

## WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

#### "Supporting those who support us"

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2024 Winter edition of the Community Supporting Police (CSP) newsletter. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Steve Gollschewski on his appointment as Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service (QPS). The Management Committee looks forward to working with the new Commissioner to enhance police and community relations, and importantly continue to care for members of the QPS.

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 report that we making good progress on reviewing and drafting a new Constitution, Regional Rules, Helping Hand Business Rules, Business Plan and associated documents. Craig Ray and Associates Solicitors, continue to provide great support to CSP on this important work.

Objective one outlined in the CSP Constitution, is to foster friendship between the community and police, their families and friends. To assist in this regard, in April 2024 I gave a presentation about CSP to the Justices Association of Queensland. The presentation was well received and as a result, I have two requests to speak with other community groups. At the end of the presentation, I received a donation from a member of the Justices group that was banked with thanks. I will get the word out about CSP one person at a time, if I have to.

The hardest objective to achieve, is the obtaining of more volunteers to assist at events in and around the Brisbane metropolitan area. I know I am like a broken record, but please help at events if you can. If you are able to spare a few hours a year, it helps those who attend numerous events to sell merchandise so as we can continue to provide a valued service to members of the QPS, in the provision of free Emergency Welfare Accommodation. 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. Come on, let's see some new faces assisting at events. You will actually enjoy yourself interacting with members of the community and other members of CSP. 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 \$35,000 grant that has been shared amongst Brisbane, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns to purchase electrical and furniture items The provision of new furniture and electrical items will provide a more user-friendly environment for persons/families using the Emergency Welfare Accommodation. In relation to the Brisbane Units, work has begun on replacing floor coverings that are the age of the units.

Thank you to all members who hold positions on the management committee, regional committees and Helping Hand Sub-committee, without out your work the organisation would not prosper. The portfolio holders who assist the management teams are also a blessing.

Look after yourselves and I look forward to working with you at various events.

Dan Mahon APM President Community Supporting Police Inc.

## Joshua's Story

My partner and I are expecting our first baby. Throughout the pregnancy checkups, my partner had been told her cervix length was perfect. However, at the 27-week scan, we were informed her cervix had shrunk significantly to 6 millimetres. My partner was then hospitalised for the night for observation while receiving two doses of neonatal steroids over a twenty-four-hour period. A week later, at the follow-up scan, we were informed my partner's cervix had shrunk further to 3 millimetres, putting her at risk of pre-term labour.

Due to the pregnancy only being at 28 weeks, we were informed that our home hospital was not properly equipped to take premature babies under 32 weeks. So, my partner was transferred to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) in Brisbane. Upon settling in at the RBWH, we were informed that my partner would need to stay in the hospital for a week for observations, bringing her to 29 weeks. Then she would be discharged but would be required to stay local to the RBWH until the pregnancy reached 32 weeks, when we could then return home to our local hospital.

Throughout the week-long stay at the RBWH, I continued to commute the 40-minute drive to my home station, attempting not to use any annual or sick leave, so we had as much as possible for when our daughter was born. Whilst preparing for my partner's discharge from the RBWH, we were informed we were not eligible for a position at the Ronald McDonald House and were likely facing an approximate \$3,000 bill to stay almost three weeks in Brisbane until the pregnancy reached 32 weeks.

Thankfully, whilst speaking to a close friend who I went through the academy with, I was reminded of a visit that we received from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) chaplain whilst at the academy. During this visit, we were informed of the great work the chaplain service provides to sworn and unsworn members of the service, including emergency housing facilitated by the team at Community Supporting Police (CSP). Upon contacting my local chaplain and discussing my situation, they were able to secure emergency accommodation for my partner and me right by the RBWH, saving our family financially and emotionally whilst having to maintain our normal bills and dealing with the stress of possible early pregnancy.

The accommodation provided by CSP was a completely furnished two-bedroom apartment within walking distance of the RBWH. The apartment contained full bedding, bath, and kitchen supplies, and even perishables to get families through their first day or two before being able to go shopping. Without the QPS chaplains and the CSP, our family would have been facing significant financial debt and emotional stress to stay close to the RBWH.

I think more people need to know of the support services that both the QPS Chaplains and the CSP can provide to members of the QPS.



