; Newtown Rose Garden Society; Riding for the Disabled, since 1980; Men of League and Community Supporting Police, member for 28 years, was acknowledged during his funeral service.

The members of CSP sincerely thank John for his service and commitment to CSP and the wider QPS family, we extend our thoughts and prayers to Geoffrey, extended family and the wider Toowoomba community at this time of their loss.

Rest in Peace

Rest in Peace John



The members of Community Supporting Police would like to introduce Matt Govan (photo left), who is taking on the role of Police Chaplain on the CSP Management Committee, following Reverend Doug Foster's role change.

Matt, from Sunshine Coast Region can be contacted on 0472 802 511.

For your information and convenience Matt has provided the following information about the QPS Chaplaincy.

QPS chaplains provide a 'safe place' for all current and former [QPS members and their immediate families](#) to seek support for either personal or workplace matters.

Police chaplains ensure both a physical presence and a professional referral base which is tolerant, supportive and meaningful to all who seek our support.

In short, chaplains can support you no matter who you are.

What does a QPS Chaplain do?

QPS chaplains are available 24/7: in person, or via phone, text, email or 'workplace'. One of the significant practices of police chaplains is to regularly visit police establishments, offering face to face support for any issues that may be impacting members, staff, or former colleagues.

QPS chaplains offer support to individuals and their families in times of professional, personal and family crisis, including visiting members and their families who are in hospital or who are off work because of illness or injury.

QPS chaplains are faith-based care professionals, and may officiate at weddings, baptisms, funerals and memorials. They perform QPS ceremonial functions, such as National Police Remembrance Day services, police funerals and memorials, Recruit Induction Parades and the dedication of new police facilities or equipment.

Is the QPS Chaplaincy service confidential?

YES! Chaplains practice responsible confidentiality and will not involve others unless a person's life is in immediate danger, or we have your permission to disclose information. Chaplains are not subject to the Police Service Administration Act 1990, do not make notes or keep records, and keep all conversations strictly confidential. QPS Chaplains operate under a strict Code of Ethics that stipulates responsible confidentiality.



**QPS Chaplains
Supporting anyone, anywhere,
for anything, anytime.**

QPS Chaplains and other support options:

Chaplains work in conjunction with other QPS supports: PSO's, HSO's, Emergency Medical Accommodation, Helping Hand, EITP & 1800 supports. We have a mandate to refer to more appropriate support, if we are not qualified or equipped to provide adequate support for. This may be internal or external referral and is optional for a member to follow up on.

**Chaplains are on call 24/7
and are available to all current
and former QPS employees and their families.**



THE LOCKYER AND SOMERSET INDEPENDENT

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SOMERSET Citizen of the Year 2023 Tom Allen (pictured right in photo) spends most of his time volunteering in local community organisations and has made a name for himself as Toogoolawah’s treasure.

Tom is part of several community groups including the Toogoolawah Show Society, Toogoolawah Christmas Tree committee, Toogoolawah Rodeo Committee, Bowls Club, local ambulance committee, Queensland Police Service support group, and CareFlight.

He said he was very proud to be recognised for his commitment to the community at the Somerset Australia Day Award ceremony in Esk.

Two years ago he received his five-year badge with the Toogoolawah Ambulance Committee where he has been the treasurer for six years.

“I’ve also got 25 years’ service with the Community Supporting Police, joining when I was the Acting Senior Record Officer at the Office of Public Prosecution in Brisbane,” Tom said.

He achieved his life membership to the Toogoolawah Show Society two years ago, and is actively involved in the campdrafts, bull sales, team penning and show balls. “I cook and cook and cook and cook and cook, and sell raffle tickets with the Show Society,” Tom said. “Dick Boyd from Shepherdson and Boyd came up to me the other day and said ‘you’re the best steak cooker in Toogoolawah’. “I’ve been doing a lot of cooking over the years, I suppose.”

In his speech at the Australia Day Awards, Tom reminded locals about the upcoming show sale.

Tom is well known and respected amongst the Toogoolawah community, as locals like Anna Wheildon can attest. “He’s done so much in the town, he deserved [the award] so much... it’s certainly about time,” she said.

