

THE POLICEMAN'S FIGHT

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*I am a police officer,
And this is my fight.
As I tuck in my family,
And kiss them goodnight.
I take one last look,
Drawing everything in.
Not sure I will see them again.*

*I put on my uniform,
And strap on my vest.
Prepare for the worst,
And hope for the best.
I affix my gun belt,
Make sure all is secure.
I say one final prayer,
For St. Michael to hear.*

*The things I have seen,
Would surpass your worst nightmare.
Some things are too horrific,
And too graphic for me to share.
The sheer evil that exists,
Is far from in decline.
Just be glad there's a select few,
Who put their lives on the line.*

*I've lost some good friends,
Sad memories from the past.
Victims of divorce, corruption,
And their families being harassed.
Accidents, suicides,
Depression and PTSD.
I thank God every day,
These things have not happened to me.*

*Until you walk in my shoes,
And see what I've seen.
You can't possibly imagine,
The stress on my scene.
Although we're on a pedestal,
We are people just like you.
On the outside we may bleed red,
But deep down we bleed blue.*

*I walk into each bedroom,
And kiss my family goodnight.
So thankful to God,
That I've survived another night.
With all the controversy and assumptions,
You may not like what I do.
But at the end of the day,
I will lay down my life for you!*



We will remember

*National Police Remembrance Day
29 September 2024*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) newsletter. I hope that everyone is well and enjoying the much needed rain. As usual, the newsletter contains interesting information and photos of events. I will identify some of the important developments that occurred in 2023-2024 and also ask Brisbane based readers to consider volunteering at events. The CSP Annual General Meeting will be held on 11 September 2024 and I encourage you to attend.

CSP PRIORITIES 2023-2024

Upon taking up the role of President in September 2023 I set four priorities to be achieved during the 2023-2024 period. The priorities form the base for CSP going forward to ensure that the organisation is operating in accordance with its objectives and an awareness of external factors that may impact operations. The four priorities are:

- 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 i.e., Qld Commissioned Officers Union (QPCOU), Qld Union of Employees (QPUE), Valley Chamber of Commerce (VCC) and Qld Retired Police Association (QRPA); and
- Build the number of volunteers in Brisbane and surrounding areas to assist the commitments of CSP.

The four priorities have been challenging to achieve partly due to me experiencing ongoing health issues that have affected my ability to attend various public functions. It is expected that the new Constitution and associated documents (priority 1) will be presented to the November General Meeting. Craig Ray and Associates, Solicitors and in particular Mr Patrick Steptoe provided CSP a great service in the review and updating of the Constitution, Branch Rules and Helping Hand Rules.

I have held off sending the letter (Priority 2) to various community organisations due to CSP receiving the \$35,000 grant and I want to personally meet with leadership of organisations to build a relationship with them prior to sending the letter.

Priority 3 has been achieved as the CSP Newsletter has been circulated to a broader audience. Of all the priorities, number four is the most difficult to achieve. Growth in membership and also non-member volunteers is necessary for CSP to meet its objectives as outlined in the Constitution. We need to attract sufficient people to staff the increasing number of events offered to CSP in Brisbane and the branch areas. I would like to thank QRPA members for assisting to staff the CSP merchandise stand at the Brisbane Ekka. Without their help it would have resulted in the same few CSP members working multiple shifts.

RECEIPT OF \$35 000 GRANT

In late 2023, CSP, through our Marketing and Promotions Officer Debbie Nicholson, made an application for funding to the Community Gambling Benefit Fund. The basis of our application was to purchase new furniture and electrical items for the nine (9) emergency welfare accommodation houses and units which CSP support through our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the QPS.

We were fortunate to obtain \$35,000 in a grant in February 2024. The Management Committee decided that each of our four branches would be allocated approximately \$5,000 each with the remainder to be allocated to the Brisbane units. Our branches were extremely grateful for this funding allocation and set about identifying new items of furniture to upgrade the properties.

New beds, stand-alone cupboards, sofas, refrigerators, washing machines, microwaves, vacuum cleaners and televisions were purchased across the State and only last week our grant was acquitted through the Community Gambling Benefit Fund. It is amazing to see these new items being placed into the emergency welfare houses across the State.(cont. pg11)

Vale Former Commissioner Jim O'Sullivan AC APM



The members of Community Supporting Police join with the members of the Queensland Community, Queensland Police Service, colleagues, friends and family to acknowledge the life and legacy of former Commissioner James (Jim) Patrick O'Sullivan AC APM, who passed away on 17 July 2024.

Commissioner Jim O'Sullivan was Queensland's 17th Police Commissioner from 1992 to 2000, will be remembered for his professionalism, fairness, courage and pioneering leadership in the QPS, whose vision helped shape the contemporary police service we have today. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-07-17/police-commissioner-jim-o-sullivan-dies-age-85/104108824>

During which time he was the lead investigator for the Fitzgerald Inquiry, into police corruption and political corruption in 1987. Mr O'Sullivan was appointed Assistant Commissioner in 1990 and police commissioner in 1992 following the inquiry and has been heralded for his work in implementing critical changes to the police service which resulted in significant and positive impacts on the moral of Queensland Police (QPS) members. This major reform benefited both the QPS and Queensland community.