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 the 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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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 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)

Toowoomba: Detective Senior Sergeant Paul McCusker — McCusker.PaulF@police.qld.gov.au

(Southern Region)

Police Liaison Officer: 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.

#### You can make difference:

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

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

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.

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## Newsletter



## QLD BLUE LIGHT

Our story...



It all started forty years ago at the Albert Waterways Community Hall on the Gold

Coast. Police were looking for ways to positively engage young people in a safe environment, so we held our first official Blue Light disco on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 1984. We attracted 219 youths and the disco proved to be a great diversionary tactic as we reached our peak in the 90's with an astonishing 2.3 million young people getting into the swing. The opportunity to socialise with friends outside school



was irresistible and 'social media' just wasn't a thing...!

In 1993, QLD Blue Light in partnership with QLD Police Service re-opened the old Surfers Paradise Raceway for an initiative called Operation DRAG. 'Drag Right And Gain (a life)' encouraged young people to take racing off the streets and compete in a safe environment. The temptation to drag against the Police was too hard to resist allowing Police to engage with youth in a positive way. The program evolved to



encompass youth crime prevention and traffic strategies.

In 2002 with the closure of the Surfers Paradise Raceway, 'COP THIS' was relocated to the Warwick TAFE. There she was used as a training tool for budding mechanics, teaching them the skills associated with event and track management while allowing them to practice race preparation on an actual drag car. The TAFE program was abandoned in 2011 and 'COP THIS' was put into storage, but the last half of 2021 saw the rebirth of our iconic 1994 VR Calais 350 SB Chevy DRAG car that laid dormant for over

10 years. 'COP THIS' has been lovingly restored to her former glory by a small group of dedicated police officers committed to promoting road safety to the young people of our community and she now appears at number of events throughout QLD to promote road safety to the community.

Now let's move into the new millennium, where this thing called social media is introduced. This changed the way kids socialised, the popularity of discos began to decline so we had to look for new ways to positively engage with young people. We introduced movie nights, laser tag, skating and sports and family events which attracted 985 thousand people, quite a big drop from the decade before.



As we move through the years and social media and smartphones becomes more popular, we had to come up with something else to keep us alive and keep kids off the street, so in 2016, we developed our first early intervention program targeted at 12–17-year-olds. Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow & Empower), delivered by QLD Police and community role models, mentor groups of 20 young people over an 8-week period. The program is designed to extend a young person's mind and physical capability through physical training, discipline and healthy life education. EDGE seeks to build relationships between at risk youths and police through an informal program of physical activity and motivational sessions, with the outcomes targeted at improved attitude towards police, school, community and each other, as well as improved team working skills, resilience, leadership capability, self-confidence and adaptability.

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#### Our story... (cont. pg.4)



Meanwhile, Officer Laurie Bateman, who holds a world record for sheep shearing and has over 28 years' experience as a shearer, starts to teach the skill to young vulnerable people to curb and prevent offending behaviour. From these humble beginnings, the Blue Light Shearing program is born. The program provides students with an opportunity to develop future employment opportunities, creates a better mindset, builds strong work ethics, and teaches them how to work in a team while exposed to a work environment. Students work towards completing a Certificate II in Rural Operations which provides credit towards their QCE.

Then the pandemic strikes and life undergoes a significant change, and as a consequence of lockdown, we develop ELEVATE (Everyone lift to End Violence and Target Education). This primary prevention program (also delivered by QLD Police with the assistance of Blue Light Facilitators and teachers), educates children in

Years 5 – 12 to make better life choices in their relationships and potentially halt the escalation of Domestic and Family Violence in society. Delivered in QLD schools, the program educates young people of the social, personal, physical, and emotional harms of DF&V and teaches them to expect respect and give respect in their relationships.

We are not government funded, have a sergeant who is the State Coordinator paid by the QPS, four staff in head office and 40 branches through QLD all run by a Police Coordinator and community volunteers. The rest of our funds come from hours of grant writing and fundraising activities. This is the essence of being a not-for-profit organisation-we are driven by passion for our work. If we can positively impact the trajectory of one child, all our efforts become worthwhile.

What's even more thrilling than everything we have just mentioned, is that QLD Blue Light is marking a significant achievement – four decades of rocking programs and activities (in partnership with QLD Police) for young legends across QLD.