Friend of 12 years, Denis Alcock helped put forward Tom’s application for the award. “We heard about the Australia Day event in Esk, so the next day I Facetimed Tom and I said ‘let’s get all your certificates and everything together and put it forward’,” Mr Alcock said. “He’s a man of many talents and he’s just got a good heart.”

The two became friends after Mr Alcock moved to Toogoolawah to start his business. They have breakfast together at Hav’A’Chat Café every week. “When he bought his mother’s place here he wanted to be in a small town, so he could do what he’s doing now,” Mr Alcock said.

“That’s what he looked forward to all the way down the track.” Tom moved to Toogoolawah from Brisbane in 2007 after his mother passed away, and he immediately threw himself into the community. “I do everything my parents taught me, looking after your fellow man, that’s what I’ve been doing,” he said.

“I organised the first CareFlight bowls day down at the Toogoolawah Bowls Club with the ambos.” More recently, Tom has been collecting cans for cash for the ambulance committee, with more than \$2,000 raised in the last four years.

Tom has held numerous volunteer and committee positions in his time. “Any time I can put my hand up, I do,” Tom said. “You have to be keen and have the motivation to get out and do things. “A lot of people are frightened to try things, but it’s a good way to meet new friends.” ‘Any time I can put my hand up, I do’. (above photo by Jacob Haydent) Tom Allen (right) with his dog Cindy and friend of 12 years Denis Alcock at Hav’A’Chat Café in Toogoolawah. (permission to re-print the article received from Kate Jones Rural Account Manager)

**Congratulations
and Thank you Tom,
for your dedication and commitment
to your community !!!**



Vale Izabella Nash

The members of Community Supporting Police join with the Australian community and in particular the members of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service to honour First Class Firefighter Izabella Nash, who tragically died following a factory fire at Slacks Creek early hours of May 2.

Izabella Nash, 46, described as “an incredible young woman, selfless, committed and courageous” who joined the Fire and Rescue Service in 2014, entered the inferno with two colleagues about 2.30am on Tuesday before the three were all feared missing. Izabella was located after her two fellow firefighters were found and pulled from the flames. It is understood Izabella had fallen unconscious inside the blazing building before being discovered and carried out by other firefighters.

Izabella’s colleague, Senior Firefighter Lia Drew, was taken to hospital in a serious condition, suffering burns and smoke inhalation. Both women have been described as veteran firefighters with around 25 years of experience between them. The third, a male firefighter, escaped without injury. By [KEVIN AIRS FOR DAILY MAIL AUSTRALIA](#) PUBLISHED: 07:00 AEST, 3 May 2023 | UPDATED: 11:50 AEST, 3 May 2023

Sadly Izabella’s death is the first fatality in the service since a fire at a Honda Showroom in Southport in 1994 claimed the lives of firefighters Noel Watson and Herbie Fennell.

International Firefighters' Day is annually observed on the 4th of May and is a day to celebrate the risks and the work that firefighters do day to day.

This year services even more solemn following the tragedy of Izabella’s ultimate sacrifice.

Firefighters' Day was originally created in 1999 after tragically, 5 firefighters: Garry Vredeveltdt, Chris Evans, Stuart Davidson, Jason Thomas, and Matthew Armstrong a crew on the Geelong West tanker, who were part of a strike team sent to help extinguish the flames of a bush fire in Linton, approximately 150km west of the city of Melbourne, when there was a sudden violent wind change as the cold change hit the area, engulfing the truck in flames and killing all five members.



The day is celebrated on Saint Florian's Day, Saint Florian is said to be one of the first commanding firefighters of a Roman Battalion, Florian is the patron saint of firefighters. <https://www.firefightersday.org/>

Our thoughts and prayers are with Izabelle’s family, friends and fire fighting colleagues at this very sad time. We are also thinking and praying for the Lia as she embarks on her journey of recovery.



Vale Steven Tougher

The members of Community Supporting Police join with the Australian community and in particular the members of the New South Wales (NSW) Ambulance Service in honouring and acknowledging the ultimate sacrifice paid by NSW paramedic Steven Tougher, 29, who died after an alleged violent assault during his shift with the NSW Ambulance.