Queensland Police Union President Ian Leavers said the former commissioner was known for his "vocal support of police". "If a police officer was acting in good faith and doing their job, with the right intentions, he would back them 100 per cent," he said. "This immediately won the support of the entire police force." <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-07-17/police-commissioner-jim-o-sullivan-dies-age-85/104108824>

Former Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson, told ABC Radio Brisbane Mr O'Sullivan was "a very, very good detective". "The fact his predecessor had taken on the role of investigating his fellow police officers was "reflective of his courage, character and integrity". "He certainly laid the groundwork for me. I was so privileged and fortunate to have that role after he retired." <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-07-17/police-commissioner-jim-o-sullivan-dies-age-85/104108824>

Queensland Premier, Steven Miles said Mr O'Sullivan had "helped the police service navigate the post-Fitzgerald era and helped to restore public confidence in police.

Queensland Police Minister, Mark Ryan described him as "a gentleman of the highest order". "Jim led by example, to ensure the Queensland Police Service would emerge from the dark days of the pre-Fitzgerald era a better, more community based and thoroughly professional organisation. <https://australianseniorsnews.com.au/news/queensland-police-farewell-gentleman-of-the-highest-order>

During his time as Commissioner Jim O'Sullivan formally inducted Community Supporting Police's larger than life Koala mascot (now retired) Senior Constable Clancy in 1996, who served as a valuable member of the Queensland Police Service for 27 Years.

With Honour He Served Rest in Peace

Davey – Remembering Dave

Senior Constable Jo Arthur on Jun 26, 2024 @ 8:16am

Davey came into our lives after Guide Dogs Queensland asked the public to name their "D" litter and it was suggested to name one of the pups Davey, after fallen officer Senior Constable Dave Masters.



His regular visits to the Deception Bay Police Station are always popular and Davey certainly makes himself at home. Senior Sergeant Jason Higgs, Officer in Charge of Deception Bay, encourages the visits as they are valued by both his staff and the Master's family, and it is always a happy time despite the circumstances surrounding how Davey came into our lives.

"Davey has become a valued member of the Deception Bay Police Station family," Senior Sergeant Higgs said. "His personality and nature are a true reflection of our colleague and mate, Dave Masters. "The entire station really enjoys regular visits from Davey who never fails to bring a smile to our faces with his mischievous and cheeky personality."



On June 12, Davey attended the Deception Bay Police Station to say "Hi" to his blue family and to introduce us to his new owner, Barb.

"Davey was just meant to be", Barb said. Her last Guide Dog was forced to retire a few months ago after developing epilepsy, which was a very sad time for Barb.

She is a believer that things happen for a reason, and she knows that she was always destined to have Davey. Barb is known to the Masters family, as she was a customer in the bank where Dave's wife Sharon worked.

Barb's daughter also went to school with Dave and Dave was taken from us on Barb's husbands birthday.

Davey is still settling in with Barb and she is a bit worried that he is going to lead her astray. He has been known to help himself to the self serve dog treats at her local supermarket and she thinks that having an association with police might be a good thing to keep Davey on the straight and narrow.

During Davey's recent visit, we noticed that Guide Dogs have a registered number just like police, so now Davey has two – his Guide Dog one and one bearing Dave Masters' police registered number.



Guide Dogs Queensland have had a very special tag made for Davey which he will wear with pride.

Dave's brother, Al and his wife Liz were there to see Davey and represent the Masters family. "To have a dog named after Dave, to see him mature, have a personality as Dave did, and to meet his new handler Barb, makes us as a family really appreciate the people who support us. Thank you," Al and Liz said.

"Davey and Barb are always welcome to visit us anytime," Senior Sergeant Higgs said.



We cannot thank Nicci, Carolyn, Davey's puppy raisers and the rest of the team at Guide Dogs Queensland for making this happen.

Davey always brings smiles to faces when he visits and he surely is great medicine on those tough days.

Today (26 June) marks three years since our beloved Dave was taken from us.

We will always remember him, his cheeky grin and commitment to his community.



<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2024/06/26/davey-remembering-dave>

Congratulations

The members of Community Supporting Police would like to acknowledge the seven Queensland Police Officers who were awarded their Australian Police Service Medal in the King's Birthday Honours: Senior Sergeant Craig William Berry, Chief Inspector Michael David Fawcett, Sergeant Kelly Suzanne Gurski, Chief Superintendent John Edwin Hallam, Senior Sergeant Robert William Richards, Senior Sergeant Rima Seferovic, and Detective Senior Sergeant Peter John Ziser, were recognised for their significant contributions and achievements in their respective fields, plus their community involvement. Congratulations to you all and thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to the Queensland community

The King's Birthday 2024 Honours ceremony not only acknowledged these officers' significant achievements but also underscored the vital role that police officers play in maintaining safety and justice in our communities. <https://www.nationaltribune.com.au/dedicated-officers-celebrated-at-king-s-birthday-2024-honours>