To celebrate this milestone, we are holding a totally rad 'Back to the 80s' shindig on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the iconic Tivoli in Fortitude Valley. Tickets are on sale now through Try Booking <u>https://www.trybooking.com/CQDKW</u> and if you get in early, you might be able to snag one of the early birds.

Catch you on the flipside, disco inferno awaits!

Julie Higgins State Business Manager Blue Light Association Inc



BY GIVING YOUR SMALL CHANGE, YOU CAN MAKE A BIG CHANGE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE WE CALL IT.... THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

#### <u>CSP Brisbane General Meetings Dates 2024</u>

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)







Community Supporting Police received this lovely message for a Western Australian mum: "I just wanted to say thankyou so much for all the police merchandise. My son has loved police since he was 4 and has owned two of the shirts, one hat and several teddies. He is now 10 and determined to be a K9 policeman in WA. He no longer fits in the kids shirts this year but I wanted you to know there's not a lot like this out there and the fact it wasn't a 'costume' and he could wear it all the time made him very happy. Thanks again for all the hard work.



#### 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.



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#### Get Set for Work

## program launches career pathways for disengaged youth

Teenagers on the cusp of entering the workforce are being given additional support and opportunities to get their foot in the door, with the help of PCYC Queensland and the Get Set for Work program.

Get Set for Work, funded by the Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, provides intensive employment and training assistance to disengaged young Queenslanders aged 15 to 19 years.

**PCYC** Pine Rivers is just one of PCYC Queensland's clubs operating the program aimed at giving young people the opportunity to gain the skills and confidence to enter the workforce, go on to further training or go back and complete school.

PCYC Queensland Program Coordinator, Hayley Hatton-Jackman, said graduates at the Pine Rivers club have really excelled in their chosen pathways since completing the 10-week course. "We've had three former participants return as PCYC volunteers, with one successfully securing a paid position within PCYC," she said.

"Several graduates have also seamlessly transitioned into our supplementary programs such as Braking the Cycle and the Youth Leadership Team.

"Most importantly, we've seen graduates obtain employment and traineeships through their new qualification, which shows the program really is changing these young people's lives."

Graduate Thomas Nightingale completed Get Set for Work as part of PCYC Pine Rivers' first cohort at the start of 2023. He stayed on to volunteer with the program and as a result, he is well on his way to completing his Certificate IV in Youth Work.

"I didn't like school, school wasn't for me and I moved to a vocational school and I met a youth worker who really had my back and really having that connection with that person really changed my perspective," he said.

"I knew I wanted to do something in that field, I just wasn't sure where. Now I know. Now, I'm here."

The Get Set for Work program provides an immersive and focused period for participants to develop skills for employment and gain qualifications, leading to an increased capacity to find work.

At PCYC Pine Rivers participants can obtain a Certificate II in Vocational Pathways, First Aid certification, as well as CPR and White Card training.

The program also involves team building activities like beach trips and museum visits and a range of workshops including Bricklaying Talks, Budget Workshops, resume writing and a trip to TAFE.

Superintendent Robert Fleischer said the Get Set for Work program is not only changing participants' lives but also strengthening the workforce in the local community.

"Get Set for Work shows that with the right guidance, kids can find employment even if they don't complete traditional schooling options," he said.

"If kids do become disengaged from school, this program gives participants all the knowledge and ability to find the right type of employment that interests them."

PCYC Queensland CEO Phil Schultz said the Get Set for Work program is just one of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work suite of programs PCYC offers across the state, with more than half of last year's graduates going on to find success.

"Close to 60% of young people who graduated from Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs at PCYC last year found jobs or went on to further education, and we anticipate even more positive outcomes this year," he said.

"A particular advantage for young people at PCYC is we focus on individuals and offer many different programs that can help them find their pathway.

"Key to any of these is giving young people a safe space to connect with a QPS officer, youth worker or other mentor to gain the support they need."

PCYC Braking the Cycle supports learner drivers to gain their logbook hours with volunteer mentors and is funded by the Motor Accident Insurance Commission. QPS Media on Mar 4, 2024 @ 10:41am

For more information about what PCYC Queensland offers your community go to pcyc.org.au



The Jack Beasley Foundation (JBF) is a registered not-for-profit community-based organisation based on the Gold Coast. JBF's primary focus is to deliver knife crime education and drive change around youth violence. On the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 17 year old Jack Beasley was fatally stabbed at Surfers Paradise and his parents Belinda and Brett deliver the One Moment Education Program to schools to share and educate youth on the dangers of carrying a knife and the long term effects of youth violence on the offenders, victims, and indirect parties including friends and families.