NSW Ambulance Commissioner Dominic Morgan said this tragedy “highlights the very real dangers all of our emergency personnel face and the risks they face when they put on that uniform each and every day.”

Sadly, Steven’s death is the first fatality following the NSW Ambulance introduction of a body-worn camera pilot in Sydney’s Eveleigh, Liverpool and Hamilton stations, four years ago. In 2019, there were more than 400 reported incidents of occupational violence against paramedics. Many of those incidents included kicking, pushing, and spitting, according to NSW Ambulance’s “It’s Never OK campaign”. However, the death of an NSW paramedic on shift is rare, according to NSW Health Minister Ryan Park.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/tragedy-almost-inconceivable-paramedic-killed-two-hours-from-clocking-off-20230414-p5d0lu.html>

Our thoughts and prayers are with Steven’s family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time

**Thank you both
for your Service**

Need support?

If you are a Queensland Police Service employee in need of support please contact your local QPS Chaplain or CSP Branch (contact details below)

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

Cairns: [Rev Glenn Loustit - Loustit.GlennD@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Loustit.GlennD@police.qld.gov.au) (Far North Region Cairns & Tablelands)

Townsville: [Chief Inspector Joe Kitching - Kitching.JoeJ@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Kitching.JoeJ@police.qld.gov.au) (Northern Region)

Rockhampton: [Sergeant Amanda Warby - Warby.AmandaC@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Warby.AmandaC@police.qld.gov.au) (Central Region)

Toowoomba: [Detective Senior Sergeant Paul McCusker — McCusker.PaulF@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:McCusker.PaulF@police.qld.gov.au)
(Southern Region)

Police Liaison Officer: [Chief Inspector Jason Overland — Overland.JasonP@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Overland.JasonP@police.qld.gov.au)
(State wide)

After Hours Chaplain: [0407 761 950](tel:0407761950)



Helping Hand is a charitable fund with Tax Deductibility Status and is a sub-committee of CSP.

The fund provides financial assistance to members of the QPS family who are affected by serious illness or personal trauma and meet the necessitous circumstances criteria.

Financial support of HH is vital for the Fund to continue to support members of the Queensland Police Service family.

Support can be provided through donations, sponsorship, payroll deductions and fund raising events.

The Helping Hand Committee work voluntarily to ensure donations are maximised towards providing financial assistance to all paid members of the QPS family in their time of need.

By making a tax deductible donation, as little as \$2.00 per pay, through your QPS payroll.

You can make difference.

Members of the QPS can create a fortnightly donation through ESS (instructions can be found on the Helping Hand page on the QPS intranet).

Not a QPS employee and would like to donate?

Make a donation through our GiveNow page at the following link:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/organisation/public/5308>

Police officers aren't born, they're made, with every challenge or adversity overcome, and their personal values, helping to shape them into great officers who can make a real difference.

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Congratulations and Welcome!!!

The members of Community Supporting Police would like to extend a warm welcome to two new members:

Chaplain Matt Govan, Brisbane Management Committee.

Chaplain Luke Smallwood, Cairns (Far North Queensland) Branch.

It is indeed great to have you join us in our quest “to support those who support us”.

Your support to the QPS families in your Chaplaincy role, through engagement with QPS families in their time of need, whether they require access to: one of the emergency welfare accommodation facilities across the state; or help in saucing emergency financial assistance through the CSP Helping Hand, is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to working with you to support the QPS family, to raise funds to assist with the maintenance of the emergency welfare accommodation facilities and promote both CSP and the CSP Helping Hand Fund amongst your community.

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CSP Brisbane Meetings Dates 2023

Annual General Meeting: Wed 13th September 2023 (PHQ Roma Street Brisbane)

General Meeting: Wed 8th November 2023 (Time and Location to be advised)

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to possible future COVID restrictions: the style & location of these meetings could change closer to their dates. We thank you for your understanding.

You know you're getting old when your belt has crept up above your belly button.



The Rise Of Skywalker

The members of Community Supporting Police Inc. wish to say thankyou to everyone who has: provided articles, sent through recipes, photos, captions and made contributions to this edition.

