

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2025 Autumn edition of the Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) newsletter. It has been an eventful beginning to the year with the addition of new members, an increase in the community events, and a review of the CSP Constitution and associated documents. Does this sound familiar to 2024? Well, you are correct if you said yes.

In January 2025, the Management Committee approved six new memberships. Five new members joined the Far North Queensland Branch and one new member joined at Caboolture. Welcome to all our new members and the Management Committee hopes that you enjoy your time as a CSP ambassador.

The number of events in the Brisbane metropolitan area and surrounds has increased with two events to take place at the Gold Coast and Police Graduations are now occurring almost monthly due to the increase in the number of recruits attending the two Police Academies, Oxley and Townsville. A big thanks to Peter Johnson, Geoff Orman and Mick Skimmings for their continued work at the Oxley Academy. And thank you to all members who assist at the Townsville Academy.

In relation to the Constitution, it is getting there. The Committee is currently reviewing the current draft after which a copy will be sent out to the membership for comment. I have also had dialogue with a member of the Australian Taxation Office to examine the benefits of CSP obtaining Deductible Gift Register (DGR) Status as a whole for the organisation, as opposed to just the Helping Hand Sub-Committee, that has held this status dating back to 2005. One of the benefits of obtaining the DGR status for the whole organisation is that in conjunction with our Charity status we may attract more donations to assist in providing services to members of the Queensland Police Service (QPS). I will keep you posted.

HELP WE NEED A VOLUNTEER MERCHANDISE OFFICER

One matter of urgency for the Management Committee is the need to find a new volunteer Merchandise Officer who would be responsible for meeting with our suppliers (on-line), re-ordering stock, fill on-line orders and other associated duties. Deborah Mahon has for the past year and half fulfilled the role of Merchandise Officer however, is not able to continue in the role. Thank you for your work in this space Deborah, it is appreciated. If you have an interest in the role, please contact me via president@csp.asn.au



NEW MERCHANDISE

CSP Brisbane has received fifty Blue Heeler puppies (soft toy) from The Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation to trial and identify interest from our Queensland buyers. BOOTS is an iconic Blue Heeler puppy (26cm tall) that will sell for \$30.

Although Boots originates from Victoria he is adaptable to work in any part of the Country. Let's make Boots welcome and hopefully, he may become a permanent part of our merchandise range.

During 2025 there are approximately 25 events to be attended in the Brisbane and surrounding area. Events like the Royal Queensland Show or commonly referred to as the EKKA held in August of each year requires two shifts a day over a ten-day period. We rely on the goodwill of the same people every year. It would be fantastic to see some new faces assisting at events. If you or anyone you know can assist throughout 2025, please contact the CSP Secretary, Mrs Cecelia Serchen via secretary@csp.asn.au

Have a great year everyone and stay safe.

DC MAHON APM
President



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Police officers embrace childhood nostalgia in support of children in need

myPolice on Nov 29, 2024 @ 11:01am

Members of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) have come together in support of The Pyjama Foundation's Love of Learning program by hosting a fairy bread fundraiser at Police Headquarters, raising donations for the organisation's 'Pyjama Angels', who are matched with a child in care providing one-on-one in-home support.

The Fairy Bread Day fundraiser saw officers enjoying a touch of nostalgia in exchange for a donation for the program, which was developed to empower children in Foster Care with learning, life skills and confidence to change the direction of their lives.

Senior Sergeant Jo Broughton, one of the event organisers discussed the importance of supporting organisations such as The Pyjama Foundation.

"Either through fundraising or through QPS members being Pyjama Angels themselves, we are helping protect some of the most vulnerable members of our community," said Senior Sergeant Jo Broughton.

The Pyjama Foundation CEO Bronwyn Sheehan thanked QPS members for their commitment in supporting the important fundraiser.

"Having the QPS come on board for our Fairy Bread Day event is important to us because not only do we raise vital funds for our Love of Learning Program but we also build community awareness around the program in the hope that we can recruit more Pyjama Angels for our ever growing list of children in need".

For more information about The Pyjama Foundation or how you can become a volunteer visit their [website here](#).



Thank you

(photo left) CSP member Mr David Callarame with Assistant Commissioner Charysse Pond APM, chair of the CSP Helping Hand Fund, at Police Headquarters on 12 December 2024.

Assistant Commissioner Pond presented Mr Callarame with a certificate of appreciation acknowledging his very generous donation to the CSP Helping Hand Fund (CSPHH), this donation will assist the CSPHH Fund provide financial assistance to members of the QPS and their families, who find themselves in necessitous circumstance due to trauma or crisis.

During Mr Callarame's visit to the Police Headquarters he took time out to visit the Queensland Police Museum located on the ground floor. (photo right)





The Queensland Children's Hospital celebrates 10 years

The Queensland Children's Hospital celebrated 10 years of world-class care, having treated almost half a million children and young people since 29 November 2014.

