

#### **AUTUMN 2024 NEWSLETTER**

"Supporting those who support us"

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2024 Autum edition of the Community Supporting Police (CSP) newsletter. It has been an eventful beginning to the year with the addition of new members, an increase in the community events, and a review of the CSP Constitution and associated documents. In addition, CSP has received a grant from the Community Gambling Fund (Round 118) to purchase electrical goods and furniture.

Upon taking up the President's role in September 2023, I set myself four outcomes to be achieve during 2024:

- Review the Community Supporting Police (CSP) Constitution and associated documents as required;
- Circulate a letter to businesses that addresses building relationships with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and also seek the sale of merchandise or sponsorship;
- Circulate the CSP Newsletter to a broader audience; and
- Build the number of volunteers in the Brisbane and surrounding areas to assist the commitments of CSP.

As a result of our Constitution being 10 years old and achieving Charity Status with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC), the Management Committee agreed that it was timely to review and update our Constitution and associated documents. I am pleased to advise that we have engaged Craig Ray and Associates, Solicitors to assist in this task. Work has begun, and we are making progress working with Craig Ray's team.

Objective one outlined in the CSP Constitution is to foster friendship between the community and police, their families and friends. All members attending various functions and events undertake this role and in addition, I will be writing to businesses to assist in building relationships as well as attempting to sell more of our unique Queensland Police Service (QPS) branded merchandise. It is very pleasing to see some businesses promoting our brand around the state.

The CSP Newsletter is circulated far and wide throughout the State and now is provided to the Queensland Commissioned Officers Union (QPCOU), Queensland Police Union of Employees (QPUE), Valley Chamber of Commerce (VCC) and the Queensland Retired Police Association (QRPA).

The hardest objective to achieve, is the obtaining of more volunteers to assist at events in and around the Brisbane metropolitan area. As I have previously reported, since the outbreak of COVID-19 there has been a significant reduction in the number of persons volunteering throughout Australia (approximately 600,000 less).

During 2024 there are approximately 25 events to be attended in the Brisbane area. Events like the Royal Queensland Show or commonly referred to as the EKKA held in August of each year requires two shifts a day over a ten-day period. We rely on the goodwill of the same people every year. It would be fantastic to see some new faces assisting at events. If you or anyone you know can assist throughout 2024, please contact the CSP Secretary.

In late 2023 the CSP Marketing Officer, Debbie Nicholson applied to the Community Gambling Fund (Round 118) and obtained a grant that is to be shared amongst Brisbane, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns to purchase electrical and furniture items. An email has been sent to the regional committees to submit their requirements for purchases.

Thank you, Debbie for submitting our application and being successful.

Have a fantastic 2024.

Dan Mahon APM
President
Community Supporting Police Inc.

## Vale Brevet Sergeant Jason Doig



Brevet Sergeant Jason Doig, a "highly respected" and experienced officer was shot and died at the scene a property in Senior, near the Victorian-South Australian border, on 17 November 2013.

Another officer Sergeant Michael Hutchinson sustained a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. A third officer, Constable Rebekah Cass, who also attended the property was not injured.

Police Commissioner Grant Stevens said Sergeant Doig was allegedly shot and killed by an offender at the property in in South Australia's upper south-east.

Commissioner Stevens described Sergeant Doig as an experienced officer who was "highly respected by his peers".

The offender, 26, was shot by police and received life-threatening injuries.

Commissioner Stevens advised that both Sergeant Hutchinson and Constable Cass, provided care to both Jason and the 26-year-old man at the scene prior to other help arriving".

"For those two officers to act in the way they did in such difficult circumstances speaks volumes for their courage and their commitment to their duty and their colleagues". Commissioner Stevens said.

Sergeant Doig, 53, was the officer in charge of the Lucindale Police Station, about 140 kilometres south of the crime scene,

and was one of three officers to attend the property about 11:20pm.

The officers were at the property to investigate a report of "the use of a firearm involving an animal", but there was nothing to suggest "that it was a high-risk incident they were attending".

"This tragedy serves as a very clear reminder that policing is dangerous work."

Rebecca Brice and <u>Daniel Keane</u> https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-11-17/sa-police-shooting-investigation/103116822
Above Photo (Supplied: Facebook)

# Rest in Peace Thank you for your service

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The Queensland Police Service celebrates 160 years!



On January 1, 1864, Lieutenant David Thompson Seymour, previously of the 12th (East Suffolk) Regiment became the first Commissioner of the newly inaugurated Queensland Police Force. At this time, the entire police force consisted of 151 foot and mounted officers and 136 native police.

Commissioner Seymour was responsible for creating the detective force in 1864, sending Indigenous trackers to Victoria in 1880 to assist in the hunt for Ned Kelly and incorporating the Water Police into the force in 1893.