If you want to share any stories , photos and or recipes please email the Secretary at secretary@csp.asn.au

We sincerely thank you for your continued support.

The caption and pictures to the left of Luke Skywalker's changing figure are courtesy of Sergeant Anthony Rehn. CSP Toowoomba Branch and Crime Prevention. Thanks Anthony

Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled...where Riding Develops Abilities (RDA).

The RDA is a not-for-profit organisation which provides equine-based therapeutic, recreational riding and driving programs for all members of the disability community on the Sunshine Coast.



Participants on a trail ride at the RDA

Our Centre has highly trained coaches who are committed to the well-being of our participants and our horses. Our volunteers come from all sectors of the community combining an array of life skills, experience and vocations. They range in age from the young to the more well-informed senior years! Our volunteers receive quality and ongoing training, so their knowledge and horse handling develop especially in areas where they have an interest. As members donate their time and effort at the RDA this makes them a special kind of person as they genuinely care for those with a disability and for the incredible horses they work with. This combination leads to magic moments, important milestones being reached and unique friendships being formed. The RDA team and these majestic horses enhance the lives of the participants in a way that can only be achieved through the healing powers

of a horse. As one of those who volunteers, allow me to explain this magic as I have seen it through my own eyes

Just recently we had an adult who arrived at the Centre who was unusually quiet and stared at the wall. I sat with this participant having worked with him on multiple occasions and was quite struck by how withdrawn he was. No-one knew what the problem was. I reassured him and said that Sprocket, the horse that he was to groom in that session of horse interaction, could help him to feel better. Horses are fantastic healers. As we walked towards Sprocket, I told him that Sprocket could feel that he was sad and could help him feel better and at that moment Sprocket turned his head and looked straight at us.

Impeccable timing Sprocket! The man stopped walking and took a deep breath. Horses can detect human emotions. The man walked over to his horse and hugged him for several minutes. Then he told the horse what was wrong, that someone close to him had died, something no-one was aware of. The horse just listened and remained very still. Then he thanked the horse for listening and started grooming him. At the end of the session, he told the Sprocket his heart didn't hurt as much and gave him another hug and ruffled his mane. Everyone present was very touched and humbled by what we had all witnessed. As we walked away together, he told me his legs didn't feel heavy anymore when he walked. Horses can heal people; they make a difference. The man gave me a smile when he left. This is why I love volunteering.

It is like when a non-verbal child dismounts from a great ride and draws a love heart in the sand to show you how much riding the horse meant to him, it is priceless. Or when a baby that won't settle goes quiet on a sheepskin rug on the back of a pony during a Hippotherapy session. As you watch the relief on the parents faces you know you are watching something very special for that little, tiny baby as you see those tiny limbs relax and move with the pony and you wish you could bottle it for the parents to take home with their baby.

As a volunteer when you see the smile of a child and it is sheer delight, or you hear a little cheer. When you get a high five, when you get grabbed from behind in a bear hug you didn't see coming because someone just can't contain themselves, it is pure joy you are left with. When you have witnessed someone struggling with an activity and then all of a sudden they have achieved a goal we all celebrate with that participant.

When you don't have a disability, it is easy to take small things for granted.

When you are living with a disability, and you are lucky enough to be involved in programs run by the RDA it is so refreshing to see the volunteers turn up week after week and you get to know them and become friends with them. That familiarity, when you arrive and people know your name and make you feel welcome means so much. I know because I have a disability. It is so important because you are not your disability at the RDA, you are a person who loves horses just like everyone else there.

The horses are a great equalizer. The horses can detect people's emotional states. They lift your spirits when nothing else can. When you need to escape from a body that won't function, the horse can do that for you what your body can't. You have freedom on a horse you can't have when you're not on a horse. You can move on a horse. You can walk, trot and you can step over obstacles. You can stay stop and go. You can feel your horse breathing with you, you become one, it is as if you have legs. Your horse will challenge you at times, but they can be loving, kind and sensitive also. (cont. pg. 9)

(cont. pg 8) Your horse will communicate with you if you are willing to listen. They are great teachers. A horse can teach you discipline, patience and perseverance, improve balance and co-ordination. A horse can correct posture, improve concentration, increase core and leg strength, better your reflexes, they bring psychological benefits, build up your confidence, help you with problem solving, help you overcome your fears and even teach you to deal with the responsibility. Your horse can become your best friend. You can bond with this animal who is full of personality. Your horse can be cheeky, reliable and beautifully natured. Your horse can even be stubborn and wait until you get something right before they do their part. Be a participant at the RDA and see what happens... Your horse will make you a better version of yourself.