Senior Sergeant Craig William Berry joined the Queensland Police Service (QPS) on 18 December 1989, and was sworn in on 29 June 1990. He has served as a police officer for over 33 years in a variety of roles, mostly in regional areas including St George, Charleville, Wallumbilla, and Roma. In 2010-11 Senior Sergeant Berry assumed disaster management duties during the Queensland floods, and has continued dedicating his service to enhance community safety, in both Warwick and Toowoomba, as a disaster management support office. Further to this Senior Sergeant Berry has been deployed across the state to assist with the disaster response and recovery of multiple tropical cyclones and other disasters: including the 2010-11 floods, 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires, Tropical Cyclone Debbie, and COVID-19. On each occasion he, through his exemplary leadership, has applied his critical knowledge and operational experience to ensure continual improvement of disaster risk governance and has been instrumental in the development of key QPS disaster management, policy, plans, and training framework. <https://www.qg.gov.au/kings-birthday-2024-honours-list>

Chief Inspector Michael David Fawcett has dedicated his 39 years of service to the Queensland community, performing a wide range of duties including general duties, officer in charge, and duty inspector. Chief Inspector Fawcett has performed duty in multiple disaster management responses across the state including multiple flooding events, tropical cyclones Marcia and Debbie, bushfires and most recently the Central Region's COVID-19 pandemic response. Chief Inspector Fawcett excels in the field of leadership, working with government to ensure community safety outcomes are achieved and frontline policing operations are maintained in regional and remote locations. He also serves as a mentor to many and is an active contributor to police wellbeing actively supporting community supporting police, police chaplaincy, and the peer support network, and has been instrumental in supporting the resolution of workplace conflict and has actively contributed to the reintegration to duty of members who have been absent from the workplace. He has performed the role of strategy & performance (S&P) officer for the Central Region for over ten years and is regarded as the 'go to officer' for all S&P officers in the State. Chief Inspector Fawcett is highly regarded for his integrity, professionalism, dedication and ability to deliver outcomes on behalf of the QPS. He has consistently demonstrated these attributes over his many decades of service to the community of Queensland. <https://www.qg.gov.au/kings-birthday-2024-honours-list>

Sergeant Kelly Gurski Moreton Police Officer Sergeant Kelly Gurski has devoted 30 years to the QPS, fourteen of these has been as a stalwart domestic and family violence liaison officer role. She began working in the Petrie/Pine Rivers domestic violence (DV) office in the early 2000s, engaging with community organisations to support victim-survivors. Engaging with local domestic violence services Sergeant Gurski realised police also needed to be engaging with other services like Child Safety and the Department of Housing. Working with these agencies the Pine Rivers DV office adopted the Duluth Model, a co-ordinated response that drew on the experiences of a small community in the US of dealing with domestic and family violence. Joined by another police officer in 2012 and, with both working part-time, they regularly fundraised to support people transitioning from refuges to their own homes. Hearing about [RizeUp](#), an organisation assisting people escaping domestic violence by setting up a new home before they move in – each setup costs about \$5000. Sergeant Gurski has been an ardent supporter of the charity, fundraising, advocating and giving her time as a guest speaker to raise awareness of RizeUp's work, with her fundraising efforts tallying more than \$100,000 so far. <https://www.moretondaily.com.au/news/royal-award-a-tribute-to-victim-survivors>. "Being part of RizeUp and walking alongside victim-survivors has been incredibly fulfilling," she said. "This medal isn't just for me, it's in recognition of all victim-survivors of domestic and family violence and the impact of trauma, violence, and abuse on your physical, mental and social wellbeing. "Thank you for trusting me with your lived experiences". <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2024/06/18/dedicated-officers-celebrated-at-kings-birthday-2024-honours>

Congratulations

Chief Superintendent John Edwin Hallam commenced with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) on 1 February 1983 and was sworn in on 6 July 1984 and began his career as a general duties officer, since then he has performed duty as a detective and has served as a shift supervisor and also senior sergeant and officer in charge of Mackay Northern Beaches Police Station. In 2008 he was promoted to inspector and has served as the state and regional duty officer of Metropolitan North Region and the patrol group inspector at North Brisbane and Moreton districts.

Chief Superintendent Hallam was an operations commander at the Security and Counter Terrorism Command during a period of heightened national and international security concern before being appointed as the district officer for the Moreton Police District. Chief Superintendent Hallam has an outstanding reputation for identifying and embracing opportunities for organisational change and innovation and has demonstrated courage in leading change within large policing teams. Chief Superintendent Hallam has demonstrated an authentic interest in the welfare, professional and personal development of others and has been instrumental in developing many QPS members. Chief Superintendent Hallam amplifies the core values of the QPS and is held in exceptionally high regard by subordinates and superiors, together with the communities of Queensland where he has served. <https://www.qg.gov.au/kings-birthday-2024-honours-list>