The Foundation is continuing to work with Queensland Police presenting our One Moment Presentation. Belinda and Brett started presenting the education program in July 2021 at schools in Ipswich, Logan, Brisbane and Gold Coast, with the expectations of expanding to more schools in 2023 and into other areas in Queensland such as Townsville and Cairns, New South Wales and Victoria.

This one-hour school presentation with direct interaction with Brett and Belinda Beasley sharing their experience and will show first-hand how a family's life can change in "One Moment" of senseless violence whilst promoting better decisions and choices. A Queensland Police Officer will deliver further information in relation to knife legislation and rules of carrying knives and awareness around becoming a victim of knife violence.

We will continue to work hard on our education program and our goal is to look back in 10, 15, 20 years and know that through this education program, we have made a substantial difference in the community and honour Jack's name. <u>https://www.jackbeasleyfoundation.org/pages/education-program</u>

For further information about the "I live my life without a knife" campaign please visit, <u>I live my life without a knife campaign</u>

On November 23, 2021 the My Life...without a knife campaign received a bronze award at the Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards (ACVPA).

The ACVPA recognise best practice in the prevention or reduction of violence and other types of crime in Australia and play a vital role in highlighting effective community-based initiatives to prevent crime and violence.

The 'I live my life... without a knife' campaign was developed due to the increase in knife-related offences in Queensland over the past 5 years. The campaign focused on raising awareness of knife possession laws and encouraging compliance through education about associated risks and penalties. The campaign used key psychological principles of normative and informational social influence to change unsafe practices of knife carrying and reduce the number of community members carrying knives.

Senior Sergeant Ken Murray, from the Queensland Police Service, said that through a cross-agency approach, the campaign targeted young people aged 14–24 years due to their over-representation as both victims and offenders in knife-related incidents in the Logan district.

"By focusing on possession offences there was a reduction in opportunities for other, more serious forms of knife crime to occur. During the campaign period there was a significant decrease in knife-related offences in public places as well as in street locations.

"The long-term goal is to educate and empower young people to make better choices, and reduce knife crime (including knife carriage) in public places," said Senior Sergeant Murray.

"Winning the ACPA award means we talking about knife crime and bringing awareness to the issue. We are sharing ideas and making a difference for a safer community. We are helping our youth have a brighter and stronger future without knives," he said.

Queensland Police Service (QPS) Commissioner Katarina Carroll congratulated the state's winners on their extraordinary projects and for their dedication to keeping their communities safe.

Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) Director, Michael Phelan APM, said that this is a very worthwhile project targeting a serious violent crime problem that is relevant Australia wide.

"This program is an excellent initiative that seeks to change young people's attitude to the carriage of knives and is supported by a reduction of offences, indicating that it was highly successful," Mr Phelan said.

The awards are a joint Australian Government, state and territory initiative administered by the AIC.

AIC Media: <u>media@acic.gov.au</u> https://www.aic.gov.au/media-centre/news/i-live-my-life-without-knife-campaign-recognised-reducing-knife-crime-logan-district

#### First Year of Jack's Law Wanding Operations

QPS Media on Apr 4, 2024 @ 10:44am

More than 500 weapons have been taken off the streets in the first year of Jack's Law wanding operations in Safe Night Precincts and public transport hubs across Queensland.

The weapons seized range from kitchen and butcher's knives, tomahawks, hammers, hunting knives, knuckle dusters, screwdrivers and more.

Since Jack's Law passed in March 2023, 508 weapons have been seized state-wide during 4,100 handheld metal detection operations, in which 51,000 individuals were scanned.

Police have apprehended 1,369 people on 2,469 charges, in relation to weapon, drug, bail and other offences.

Jack's Law was introduced in response to the tragic stabbing death of 17-year-old Jack Beasley in 2019. (see page 4 for more information about Jack Beasley and the My Life...without a knife campaign)

It allows police officers to utilise a metal detecting wand in operations in all Safe Night Precincts, at public transit hubs and on public transport.

Scans are quick, averaging a minute or two and require no physical contact by police.