I came to the RDA as a participant, and I was asked to be a volunteer. I am a medically retired Qld Police Officer and was looking for something that might help fill the void where my career had once been. I got more than I bargained for with the RDA. They enrolled me in their Equine Assisted Learning Program and miracles happened at "Lauries Farm". The horses have incredible abilities to perceive a person's emotional status and react to you in mind-boggling ways. The horses connect with you like no human can and they have inconceivably relieved my level of trauma. It has been such a rewarding experience. I love working as a volunteer and being with the other participants. I passionately love riding the horses and love just being at the RDA where the environment is one of motivated people wanting to help others. I feel such gratitude that I get to hang out with such a magnificent bunch of people and horses.



Ex-policer at Lauries Farm on a trail ride to thank volunteers from the RDA.



Community Organization of 2023.

This is how magnificent they are: At this year's **Sunshine Coast Australia Day Awards** the Sunshine Coast RDA was awarded "**Community Organisation Award for 2023**" (tied with The Board Meeting Surf Charity) (photo left) because their hard work and dedication to those with a disability working with horses was recognised. Let's keep the magic happening. They are incredible people working long hours and always in need of community support and sponsors to keep the charity running and the horses upkeep met.

With thanks Angie Buhk

For more information: www.scrda.org.au

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acknowledges our wonderful sponsors and supporting businesses.

QBANK our major supporter, for their ongoing financial and promotional support and the provision of staff to assist in the selling of CSP merchandise at major events.

The Queensland Union of Employees
for their continued support.

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Brad and the team at HUNTER Promotional Products & Uniforms
for their continued and valuable support of our organisation.

For this generosity
Community Supporting Police Inc
is extremely thankful.





(Above left) Superintendent David Cuskelly, Mr Vic Serchen, (CSP Treasurer), Senior Constable Clancy. (above right) Senior Constable Kerrin Sheedy, (Yamanto Crime Prevention Ipswich District Officer), Superintendent David Cuskelly, Mr Vic Serchen, (CSP Treasurer), Senior Constable Clancy, Sergeant Nadine Webster, (Yamanto District Crime Prevention Coordinator) and Mrs Cecelia Serchen, (CSP Secretary).

Senior Constable Clancy retires from community engagement

Senior Constable Shantelle Dowell 17 Mar 2023 @ 2.51pm.

Senior Constable Clancy was officially retired on 17 March.

Senior Constable Clancy was formally inducted by Commissioner Jim O’Sullivan in 1996 and is an initiative of Community Supporting Police.

Since then, Senior Constable Clancy was a valuable member of the Queensland Police Service having not taken a pay rise, annual or sick leave during his 27 years of service.

Clancy was promoted to the rank of Senior Constable, by Commissioner Bob Atkinson in 2011 at the Community Supporting Police 20th Anniversary Gala dinner

The majority of Senior Constable Clancy’s service was spent in Crime Prevention, brightening the hearts and eyes of many thousands of children at various schools and events, as well as the hearts of members of the public who attended numerous community engagement activities held across the state.

Senior Constable Clancy, we sincerely thank you for your wonderful and dedicated service, and now that you have reached the age of retirement, we wish you all the very best for the future.

Enjoy those eucalyptus leaves and days in the sun.



(photo left) Constable Clancy, the CSP QPS oversized (180 cm tall) Koala Cop mascot, at his formal inducted into the QPS by Commissioner Jim O’Sullivan with Community Supporting Police member and Mr Jim Dryden, (previous CSP President and Vice President) in 1996.



(photo right) Clancy receiving his Senior Constable slides from Commissioner Atkinson and QPS tailor, Mr Paul Houston.



Please find CSP’s new QR code on the left. This code can be utilised to provide easy access to CSP’s online information, and merchandise store, on your smartphone or tablet.