Senior Sergeant Robert William Richards Acting Inspector Richards was sworn into the QPS in 1986, and has performed as a frontline general duties officer within the Longreach District, Brisbane mobile patrols, Brisbane City and Redcliffe Stations. In 1993 he transferred to a plain clothes investigator role within the Gold Coast District Juvenile Aid Bureau, before being appointed a detective senior constable for the Organised Crime Investigation Group. In 2000, after 15 years of significant operational and investigative policing, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant to a training position within State Crime Operations and then the Constable Development Program. Applying his operational and plain clothes expertise to numerous training capabilities culminated in a further promotion to recruit training at the rank of senior sergeant in 2008. Senior Sergeant Richards was appointed as a project manager for the training capability for the G20 Operation Southern Cross, the largest and most complex in the organisation's 150-year history, enhancing the QPS' capabilities to ensure the safety, security, and dignity of the G20 meetings. After this deployment he was then embedded into the Commonwealth Games Group and delivered strategic outcomes in both the training field and corporate support. At the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games deployment, Senior Sergeant Richards was transferred to a corporate support role for Organisational Capability Command, where he continues to deliver organisational priorities in support of frontline policing. "Managing the training capability for the G20 operation was certainly one career highlight," Acting Inspector Richards said. <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2024/06/18/dedicated-officers-celebrated-at-kings-birthday-2024-honours>

Senior Sergeant Rima Seferovic commenced her service with the QPS as a police liaison officer in a non-sworn position in the South Brisbane District supporting the Muslim community. Later she attended the police academy and was sworn-in as a constable in October 2006. Her path to policing was not an easy one, as she negotiated cultural norms within her own community and the QPS, as well as the challenges of being a young female Muslim police officer, while also raising her young family. Senior Sergeant Seferovic became an appointed detective and rose to the rank of Detective Sergeant. She is now part of a vital team of officers working as part of the Workplace Assessment Support Team making a difference in highly challenging station and section workplace conflict situations where using her dynamic communications skills and forthright manner, she is making a difference across the state to officers working in challenging environments. Senior Sergeant Seferovic's drive, enthusiasm and professional skills have led to a capability being available to the QPS and its managers that is not available in other jurisdictions. She, as leader of a high performing team, has made transformational change in workplaces across Queensland. She is a highly regarded officer amongst senior managers and her peers, with her tenacious attitude allowing her to succeed where others have not. Senior Sergeant Seferovic demonstrates dedication, professionalism, and a mentoring and pioneering ethos in frontline policing. She is transforming the culture of workplaces as an integral member of the Workplace Assessment and Support Team. <https://www.qg.gov.au/kings-birthday-2024-honours-list>

Thank you.

Congratulations

Detective Senior Sergeant Peter Ziser is a career detective who has always had an interest in the identification of motor vehicles used in the commission of serious crimes. Detective Senior Sergeant Ziser has demonstrated and applied his expertise, resourcefulness, and dedication to duty by establishing VIPER (Vehicle Identification Platform – Enforcement Response) within the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and more broadly with international and interstate partner agencies. Detective Senior Sergeant Ziser's exemplary leadership and contribution to operational capability has resulted in investigators using the VIPER imagery within investigations, achieving outstanding results. Detective Senior Sergeant Ziser continuously considers the use of current systems and processes that can be used to identify vehicles involved in serious crimes, such as were utilised throughout prominent investigations including Kilo Intrigue, Kilo Pixel, Kilo Minerva, Lima Pitchout, Romeo Masking, when Detective Senior Sergeant Ziser was the arresting officer for Rockhampton Serial Homicides. In recognition of the outstanding contribution to vehicle crime, Detective Senior Sergeant Ziser was the recipient of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) 2021 International Award for Excellence in Vehicle Identification stemming from the development of the VIPER. At the time, IAATI pushed for the VIPER platform to be widely utilised across international law enforcement agencies as an acknowledgement of the platform's investigative appeal outside the scope of the QPS. <https://www.qg.gov.au/kings-birthday-2024-honours-list>

"Each of these officers exemplify the core values of the QPS and their contributions not only enhance our operational capabilities but also make a profound impact on the community."

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2024/06/18/dedicated-officers>

Do you remember our Junior Police Officer Hamish?

[Senior Constable Jo Arthur](#) on Jul 12, 2024 @ 9:42am



He is that amazing little boy that placed us all under arrest after he got his police badge back in 2023.

A story about Hamish's special day when Police Minister Mark Ryan MP joined Commissioner Katarina Carroll APM (now retired) at a 'Cop for a Day' event to swear in the Queensland Police Service's newest recruit, five-year-old Hamish on 12 January 2023 was highlighted in the Autumn 2023 Edition of the CSP newsletter.

Shortly after his swearing in, Hamish became very unwell and spent many months in hospital after he underwent a liver transplant.

To help keep his spirits up, amongst several other visits, well-wishes and gifts from the QPS Community, Hamish received an Official Invitation from Inspector Ray Brownhill (State Water Police Inspector) to visit the Brisbane Water Police Base. Hamish's favourite section of the QPS is the Water Police so

it is only fitting that he has a VIP pass

On Wednesday, May 15, and after a little over twelve months in the making (transplant, oxygen tanks, broken collar bone, several ongoing medical appointments, the birth of his beloved baby brother Oliver and starting back at school) Hamish was finally well enough to take up his official invitation to visit the Water Police, Brisbane.