More than **3.6 million** episodes of care have been provided to over 472,000 patients at the South Brisbane hospital in the past decade. This has included more than 710,000 emergency department presentations, more than 414,500 inpatient admissions

and more than 2.4 million outpatient appointments.

The hospital's busy surgical teams have performed more than 49,400 emergency surgeries and almost 117,000 planned surgeries, while the specialist intensive care unit has provided over 1.8 million hours of intensive care to the state's sickest and most critically injured kids.

In 2024, Newsweek ranked the Queensland Children's Hospital 10th in the world in its annual list of the best specialist paediatric hospitals. This recognition, in the hospital's 10th year of care, placed the Queensland Children's Hospital as the highest-ranked children's hospital in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere.

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service Chief Executive Frank Tracey marked the 10th birthday milestone by acknowledging the contribution and shared commitment to excellence of the hospital's 4000-strong workforce. "Everything the Queensland Children's Hospital has achieved in the past decade has only been possible through the dedication and hard work of our people – from our exceptional front-line clinicians, talented support staff and committed executive and Board members," Mr Tracey said.

"Every day, I see our teams demonstrate inspiring compassion, innovation and an unwavering focus on delivering safe, high-quality healthcare and outcomes for every child in our care." "This individual and collective contribution is the reason the Queensland Children's Hospital has earned national and international recognition for the care we provide, including being the only paediatric hospital in the Southern Hemisphere to be awarded Gold Certification in Person-Centred Care with Planetree International."

Mr Tracey said staff had worked tirelessly in the past decade to establish the Queensland Children's Hospital as the hub of a statewide network of paediatric care, to ensure every child, regardless of where they live, could access the best care as close to their home as possible.

"Through outreach clinics, telehealth appointments, professional learning networks and clinician training, the Queensland Children's Hospital specialist teams work collaboratively with each other, patients and families and our service partners to deliver timely, safe and accessible care for every child and young person who needs it."

Key achievements since 2014:

- First paediatric healthcare organisation in the Southern Hemisphere to gain Gold Certification in Person-Centred Care from Planetree International.
- Launched statewide Queensland Specialist Immunisation Service, providing vaccination advice and support for children with complex medical conditions.
- Established the Queensland's Children's Gender Service, the first public gender service for children and young people experiencing gender dysphoria.
- Launched the Queensland-first Mob ED service to create a culturally safe and welcoming environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families seeking emergency care.
- Established the first full-time Arts in Health program in Queensland to help enhance the therapeutic and healing environment in the hospital.
- First paediatric hospital in Australasia to be awarded Level 1 Major Trauma Service status by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.
- Developed the Queensland Paediatric Sepsis Pathway screening tool to improve the identification and treatment of children with sepsis.

Developed Australia's first pathway for assessment and management of paediatric stroke. (cont. pg.4)

The Queensland Children's Hospital celebrated 10 (cont. pg. 3.)

One of only three hospitals in Australia accredited by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons to train in paediatric cardiac surgery.

"I also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our patients and families for their partnership and trust throughout the past decade. Families are a vital part of a child's care team and we value their support and contribution as we navigate a child's health journey together," Mr Tracey said.

"As we embark on the next decade of our journey, we look forward to continuing to work in close partnership with patients and their families to deliver the best possible care and outcomes."

Fast facts

Between 2014 and 2024, the Queensland Children's Hospital has:

- cared for more than 472,000 patients
- provided more than 710,000 emergency department presentations
- provided more than 2.4 million outpatient appointments
- provided more than 414,500 inpatient admissions
- provided more than 735,000 days of inpatient care
- provided more than 1.8 million hours of intensive care
- provided more than 32,100 days of care in patient's homes (through Hospital In The Home)
- performed more than 49,400 emergency surgeries
- performed almost 117,000 planned surgeries
- performed more than 4,300 cardiac surgeries on almost 3,000 children
- performed 10,500 tonsillectomies and 3,800 appendectomies
- performed more than 350 cochlear implant surgeries
- performed 90 kidney transplants and 77 liver transplants
- dispensed more than 935,000 prescriptions
- served more than 2.6 million patient meals.

<https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/about-us/news/latest/queensland-childrens-hospital-celebrates-first-decade-of-healing-hope-and-healthcare-excellence>

Queensland Police connection with Qld Childrens' Hospital.

Senior Constable Griffiths from the Moreton Dog Squad has been attending the Qld Childrens' Hospital for many years, not just granting sick kids wishes for Make a wish but also attending with puppies from the Queensland Police dog Squad kennels. Jimmy attends the hospital for events, like the birthday party, and also about every 6 weeks or so just to spread some cheer and make some sick kids smile – oh and also some staff. The puppies are always a hit, and it helps the young dogs with their socialisation and interactions with loud noises and unfamiliar surroundings. (photo below right: QAS members, with QP Germany Shepherd puppy Bronco (nine weeks old), Senior Constable Jo Arthur with QP Spaniel puppy Quasi (five months old), Volunteer in Policing Cecelia Serchen and Senior Constable Griffiths attended 29 November to join in the 10th birthday celebrations).