We hope you find this new technology useful and convenient.



CSP members Dan Mahon, Vic and Cecelia Serchen with the assistance of Deborah Mahon, attended the Redcliffe 4 X 4 Camping show 17, 18 and 19 February. (photos pg. 15)

As is customary we share a stand with the local Crime Prevention team so a big thanks goes out to Sergeant Sarah Grayson, and Senior Constable Dannielle Grauf, Moreton Crime Prevention for the invitation to join them.

We were also collocated with the Department of Transport and Main Roads, (TMR) who had a very special motor cycle on display (photo bottom left). David Upperdine, (rider) and TMR employee, explained the purpose of this instrumental motorcycle.

What is the 'instrumented motorcycle'? (photo right)

The instrumented motorcycle identifies motorcycle specific safety problems on roads and is equipped with:

- 1) Various sensors to measure vital parameters of motorcycles and road dynamics (roll, pitch and yaw rate; G-forces; front and rear wheel speeds)
- 2) GPS to measure longitude/latitude; lean angle; speed/time stamp; track information
- 3) Video system – 2 cameras, 2 microphones and synchronised video, audio and data.



What is it used for?

The instrumented motorcycle is used to gather data on roads identified with a crash history. An experienced rider on the motorcycle provides commentary in real time and highlights any potential hazards. Additionally, the motorcycle uses motor racing technology to collect extensive data on the road environment.

For more information or to check the latest road rules go to: www.tmr.qld.gov.au

Department of Transport and Main Roads

Motorcycle Safety on our Roads



From the Branches



These photos of the new fence recently installed at Shaunagh House were sent through by Roz Makings, Secretary Southern Region Branch.

Roz explained that Southern Region Branch committee were able to install this new fence thanks to the generosity of funds raised at: The 2021 Wendt Edwards Memorial Cricket Match and The 2022 Brett Forte Super 10s Memorial Challenge.

The members of CSP are very appreciative of the generosity and support provided by those who attended both events and the organisers for nominating CSP Toowoomba as a recipient of the funds raised.



Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) was established in 1991, to support police and their families following the Fitzgerald Enquiry. Over the past 30 plus years CSP and its volunteers, under the motto “supporting those who support us”, have assisted thousands of Queensland Police Service (QPS) members and their families in times of trauma and crisis.

The aims of Community Supporting Police Inc are to:

- *Provide emergency accommodation free of charge throughout QPS members and their immediate family members.
- * Maintain emergency accommodation with volunteer assistance.
- * Fundraise through special events, merchandise sales and donations to fund the aims.

With the generous support of the QPS and the QPS Chaplaincy Network, CSP manages 9 properties across Queensland as emergency welfare accommodation for all members of the QPS family. Five of these are in Brisbane, with the remainder located in Townsville, Cairns, Rockhampton and Toowoomba. Unfortunately, these facilities are in constant and regular demand across the State.

CSP also maintains Dyas Homestead at Einasliegh, which is in fact utilised, as respite accommodation by officers who work in stressful situations in Far North Queensland. The former police station is still used by members of the QPS as a venue for community meetings and social activities.

CSP provides: furniture, white goods, electrical appliances, cutlery, crockery, linen and bedding to all emergency welfare accommodation units and houses within their district. Further to these items Community Supporting Police funds the ongoing costs associated with general maintenance, cleaning, and payment of utility bills.

CSP has a distinctive selection of merchandise items for sale through selected Police Beats and the Queensland Police Headquarters shop (ground floor 200 Roma Street Brisbane). Merchandise can also be purchased online via www.csp.asn.au

Like all community groups CSP is constantly seeking new members and supporters, so we can continue to support the members of the QPS and their families during difficult times, to continue to “support those who support us”.

To become a member and play an integral part in CSP’s mission to help QPS families, only requires a \$20.00 annual membership and any amount of time (small or large) that you can give to help out at one or more of our many CSP events held across the State throughout the year.

The members who attend these events have great fun meeting and mixing with lots of wonderful people from all walks of life.

Lamb Rogan Josh

Lindsey Thynne (QCWA Country Kitchen Team)
 (serves 6) approx. 15 min. prep and approx. 35 mins cooking time.