By scanning for, detecting, and removing dangerous weapons from public places, police aim to reduce the harm these weapons cause in the community while educating the public on the risks of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Youth Crime Taskforce Acting Assistant Commissioner Andrew Massingham said Jack's Law has been instrumental in tackling knife crime.

"I want to commend Brett and Belinda Beasley, from the Jack Beasley Foundation, for their tireless advocacy and support around the extension of wanding powers to assist the QPS with detecting weapons and combatting violence," Acting Assistant Commissioner Massingham said.

"For more than 500 weapons to be taken off the streets in a year, that's 500 potential acts of violence disrupted, and people protected.

"We are committed to keeping dangerous items out of the hands of young criminals and reducing the devastation which can result from possessing a knife, including lifelong trauma for the victims, their families, and the community."

Gold Coast District Officer Chief Superintendent Craig Hanlon said Jack's Law not only detects weapons but deters people from carrying them in the first place.

"I want to acknowledge the dedication of our frontline staff in embracing Jack's Law to help enhance our public safety response," Chief Superintendent Hanlon said.

"We don't want to risk knives or weapons being brought into highly populated areas. This is about ensuring members of the public can feel safe when they are out and about enjoying all that Queensland has to offer.

"We are committed to continuing to implement Jack's Law, as every knife taken off the street is a win for the police and the community."

If you have information for police, contact <u>Policelink</u> by providing information using the <u>online suspicious activity form</u> 24hrs per day at <u>www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting</u> or call <u>131 444</u>.

Report crime information anonymously via <u>Crime Stoppers</u>. Call <u>1800 333 000</u> or report online at <u>www.crimestoppersqld.com.au</u>



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#### Walk-Down Memory Lane Recipes

#### Chicken Curry (crock-pot, slow cooker, casserole)

#### **Ingredients:**

- 11/2 kg Chicken Breast (skin removed) (Alternatively 1 kg blade or chuck steak)
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons plain flour
- 1/4 teaspoon chilli powder
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 dessertspoon curry powder
- 4 cloves garlic (1 dessertspoon) (crushed)
- 2 large onions (chopped)
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup water

#### Method:

- 1. Combine flour and curry powder,
- 2. Cut chicken into cubes, toss in seasoned flour,
- 3. Heat oil in pan and add onions and garlic heat till fragrant (remove from pan and place in crock pot or casserole dish)
- 4. Add chicken pieces to pan and browned lightly
- 5. Place browned chicken into crock-pot with onions and garlic
- 6. Add remaining ingredients, mix well
- 7. Cover and cook on low for 8-9 hours or high for 4 hours (crockpot) cook in medium—low oven for 11/2 hours or until chicken is tender.
- 8. Service with boiled rice
- \* This recipe can be cooked without cooking the chicken, onions and garlic first.

\* For a richer/more flavoursome dish, you can add red curry paste (amount to your taste) to recipe about 1/2 before serving.

## 30 Minute Pineapple and Coconut Cheesecake

#### **Basic Crumb Crust**

#### **Ingredients:**

250 gm sweet or gingernut biscuits crushed 125 gm melted butter

#### Method:

- 1. combine biscuit crumbs with butter
- 2. press mixture into lined and greased pie plate to form pie shell
- 3. Place shell into freezer for a few minutes whilst you make the filling

#### Pineapple and Coconut cheesecake filling Ingredients:

- 1 small can pineapple rings (drained)
- 225 gm cream cheese
- 1 can condensed milk
- 75 ml (5 tablespoons) lemon juice
- 3/4 cup desiccated coconut.
- 125 gm melted butter

#### Method:

- 1. Before cutting pineapple, reserve 3 for decoration.
- 2. Chop remaining rings
- 3. Using beaters soften cream cheese
- 4. Gradually beat in the condensed milk
- 5. Add the lemon juice and fold in the chopped pineapple and desiccated coconut.
- 6. Once combined pour into chilled pie shell
- 7. Decorate with reserved pineapple rings, and some cherries, toasted coconut etc.
- 8. Chill well.

## Nostalgic Winter's Dinner Enjoy!!!

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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="http://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.

The Queensland Police Service is holding the annual Open Day at our training facilities Bob Atkinson Operational Capabilities Centre (BAOCC)

Wolston Park Road, Wacol

Saturday 20 July 2024

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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#### Photos:

**Top left**— new carpets Catherine Street unit.

**Second row** — new sofas for units at the two Mews units.

Third row—left & centre: new chairs for meeting room.