When Commissioner Seymour retired in 1895 (after 31 years of service!) the Queensland Police Force had grown to 907 officers.

The Queensland Police Service now employs more than 17,000 members, among them 12,000 police officers, as well as police liaison officers, protective services officers, watch house officers and staff members.

We think Commissioner Seymour would be pleased with the way his Force has evolved into a Service, with many more <u>specialist units</u>, including units that might seem outrageous to a 19th century former soldier.

The Dive Squad, the Mounted Unit and the Dog Squad would be easy to understand, less so the Police Air Operations, the Forensic Crash Unit and the Financial and Cyber Crime Group!

Commissioner Seymour might also struggle to understand our current eligibility requirements. Candidates for the Queensland Police Service in the 19th century had to be:

- \* Under the age of 30 years, unless they were a former officer from another police force, in which case they could be 35 years old.
- \* Must be at least five feet eight inches tall (without their boots!).
- \* Couldn't be married.
- \* Couldn't get married without permission from the Commissioner.
- \* Have a strong constitution and "free from any bodily complaint.
- \* Able to read and write well.
- \* Have character testimonials, either from "those under whom they have served at home, or from persons of free respectability in the colony."

While the <u>current eligibility requirements</u> for the service have changed quite a bit, the requirement for physical and mental fitness and the high standard of past behaviour and conduct remain the same.

QPS Media on <u>Jan 3, 2024 @ 12:35pm</u> https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2024/01/03/the-queensland-police-services-celebrates-160-years/ 3

## Fortem Supporting Australia's First Responders Responding with Resilience



Fortem is Australia's leading not for profit organisation, delivering mental health and wellbeing support to first responders and their families.

Every day, more than 370,000 first responders protect and care for Australian communities. They serve as the dependable backbone we lean on for help in times of disaster, or during moments of crisis.

However, first responder work can come at a significant personal cost. The demands of being first on the scene for others can often mean being last on the scene for self and family.

This is where Fortem steps in. We believe those who devote their time to making our communities safer shouldn't have to hurt from helping us, nor should their families have to experience the spillover stress of the job. That is why we exist.

Over the last four years, we have adopted an early-intervention, preventative mental health, and wellbeing framework, providing our support to more than 16,000 first responders across Australia to boost their resilience in the face of tough conditions.

Through in-person and virtual social connection and wellbeing activities, confidential counselling, online resources, and strategic career management, we help turn struggle into strength.

Many of Fortem's team members have direct experience as a first responder and understand the mental health and wellbeing challenges inherent in such work. We recognise that meaningful support requires a balance of science and heart, combining the latest research with genuine lived experience.

Our evidence-informed programs have been developed in line with extensive research, in conjunction with senior leaders from state based first responder agencies, national law enforcement agencies and representative agencies from Australia's National Intelligence Community. This ensures that we stay up to date with the needs of the first responder community we serve and complement existing internal service offerings.

As we move into our fifth year of operation, Fortem will continue to act as a voice, advocating for the needs of first responders nationwide, break down the stigmas associated with mental health, strive for better wellbeing literacy, and provide the vital services required to advance the resilience of those who protect us, to ensure first responders remain bendable, not breakable.

Fortem's services are open and accepting self-referrals for our first responder community and their inner circles. You can find out more by visiting: fortemaustralia.org.au.

## 12 June 2024 "Thank a First Responder Day"

First responders are ordinary people. They have families, commitments, and homes to go to at the end of their working day. They've got dinner to make, shopping to do, and bills to pay.

But they also dedicate every day to protecting and keeping us safe.

Whether it's the firefighters who battle the infernos that wreak havoc on our nation, the paramedics who respond to emergency situations every day, the triple zero operators who provide life-saving emergency call-taking and dispatch, the marine rescue teams, police and lifesavers working to find missing persons and keep our communities safe, or the SES men and women who leave their own families at home to ensure that another family has a roof over their heads. We owe every one of them – as well as the families who support them through it all – a debt of gratitude.

Yet many of Australia's 300,000 first responders receive little thanks for what they do. We need to change that. On 12 June 2024 please join us in saying two simple words to our first responders: Thank you. fortemaustralia.org.au.

## \$550 Target Hardening Program offered by our friends at Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

NHWQ Admin on Jan 29, 2024 @ 8:18am



If you've been a recent victim of burglary in Toowoomba, find out if you are eligible for a \$550 Target Hardening support offer for your home.

Contact admin@nhwa.com.au to find out more, or go to: www.nhwa.com.au/TargetHardening





Neighbourhood Watch Australasia is the representative organisation that leads, facilitates and supports the Neighbourhood Watch (Australia) and Neighbourhood Support (New Zealand) goal of creating safer, connected and inclusive communities. We do this by formulating strategies and policies that encourage community participation in building safe and confident communities to reduce the fear of crime and increase feelings of safety in the community.