Ingredients:

- 500gm lamb. Diced into 2cm cubes
- 3 tablespoons Rogan Josh curry paste
- 2 tablespoons natural yoghurt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 3 cm piece fresh ginger, grated
- 400gm can diced tomatoes
- 2 potatoes, diced
- 250ml water
- 1/2 tablespoons cornflour
- 2 cups green beans, trimmed and halved

**Yummy !!!
 for Winter Nights**

Method:

1. Marinate lamb with 2 tablespoons of the Rogan Josh curry paste and yoghurt for two hours in the fridge.
2. Heat saucepan on medium heat until hot the add oil and onion.
3. Cook until onion has softened, about 5 minutes
4. Add the garlic, ginger and remaining curry paste and cook for a further 1—2 minutes until fragrant.
5. Add the lamb to the pan and sear until outside is brown.
6. Add tomatoes, potatoes and water.
7. Bring to the boil then reduce heat to simmer for 20 minutes
8. Mix cornflour with equal amount of water and stir until combined
9. Add cornflour paste and beans to the curry.
10. Simmer for a further 10 –15 minutes until beans are tender.

Serve with rice or roti bread and a dollop of natural yoghurt.

Vi's Apricot Cheese Cake

Ingredients:

Crust:

- 142 gm plain biscuits
- 57 gm butter

Filling:

- 1 tin condensed milk
- 425gm tin of Apricot nectar (any flavour)
- Lemon Jelly (made 2 cups water and partly set)
- Juice 1 lemon
- 340gm packet cream cheese
- 1/2 cup whipped cream.

Topping:

- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon gelatine

Method Crust:

1. Melt butter add to crushed biscuit crumbs
2. Press into spring tin
3. Chill 2 hours.

Method Filling

1. Beat cream cheese and condensed milk
2. Add cream, jelly, lemon juice and pour onto the crust
3. Chill for 2 hours before adding the topping.

Method Topping:

1. Bring nectar to boil, add the gelatine
2. When almost set put on to the filling, then top with cream.

**Enjoy as dessert
 or with a cuppa!!!**



Report Anonymously Now

Crime Stoppers is the nation’s most trusted information receiving service for people wanting to share what they know about unsolved crimes and suspicious activity without having to say who they are.

This is why we have received funding through an Australian Government Proceeds of Crime Act Grant to help the community put organised crime and the illicit drug trade in the spotlight.

The focus of this campaign are those linked to the illicit drug trade, who often reach a point where they become concerned for their personal safety or that of their family and look for a way out.

We don’t need to know who you are, just what you know.

Research shows drugs remain the number one crime of concern for Australians. Many families have been impacted by drugs, whether that’s losing a loved one or watching them struggle with addiction. Some have been a victim of violence, crime or experienced trauma and we are all impacted by the significant health and social costs to the community.

Crime Stoppers encourage everybody to be active in sharing what they know about the manufacture and supply of illicit drugs in Australia. The result of this community effort will disrupt the illicit drug trade, assist police and have an impact on the criminal supply chain in our country.

Contacting Crime Stoppers anonymously means the criminals will never know it was you who spoke up.

FACTS

1 in 10 people have been a victim of illicit drug-related incidents.

Australia’s illicit drug trade is estimated to be worth more than **\$10 Billion** per year.

Drugs is the **highest crime of concern according** to research.*

For more information go to: <https://crimestoppers.com.au/illicit-drugs/>

Got an old phone? Donate it now
Senior Constable Jo Arthur mypolice on Apr 20, 2023 @900am

Did you know that your old phone could save a life?

DV Safe Phone collect, repurpose and gift mobile phones to victims of Domestic and Family Violence (DFV).

Stations across the Moreton District are now drop zones for any of your old mobile phones that you may wish to donate.

Senior Sergeant Andrew Himstedt, Officer in Charge of the Domestic and Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Unit and Administration, and Kristy Davidson, project officer from the Domestic and Family Violence High Risk Team, have been distributing phones and donation boxes across the district this week.

“Moreton is pleased to be one of over 230 frontline agencies involved in the distribution of safe phones.