Senior Constable Brendan Hindle gave Hamish an all access guided tour of the complex Hamish had a tour of the QPV Brett T Handran before boarding the QPV Dan Stiller for a trip into Moreton Bay as crew.

Not long after getting out of hospital he came along to Bronze by the Lake an event held at Moreton for police to raise money for Blue Hope. Hamish got to check out 'Cop This' and 'Cop That'.

Hamish, his mum and dad and new baby brother are valued members of our 'Blue' family and we can't wait for our next visit and adventure.

Hamish suffers from dyskeratosis congenital, a telomere biology disorder which causes multiple medical issues like bone marrow failure and liver failure. Mum Haley takes every opportunity to raise awareness about this very rare disease.



<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2024/07/12/junior-police-officer->

Congratulations

Police Dogs recognised for their work in the line of duty

Minister for Police and Community Safety, Mark Ryan, attended the inaugural QPS Canine Service Medal Ceremony on Tuesday 23 July 2024 to present about 40 Queensland Police Service (QPS) Police Dogs (PDs) with their Service Medal in recognition of their role in keeping the community safe.

Since the QPS Dog Squad was officially established in 1972 the Squad has grown considerably, with the PDs and their handlers playing an important operational role within the QPS supporting the frontline in many ways. General Purpose dogs assist in tracking and the arrest of offenders, while the detection dogs are trained to distinguish certain scents in a range of scenarios to support investigative activities.

Minister Ryan said, "Police often encounter dangerous situations in the line of work, and this extends to the dogs as well, so it is wonderful that we can honour them in this way."

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/100888>

Among the recipients being honoured in the first round of Canine Service Medals is 12-year-old PD Kaos. Kaos has displayed outstanding service and bravery during his time in the line of duty, between 2014 and 2021, helping to bring countless offenders to justice. This dedication to duty saw PD Kaos seriously injured when he was stabbed during the arrest of two offenders in Gordon Park on 2 February 2020.

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/news/2024/07/23/police-dogs-recognised-for-their-work-in-the-line-of-duty>

Following his month-long recovery Kaos returned to work and continued to protect the community, retiring in 2021. PD Kaos (the namesake of Community Supporting Police's plush German Shepherd) accompanied by his handler, Senior Constable Jim Griffiths, received his Medal to acknowledge his service and his outstanding contribution to the Queensland community. (photo below)



Senior Constable Jim Griffiths commented "PD Kaos always had a 'never quit' attitude, when he was on a track, he would keep working for as long as he needed to get the job done". "He was always a reliable and hard-working Police Dog during his career, with a high drive and motivation to locate offenders. "But at the same time, he had a unique ability to switch between work mode and home life. "Kaos is currently enjoying the perks of retirement, living a very relaxed and spoilt life, but it was very special to see him honoured today."

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/100888>

Commissioner Steve Gollschewski said the Canine Service Medal was an important way to honour the Police Dogs who work in the QPS. "The Dog Squad is a remarkable capability that delivers outstanding operational success right across Queensland to keep our community safe. Our canine capability complements the tremendous work of our on-road crews, and the ability of police dogs to apprehend offenders quickly significantly enhances our tactical response to prevent further crime from occurring".

The nomination process for the Canine Service Medal will soon be available retrospectively for dogs who served in the QPS from the year 1990 onwards. Further to this PDs who were seriously injured or killed before they could meet the five-year threshold will also be eligible for nomination.

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/news/2024/07/23/police-dogs-recognised-for-their-work-in-the-line-of-duty>

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retired Police Dog Kaos



Retired Police Dog (PD) Kaos tragically passed away on August 10, aged 12, after serving seven years as a much loved and respected member of the Queensland Police Service.

During his years of service (2014 to 2021), PD Kaos and his handler Senior Constable Jim Griffiths, worked with the Brisbane Dog Squad.

PD Kaos was recognised just last month with a Canine Service Medal for his outstanding service and bravery during his time in the line of duty helping to bring countless offenders to justice.

PD Kaos retired in July 2021 and spent his final years at home in Dayboro with Senior Constable Griffiths and his family.

Though he was fierce while tracking offenders at work, off-shift, he was a sweet and soft soul.

In his retirement, PD Kaos was a regular at his local cafe in Dayboro, often found lying in the sun and willingly accepting any attention from customers.

He also continued to regularly attend the Queensland Children's Hospital bringing joy, love and cuddles to the sick children.

PD Kaos unexpectedly passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning, August 10, surrounded by his family.

PD Kaos and Senior Constable Griffiths were best mates and a formidable team.

With honour he served, and it was an honour to serve with him.

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2024/08/15/vale-retired-police-dog-kaos>

The members of Community Supporting Police join with the thousands of Queensland's who were saddened to hear of PD Kaos' passing and send our heartfelt condolences to the Griffiths family and the members of the QPS who worked with PD Kaos, the families of the children whom Kaos visited in hospital and the many Dayboro locals who will miss his presence in towns and at the café.