- Strengthening our resilience against crime
- Feeling safer in our homes and within our local communities
- Working together with Police and the community
- Making our communities better places to live

For more information: https://www.nhwa.com.au/



For your information Neighbour Day is being held on 31 March 2024 (even though it will be Easter Sunday) it is always held on the last Sunday in March.

Neighbour Day provides the perfect opportunity to increase social connection in your local areas.

You can celebrate in a variety of ways including hosting or supporting events that assist and engage your communities, to get more information and/or access to resources to promote your Neighbours Every Day Activities via this link Day of Action | Neighbours Every Day.

# 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.

<u>Cairns:</u> Rev Luke Smallwood — Smallwood.LukeJ@police.qld.gov.au

(Far North Region Cairns & Tablelands)

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

Rockhampton: Detective Sergeant Jason Milner— Milner.JasonG@police.qld.gov.au (Central Region)

<u>Toowoomba:</u> <u>Detective Senior Sergeant Paul McCusker</u> — McCusker.PaulF@police.qld.gov.au

(Southern Region)

<u>Police Liaison Officer:</u> Chief Inspector Jason Overland — Overland.JasonP@police.qld.gov.au

(State wide)

After Hours Chaplain: 0407 761 950



**Helping Hand** is a sub-committee of CSP and has Tax Deductibility Status.

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.

There is no better time to join the QPS. You're already ready.

Visit PoliceRecruit.com.au to check your eligibility today.



Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) was established in 1991, to support police and their families following the Fitzgerald Enquiry. Over the past 32 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.
- \* 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 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 <a href="https://www.csp.asn.au">www.csp.asn.au</a>

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.



Community Supporting Police Inc. 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.

The Queensland Police Service

for their ongoing support through our Patron Commissioner Katarina Carroll, officers and civilian staff members for their guidance and assistance.

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.









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Katarina Carroll 

QPS Events and Fundraisers

8 February at 2:59 PM · 💼

# QLD Police Blue Ribbon Committee present three cheques to three great causes

This afternoon I had the pleasure of meeting with Mr Greg Early (Chair, Blue Ribbon Committee), Mr Colin Diachkoff (Community Supporting Police Inc), Shane Prior (President, QLD Police Legacy), Michael Ede (Vice President, QLD Police Legacy) and Mr Steve Pata (Board Member, Blue Hope Services Ltd) to present three cheques - each to the value of \$6,000.

Thank you to everyone who throughout the year purchases the blue ribbons, it's always great to see where your donations end up and I know these three charities will put the money to great use for police and their families.





Each year these three charities receive a donation from the Blue Ribbon Committee, established in 2003 .The 2022 QPS Blue Ribbon Committee comprised Inspector Nyree Whelan, Commissioner's representative, Andrew Gough, Secretary/Manager of the Queensland Police Legacy Scheme, Colin Diachkoff, Community Supporting Police representative and Mr Greg Early (Retired Assistant Commissioner)

(top left) Commissioner Katarina Carroll with Shane Prior President Qld Police Legacy Scheme and Mr Greg Early (APM AM) Chair blue Ribbon Committee.



(top) Commissioner Katarina Carroll with Steve Pata Board members of Blue Hope and Mr Greg Early.



(left) Commissioner Katarina Carroll with Shane Prior, Mr Col Diachkoff (CSP Blue Ribbon Rep), Steve Pata and Mr Greg Early.



# Welcome new members Brisbane & Far North Queensland

Mrs Deborah Mahon (Brisbane) Management Committee Merchandise Officer and Police Beat Liaison

Reverend Peter Devenish-Meares (Brisbane)

Ms Carmelina Zappala (Far North Queensland) Merchandise Officer

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

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.

Congratulations!!!!







(Above & Left top)
Mrs Peggy Campbell and Ms Debbie Nicholson
at the Community Supporting Police, PoliceLink
Christmas Stand on Wednesday 13 December 2023.

(left) Mrs Peggy Campbell and Ms Debbie Nicholson joined by Matt Loone, Administration Officer Ms Nicholson explained Matt was "our contact and he did a lot of the background work for us to get into the Centre".

Thank you Matt.

Out and About

#### Country Kitchen's Shepherd's Pie (serves 6)

#### Ingredients:

4 medium potatoes, diced

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1 small onion

1/4 capsicum, diced

1/2 teaspoon ginger, minced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

500g lean lamb mince

1 carrot, diced

1 zucchini, diced

8 broccoli florets, diced

1/2 cup peas

1 small can of corn kernels, drained

1 tomato, diced

1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder

1 tablespoon tomato paste

1/4 cup milk, reduced fat

1 teaspoon butter

1/2 cup cheese, reduced fat, grated.