We hope that these phones provide people with a life line so that if needed they can make a life changing, life saving call for assistance”, Senior Sergeant Himstedt said.

You can donate your old phone at stations located in Caboolture, Mango Hill North Lakes, Burpengary and Deception Bay.

It is important that you prepare your phone correctly before donating, to find out more visit [DV Safe Phone](#).

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic and family violence, you should report it to [police](#).

Support and counselling is available from the following agencies:

DVConnect Womensline: [1800 811 811](#)

DVConnect Mensline: [1800 600 636](#)

1800 RESPECT: [1800 737 732](#)

More information is also available from the [Queensland Government Domestic and Family Violence portal](#).

Out and About



(Above) CSP President Dan Mahon (back right) with Moreton Crime Prevention Officers, (left of centre) Sergeant Sarah Grayson, (right middle row) Senior Constable Sarah Walmsey (front right), Acting Sergeant Linda McGee, Moreton Volunteers in Policing (ViP) Chris Leddy (back left) and Mike Horner (right of centre) and TMR staff at the Redcliffe 4 x 4 Camping Show Redcliffe Showgrounds 17 to 19 February.

(Above) Redcliffe 4 x 4 Camping Show: Dan Mahon (back right) with Moreton Crime Prevention Officers: Sergeant Sarah Grayson and Acting Sergeant Linda McGee (front), Senior Constable Sarah Walmsey (front right), with Moreton ViPs: Chris Leddy (back left) and Mike Horner (right of centre) and TMR staff.



(left) Logan ImagiNation Kids Festival 15 April held at the old Kingston Butter Factory. (left to right) CSP members Cecelia and Victor Serchen and Rachel Ezzy; Logan School Base Officers (SBPO): Senior Constable Ethan Sorby, and Senior Constable Flo Borgeaud; Logan Crime Prevention Senior Constable Lou Carey and Railway Squad Crime Prevention Officer Senior Constable Krystle Theodosis, and Logan Crime Stoppers Area Committee member and Crime Stoppers Board member Andrew Jones.

We sincerely thank Sergeant Rachel Moffat for the invitation to attend we had a fantastic day.

(bottom left) (left to right) CSP members Victor and Cecelia Serchen with Rachel Ezzy at the Logan ImagiNation Kids Festival



CSP wishes to acknowledge the ongoing and generous support by the management & staff of N.E.W Event Electrics at the 2023 Caravan and Camping Super Show.



CSP members Dan Mahon, Vic and Cecelia Serchen attended the 2023 Woodford Emergency Services Expo held Saturday 22 April at the Woodford Showgrounds. CSP would like to thank Senior Constable Jo Arthur (Moreton District) for inviting CSP to attend we had a fantastic day.



(left) CSP members Victor and Cecelia Serchen with Senior Constable Donna Bosence Moreton District Engagement Team, at the Moreton Kids Festival Pine Rivers Park on Sunday 19 March, it was a great day, thanks Senior Constable Tammy White for the invitation to attend.

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Up Coming Events

Members of Community Supporting Police will be attending the Sunshine Coast Emergency Services Expo on Sunday 21 May 2023 at the Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina. We thank Senior Constable Rebecca McMeniman (Sunshine Coast Crime Prevention) for the invitation and look forward to catching up with you there.

CSP members will also be attending the Dayboro Day Festival on Sunday 28 May at Dayboro We thank Sergeant Ken Robinson (Dayboro Police) and Senior Constable Tammy White (Pine Rivers Crime Prevention) for the invitation and look forward to seeing you there.

Come and See us at the Caravan and Camping Show

CSP wishes to acknowledge the ongoing and generous support by the management & staff of Caravanning Queensland





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Our Junior Police range can be viewed on page 18.

Our full catalogue is available online at www.csp.asn.au

Products are available for purchase through the CSP online store www.csp.asn.au

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Children's clothing range



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4	50	62	64
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8	54	68	78
10	56	70	86
12	60	72	91



(Above left) Junior Police Constable Austin (left) and Junior Police Constable Willow (Above left and right) modelling the complete Community Supporting Police Junior Police Uniform.

Thank you to our wonderful models!!!

Soft toy range



Plush Junior Police Teddy
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