With honour he served

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RECEIPT OF \$35 000 GRANT (cont. pg. 3)

The Management Committee also agreed that CSP would fund the cost of replacing carpets in four Brisbane units (Catherine St, Bowen Hills and Regatta). It was rewarding to see these much needed upgrades especially in the Brisbane units due to their ongoing use. We await advice from the QPS about minor repairs and internal painting for the Brisbane Units in the coming year.



Bowen Hills Units
new lounges,
coffee tables
before the new
carpet.



ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE QPS

As a result of a 2021 review commissioned by the Queensland State Government of the Disaster and Emergency Services the Queensland Police Service (QPS) will be expanded to include disaster management functions, the soon-to-be-established Marine Rescue Queensland (MRQ), and the State Emergency Service (SES) to provide an all-hazards approach to disaster management. In addition, Surf Life Saving Queensland will also come in under the QPS banner. SLSQ will continue to keep Queenslanders safe in our oceans, waterways and lagoons. As part of the reforms, the SLSQ will maintain their own identity, uniforms and procedures within the QPS.

The additional full-time staff will potentially see an increase in demand for the use of the nine emergency welfare properties situated across the State, five in the Brisbane metropolitan area near hospitals and the remainder of the properties are in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton and Toowoomba.

Within the QPS, the CSP Helping Hand continues to provide much needed financial assistance to members and their families. The addition of MRQ, SES and SLSQ staff will potentially result in additional contributions to the Helping Hand Fund but, also see greater assistance provided to members of the QPS. A report from Helping Hand on their activities is included in the 2023-2024 Annual Report.

Looking to the future, CSP will continue to work on achieving the priorities identified for 2023-2024. To assist in this work, the CSP Bi-annual conference will be held in Brisbane in July 2025 where members from each of the management committee, regional committees and Helping Hand will attend to work together on progressing the organisation.

The Management Committee and I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all past and present CSP volunteers and executive office holders. We especially want to recognise the foundation members who started the organisation and have provided time, effort, empathy and compassion to QPS members over the 33 years of operation.

Dan Mahon APM
President
Community Supporting Police Inc.

Thank you Bally

Police Dog Bally retires after 7 years of service

QPS Media on Jun 25, 2024 @ 2:46pm

After an illustrious career with the Queensland Police Service, Police Dog Bally is hanging up his harness. At the age of eight and a half, or almost 60 in dog years, he is retiring from active duty and preparing for a well-earned retirement.



Officers and staff today paid tribute to their canine colleague with a guard of honour at Cairns Station. PD Bally has served in the Far North Dog Squad as a general-purpose dog for the last 7 years, after graduating at the age of 18 months.

Working alongside his handler Senior Constable Adrian Marek, PD Bally has completed thousands of tracks, helping locate offenders and missing people.

The duo has been deployed across the region, ready to back up general duties and the Tactical Crime Squad at a moment's notice.

Senior Constable Marek said one of the most memorable jobs he and Bally attended, (photo left), was when they tracked an offender through several industrial yards, a creek and mangroves, over wire fences and a shipping container, before locating him up a tree.

On another occasion, PD Bally and Senior Constable Marek tracked three offenders in Manunda, swimming through a swamp, before continuing through thick, spider-ridden bushland. They located the group who were taken into custody without incident.

"Bally is an exceptional general purpose police dog and the best partner a handler could ask for," Senior Constable Marek said. "His drive is unmatched, his relentless nature in tracking and love for work has led us to locate almost 1000 offenders." Whilst he has also "located countless missing people so they could get the help they needed."

During his long career, PD Bally has become a beloved member of the Far North community, helping make the people of Cairns feel safe and protected. Officer in Charge of the Cairns Dog Squad Sergeant Dave Raymond said Bally and Adrian have developed a deep, and special bond, which shows in their work together.

"Bally has been the most amazing dog, he is one of the most incredible dogs in the state," Sergeant Raymond said. He's never been one to shy away from a fun photo during his down time and is no doubt looking forward to spending more quality time with his family.

PD Bally is still a puppy at heart and will find it difficult to watch his beloved partner head off to work without him.

PD Bally will spend his retirement with the Marek family, and will be supported by the Blue Paws Association.

To find out more about the organisation, visit [Blue Paws Association Inc. \(bpainc.com.au\)](http://BluePawsAssociationInc.com.au)

PD407, on behalf of Far Northern police, it has been an honour to work alongside you.

Thank you for your service.

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/farnorth/2024/06/25/police-dog-bally-retires-after-7-years-of-service>

Welcome new member

Ms Wendy Martin

It is indeed great to have you join our Brisbane membership and help 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!!!!

Induction Parade

Members of Community Supporting Police, Mr Peter Johnson and Mr Geoff Orman as well as Ms Debbie Nicholson APM attend the CSP merchandise stand at the Police Recruit Induction Parades, whilst CSP President Mr Dan Mahon APM and CSP Vice-President Mr Bryan Brown AM attend the Graduation ceremony representing Community Supporting Police..