# Great for Autumn Night Dinner Enjoy!!!

#### **Method:**

- 1. Pre-heat oven 180 degrees
- 2. Bring a pot of water to the boil and cook the potatoes until tender,
- 3. Drain the potatoes and set aside
- 4. Heat the oil in frypan over medium heat and suet the onion, capsicum, ginger and garlic until softened (about 5 minutes)
- 5. Add the mince to the frypan, stirring to break up any lumps
- 6. Heat the mince till cooked through (around 10 minutes)
- 7. Add the other vegetables (except the potatoes), the tomatoes and turmeric and a little bit of water (if necessary)
- 8. Cook, covered, for additional 5 minutes
- 9. Stir through the tomato paste and simmer
- 10. Mash the potatoes with milk and butter until smooth
- 11. Spoon the meat mixture into a large over-proof dish (or 4 small dishes) and spread with mashed potato
- 12. Sprinkle with grated cheese
- 13. Bake in oven for 10 –15 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and top is golden brown.

#### Just a bit of trivia.

Shepherds Pie has it's origins in Ireland and made its way to the United Kingdom in the 17 and 1800's, as a great way to use up left overs.

Unlike the Cottage Pie which is made form beef mince the shepherd's pie got its name because the Irish used lamb mince.



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.

Thanks to Anthony Rehn Toowoomba Branch for the photo and caption far left.

# DOBIN CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000 A DEALER Your community. Your call.

Did you know that Australia has one of the highest rates of illegal use per capita of drugs in the world?

Criminal drug related activity is not only costing Australians millions of dollars in healthcare and law enforcement, but it is tragically and unnecessarily costing hundreds of human lives each year.

The Australian Government and Crime Stoppers' 'Dob in a Dealer' campaign aims to stop the manufacture, supply and dealing of drugs in Australian local communities by reporting drug-dealers and drug related activity.

Drug use stops with the dealers and Crime Stoppers need support from its local communities to identify dealers of illicit drugs.

It's your community. So, it's your call.

Help create a safer, drug free environment for you and your family by calling our free anonymous hotline on

1800 333 000 or sharing what you know via our online form.

https://www.crimestoppersqld.com.au/initiatives/dob-in-a-dealer



(above) CSP members Geoff Orman (left) & Peter Johnson (right) at the Induction Parade, Oxley Academy Thursday 14 December 2023.

# Out-and About





(above & left) Commissioner's Carols held on Thursday 7 December at the CSP Stand in Queens Street Mall as always a wonderful time was had by all. Members of the public enjoyed being entertained by the Queensland Police Pipes and Drums, The Band of Blue and the QPS Choir, who were joined by the Commissioner and Minister in wishing everyone "Ä Merry Christmas". Also in attendance were members of the Mounted Unit, Crime Stoppers, Recruiting, Crime Prevention and Community Supporting Police.





#### **CSP Brisbane General Meetings Dates 2024**

**General Meeting:** Wed 10 April 2024 (Time and Location to be advised)

Annual General Meeting: Wed 11 September 2024 (PHQ Roma Street Brisbane time to be advised)

**General Meeting:** Wed 13 November 2024 (Time and Location to be advised)



Queensland Police Service Key Ring \$5.00

(Suitable for engraving great for graduation gift)



CSP Pen in Pouch \$5.00



QPS Lanyard \$5.00



Queensland Police Service
Corporate Pen in Presentation box
\$12.00

(Suitable for engraving great for graduation gift)

# **Collectable**

CONSTABLE T. BEAR \$45.00



New Koala Cop \$25.00



Soft Toys



Geronimo named after working Mounted Unit Police Horse

\$15.00

Police German Shepherd, named after QPS working dog \$18.00

The members of Community Supporting Police Inc. sincerely thank you for purchasing CSP merchandise as it provides CSP the funding required to maintain emergency welfare accommodation for Police Service members and their families in times of trauma and or crisis

Our Junior Police range can be viewed on the following page

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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at Police Headquarters Health and Recreation's QSHOP Roma Street





Police Labradors Dogs (named after QPS working dogs) \$15.00

# CSP Junior Police Range Children's clothing range





Junior Police Polo slim fit children's size 2 to 12 \$30.00







Junior Police Cargo Pants children's size 2 to 12 \$30.00













(Photo left) sent in by a mum, who wrote "My son wore his police uniform for Bookweek at his kindy and it was a hit".

### JUNIOR POLICE CARGO PANTS APPROXIMATE SIZING CHART

	WAIST		OUTSIDE LEG
SIZE	NORMAL	EXTENDED	OUTSIDE LEG
2	46	56	52
4	50	62	64
6	52	64	73
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!!!



Plush Junior Police Teddy \$15.00 Plush Kangaroo with Junior Police bandana \$12.00

Plush Emu with Junior Police bandana \$12.00