**Right** — two new 4 X drawers for merchandise in storage area.

**Bottom** — meeting room floor being cleared for floor to be repolished.

A huge thanks to Debbie, Peggy, Peter, Bryan, Dan, Victor and Cecelia for shopping, arranging delivery of new, removal of old & assembling of new furniture as well as cleaning, both the Windsor facility and at the units.

(More photos pg.13)









(above) New chairs and 4 drawer cabinets kindly donated by PCF Australia Brendale





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Debbie and Bryan Windsor working bee



Commissioner Katarina Carroll's farewell CSP members: Victor & Cecelia Serchen, Col Diachkoff, Peter Johnson, Fay Johnson, Nadene Sander, Dan Mahon APM, Katarina Carroll APM, Peggy Campbell, Jenny Danslow and David Danslow. Thursday 29 February 2024



Cecelia Serchen with Sergeant Sue Walsh & Senior Constable Georgia Wheatley (Inner West Crime Prevention Unit) at the Samford Emergency Services Expo Saturday 20 April Samford Scouts grounds. Huge thanks to Inner West Crime Prevention for their support.





Cecelia Serchen at the ImagiNation Childrens Festival Logan Saturday 4 May Kingston Butter Factory Precinct.

CSP volunteers, QBANK staff and CSP supporters will be manning the CSP stand at the 2024 Caravan and Camping Show to be held at the RNA showgrounds between Wednesday June 5 and Sunday June 9, come along, say g'day and check out our police branded merchandise including our plush toy dogs who are named after members of the Queensland Police Dog Squad, and our Junior Police range of children's clothing.

Our stand is located on the Upper level of the Royal ICC Building, site 553.

The members of CSP management committee wish to sincerely thank Caravanning Queensland and staff for their continued support and assistance to CSP.

We would also like to acknowledge the great support provided by Neal Wilkes from N.E.W. Event Electrics during the Caravan and camping Super Show.



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#### Left:

**Brisbane City** Council works at Windsor Hut.

New drainage to help with ingress of water from upper side of block.

New access stairs & concrete pathing around building.

The council has also removed the large tree which was located to the side and front to the stairs.

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.



(Above) Peter Johnson, Geoff Orman & Debbie Nicholson at the 16 May Induction Parade.



(Above) Victor Serchen & Cecelia Serchen at the Domestic and Family Violence Pro-active **Display Chermside Shopping Centre** Thursday 23 May.





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National Volunteer Week (NVW) 20 -26 May provided a perfect opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful Community Supporting Police (CSP) volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our organisation and to the wider Queensland Police Service family.

The theme for the 2024 NVW is "Something for Everyone" and reflects the various ways in which our amazing members volunteer their time to support CSP and ultimately the members of the QPS and their families in times of crisis or trauma.

Whether this support be through: attending fundraising events, promotional activities or just spreading the word amongst colleagues, family, and friends or holding a position on one of our 5 committees across the state, their tireless efforts enable CSP and Community Supporting Police Helping Hand (CSPHH) to assist QPS members to access emergency welfare accommodation or financial support in their time of need.

Without our volunteer and members support CSP and CSPHH would not be able to "support those who support us".

If you would like to join these amazing, enthusiastic and friendly people as well as support the members of the Queensland Police Service please contact the secretary@csp.asn.au for more information about becoming a member.





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**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)

The members of Community Supporting Police 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

& at Police Headquarters Health and Recreation's **QSHOP Roma Street** 



CONSTABLE T BEAR

\$45.00



\$25.00



Police German Shepherd. named after QPS retired working dog



Geronimo named after retired Mounted Unit Police Horse \$15.00





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



\$18.00

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# SP 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

#### JUNIOR POLICE CARGO PANTS APPROXIMATE SIZING CHART

	WAIST		OUTSIDE LEG
SIZE	NORMAL	EXTENDED	OUTSIDE LES
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 and (Centre left and right) Junior Police Constable Willow both modelling the complete Community Supporting Police Junior Police Uniform.

#### Thank you to our wonderful models!!! Austin and Willow!!!

Plush Kangaroo

with Junior Police

bandana

\$12.00



Plush **Junior Police** Teddy \$15.00



**Plush Emu with Junior Police** bandana \$12.00



**Junior Police Cap** adjustable \$15.00









(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".