During the ceremony the graduating recruits, family, friends and guests are provided some interesting information about the various symbolic aspects of the procedures, and items used during the parade.

One item of interest are the specially designed tables, which have been made for the ceremonial aspect of the recruits subscribing to their oath of service. "The signature metal police badges featured on the front compliment these hand-crafted creations.

Additionally, a symbolic part of the design and manufacture process was the infusion of each table with a small cutting from the trees in the Avenue of Remembrance. This is a way to honour and remember all the officers who have died in the line of duty.

It is symbolic that the new graduates sign their pledge of service on these consecrated tables".

Tradition is reflected when "The Parade Sergeant calls the recruits onto parade by sounding the whistle to attract everyone's attention. This is symbolic to how police drew the attention of the public and other officers at the turn of the 19th century."

Guests and graduates will notice "the Parade Sergeant is also carrying an original 1930s era police baton, kindly donated for our ceremony by the Qld Police museum, these batons were traditionally carried as a side arm at the turn of last century. These accoutrements symbolise the significance and importance of the position of the Parade Sergeant on today's graduation ceremony."

Another item of interest and significance is "The banner" which is paraded during the ceremony, "is a symbol given to the Police Service in February 2014 by the people of Queensland in recognition of 150 years of exemplary loyal and dedicated law enforcement." The banner represents our history through professionalism, unity and strength of character. It symbolises the values of our past, present and the future.

The significance of the banner embodies the ethos of policing and celebrates the character of the people who have shaped the organisation since its inauguration in 1864. It is carried on all ceremonial parades as a sign of respect given by the citizens of our State."

Also of significance is the remembrance memorial incorporating the Queensland Police Service Eternal Flame of Remembrance, which is a feature of the parade ground. "The flame, universally accepted as a symbol of eternal life, burns continuously in honour of all members who have lost their lives during their duty".

The arrangement contains three significant elements relative to the Police Service, namely a period lantern, a remembrance ribbon and the Police ODE."

Thank you to Matthew Watt Protocol Officer People Capability Command for providing this information about the traditions and symbolism contained within the Graduation Ceremony, the Parade Ground and the signing tables.



(photos left)
Intake 6 Induction
Parade 27 June
with 96 Recruits
Graduating.

The members of
Community
Supporting Police
congratulates
each new officer
and wishes them
well as they
embark on their
new roles.

Congratulations

PROJECT BOOYAH MORETON GRADUATION

The latest Moreton Project Booyah cohort of five girls graduated on Tuesday night, June 18, after a 16-week police mentoring program focused on supporting at-risk and disengaged young people build self-esteem and resilience.

The program is run by the Queensland Police Service, in partnership with the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), and the local community.

Program participants are often considered at-risk in the community and many have disengaged from their schooling or community.

The program works to develop teen's leadership, social, literacy and numeracy skills, to put them on a pathway towards improving their health, education, employment opportunities and connection to community.

One of the graduates is 15-year-old Reagan. Currently in year 10, Reagan was disengaged from school which led to a referral to Project Booyah.

Project Booyah Moreton Police Coordinator Senior Constable Hope Drury said Reagan was initially apprehensive to be part of the program, but after encouragement from her older brother, who has also completed the program, she joined and has been at every program day.

"She is one of only two students that has made it to every day of the program, which is a huge achievement considering she had come from a disengaged school experience," Senior Constable Drury said. "Throughout the program, Reagan as reengaged at school and grown in her confidence.

"Everyone at Project Booyah is very proud of Reagan and it's been amazing to watch her grow as a person."

Reagan said the program has been very impactful. "I was nervous and shy, but since coming into Booyah it's been really good and I've got a great connection with everyone involved," Reagan said. "I now know that I have more people who are there to support and help me.

"Sometimes we do fun activities and other times we work on our Respect booklets which teach us about healthy relationships, controlling our emotions, and the impacts of drugs and alcohol.

"Project Booyah has been really helpful in growing my confidence as a person.

"Since being part of Booyah, I focus more at school and have been going to all my classes."

Reagan has a part-time job and wants to stay at school to complete year 12, while also doing a part-time trade apprenticeship to help her achieve her dream job.

"I want to be a diesel fitter in the mines," she said. "I think that will open up lots of opportunities for me."

As graduates, the cohort will remain connected to the program through regular contact from the program facilitators to support them achieve their goals. [QPS Media on Jun 20, 2024 @ 12:42pm](#)

CSP Brisbane General Meetings Dates 2024

Annual General Meeting: Wed 11 September 2024 (PHQ Roma Street Brisbane beginning at 630pm)

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



PoliceRecruit.com.au

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: Please refer to the After Hours Chaplaincy number below

(Far North Region Cairns & Tablelands)

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

Rockhampton: Senior Sergeant Matthew Hows— Hows.MatthewA@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

From the Branches



The Photo (left), which has been sent through from Mr Michael Bennett from Far North Queensland Branch (FNQ), was taken at the presentation of the donation by the Cazalys Social Club to CSP FNQ.

Those in the photo are (L to R) Allan Dredge (CSP), Carmelina Zappala (CSP), Michael Bennett (CSP) and Alex (Cazalys).

Carmelina and Allan attend the weekly trivia nights at Cazalys Social Club. The funds raised by trivia nights, each three months, are donated to a local charitable organisation. Carmelina and Allan encouraged the club to donate the funds raised for the three months to June 2024 to CSP FNQ.

The members of FNQ branch and CSP in general sincerely thank the Cazalys Social Club Trivia players for

their generous donation, and of course Carmelina and Allan for arranging for CSP FNQ to be the beneficiary.

**Thank
You**

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.



**Community
Supporting
Police**

Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) was established in 1991 to support police and their families following the Fitzgerald Enquiry. Over the past 33 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 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.

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:**

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



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.

Thank you

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 Police Service
for their ongoing support through the officers and civilian staff members
for their guidance and assistance.

The Queensland Union of Employees
for their continued support.

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



Out and About



2024 Caravan and Camping Show was again a great event, thanks to our team of volunteers:

(left) Peggy Campbell,

(right) Nigel Sleeman (QBANK) & Geoff Orman.



(below right) Debbie Nicholson & Senior Constable Angela Goodwin (Sandgate Prosecutions)

(left) Jenny & David Danslow.

Thanks also to Caravanning Queensland & N.E.W. Electrical for your ongoing support.



Chicken Fillets with Creamy Sundried Tomato Sauce

Ingredients:

4 chicken fillets
5 rashers of short cut bacon
2 tablespoons oil
1 onion, finely chopped.
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
250 ml Philadelphia Cream for Cooking
1/2 cup semi-dried tomatoes, finely chopped
1 teaspoon chopped chilli (optional)
2 tablespoons basil, finely chopped
2 tablespoons shredded parmesan cheese
Green Salad for serving

Keeping with Nostalgia

Method:

1. Char grill or pan fry the chicken until golden and cooked through.
2. Wrap in foil to keep warm
3. Heat oil in a large fry pan and cook bacon, over moderate heat, until crisp (6-8 mins)
4. Transfer bacon with slotted spoon to paper towels to drain
5. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of fat from pan and add onions, garlic, salt and pepper (to taste)
6. Cook stirring until onion is softened and lightly brown (about 8 mins)
7. Add Philly cream, tomatoes, chilli (if using) and bacon
8. Simmer until sauces is slightly thickened (about 2-3 mins)
9. Stir in basil and cheese then remove from heat
10. plate chicken and drizzle over the sauce.
11. Serve immediately with Green Salad.

Rhubarb Muffins

Ingredients:

1 egg (lightly beaten)
1/4 cup orange juice
3/4 cup low fat milk
1 stick rhubarb
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4 cup raw sugar
1 cup self-raising flour
1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

Method:

1. Lightly mix beaten egg, orange juice, milk, thinly sliced rhubarb, oil and sugar
 2. Combine flour and cinnamon
 3. Gently fold combined flour and cinnamon into wet ingredients (do not over mix)
 4. Spoon into greased/ and or lined muffin pans
 5. Bake in hot oven (200deg C) for 25 minutes or until cooked when tested.
 6. Turn onto a wire rack to cool.
- Serve warm or cold with vanilla yoghurt. Store in an airtight container.

Variation:

1. Add 1/2 cup sultanas or chopped dates.
 2. Sift dry ingredients into bowl.
 3. Pour in liquid and mix with fork
 4. Spoon into greased or lined patty tins
 5. Bake in moderate oven (180 deg C—200 deg C) for 25 minutes
- Serve warm or cold with butter. Store in an airtight container

Enjoy !!!

Out and About

Cecelia & Victor Serchen at Gold Coast Emergency Safari Coomera



Senior Constable Amy Walkden & Cecelia Serchen at Mueller College Fete



QPS Open Day Wacol



(above) Nadene Sander & Dan Mahon at Jeays Street First Nations Art Market

(below) CSP Puppies Rascal, Rosie & Riley getting a cuddle at the Ekka



Victor Serchen & Dan Mahon at Pine Rivers Show



Out and About



Debbie Nicholson & Victor Serchen (left)
Recruit Timothy Reynolds (right)
(thanks for holding the fort)
at the 2024 Ekka Stand



Rachel Ezzy & CSP Koala Cop



Col Diachkoff & Victor Serchen (left)
Col Diachkoff & Geoff Orman (right)



(left)
Rachel Ezzy
&
Joanne Arthur
(Senior
Constable
Caboolture
Police)



Victor Serchen, Nadene Sander,
Geoff Orman 2024 Ekka

(right) Victor Serchen & Geoff Orman
enjoying some
downtime at the Ekka.

(far right) Mike Skimmings
(Retired Police Association member)





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Key Ring
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(Suitable for engraving
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QPS Lanyard
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Queensland Police Service
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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
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Products are available for purchase through
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APPROXIMATE SIZING CHART

SIZE	WAIST		OUTSIDE LEG
	NORMAL	EXTENDED	
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!!!



(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".



Soft toy range



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