Senior Constable Griffiths (photo left) recently won the Dave Masters award for the Moreton Police District for his outstanding service to the community of Moreton and to the kids at the Queensland Childrens' Hospital.



Police from Moreton headed over to the Queensland Children's Hospital on Friday January 25 for their regular visit to the kids with the police puppies.
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Queensland Police connection with Qld Childrens' Hospital. (cont. p.g.4)

Police from Moreton headed over to the Queensland Children's Hospital yesterday (January 24) for their regular visit to the kids with the police puppies.

Today they met Toby and his family, and we were excited to gift him one of Community Supporting Police's Police Koalas.

Senior Constable Jo Arthur pictured with Toby and his family advised that "A very generous member of our community purchased the Koala some months ago and donated it back so that we could find a special home for him.

Today was that day!! Senior Constable Arthur said.

Not only is Toby celebrating his birthday on Tuesday, but we know he has been very brave and that he will keep Koala safe for us.

Thanks for visiting us today Toby. We wish you a very happy



Up date on Hamish.

Senior Constable Jo-Anne Arthur (Caboolture Police and CSP member) has provided an update on Hamish following his visit to Caboolture Police Station on Tuesday.

"Can't believe he is 8 tomorrow. It is a very emotional birthday for his parents, Haley and Josh as they were told he would not live past 7, so to see him growing, happy and doing so well is absolutely amazing.

Hamish popped into Caboolture Police Station to celebrate his 8th birthday with his colleagues. It is great to see him and his happy smiling face always brightens our day. He has nearly grown out of his Junior Police shirt. (photo below)

He is looking forward to school again and he has promised he is taking me to show and tell."

Jo Arthur



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QPS Annual Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Awards

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Queensland Police Service (QPS) Officers, community members and partner agencies operating in the Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) space, were recognised for their ongoing efforts at the Annual QPS Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Awards, held on Wednesday, October 9.

DFV is a complex issue, requiring trauma informed and victim-centric responses that recognise the impact on individuals and families affected.

The awards identify and acknowledge the many achievements of members of QPS, personnel of external organisations, and members of the community who have assisted the QPS in the prevention of domestic and family violence in Queensland.

Officer in Charge (OIC) of Far North District DFV&VPU Senior Sergeant Amanda-Lee Winterburn was recognised with the Commissioner's Outstanding Award for her operational drive and directed focus towards a victim-centric approach to unpacking the complexities of DFV, through the establishment of Thursday Island Yarning Circles.

Senior Sergeant Winterburn's community-based program has created a space for education and conversation around DFV, a subject which is often not discussed in First Nation communities.

"I am honoured to be recognised with the Commissioner's Outstanding Award and am incredibly proud of the open dialogue and education we have been able to explore within our Yarning Circle platform," said Senior Sergeant Winterburn.

"DFV is a complex issue and programs such as the Yarning Circle, help us better support those affected by offering safe spaces for conversation and education."

Sergeant Vanessa Firman, South West District DFV Coordinator, was awarded the Domestic and Family Violence Coordinator Award for successfully promoting victim-survivor engagement through initiatives including the Ruby Program, Paint the Town Purple, DFV Awareness Walk and DFV Safe Program.

Through her outstanding commitment and professionalism, Sergeant Firman has logged more than 120 victim-survivor engagements this year, supporting and empowering victim-survivors. She has also attended multiple court hearings to offer specialist explanations of the court process and provide safety and support to victim-survivors.

"I, like everyone else within this space, am incredibly passionate about ensuring the safety and empowerment of DFV victims by demonstrating unwavering and dynamic support," said Sergeant Firman. "It is essential that we raise awareness to ensure those affected know they are not alone and that support is available."

Other award winners and highly commended include:

Domestic and Family Violence Coordinator: Highly Commended – Sergeant Maria O'Brien, DFVC Sunshine Coast District DFV&VPU.

Domestic and Family Violence Liaison Officer

*Winner – Detective Senior Constable Rebecca Collins, Organised Crime Gangs Group, Crime & Intelligence Command.

*Highly Commended – Senior Constable Anthony Cliffe, DVLO Mission Beach, Far North District.

Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Practitioner

* Winner – Senior Constable Emily Lyons, Townsville District DFV&VPU.

*Highly Commended – Senior Constable Angela Thompson, Ipswich District DFV&VPU.

*Highly Commended – Principal Program Coordinator Mel Akroyd, DFV&VP Command.

Police Service Award

*Winner – Detective Senior Constable Kama Burgess, Acacia Ridge CIB, South Brisbane District.

*Highly Commended – Senior Sergeant Jonathan Searle, District Duty Officer Townsville.

*Highly Commended – Sergeant Ryan Packenham, Calliope, Capricornia District.

Partnership Award

*Winner – Safe St George Partnership (Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services; Lifeline; Queensland Corrective Services; QPS St George).

*Highly Commended – Far North District DFV&VPU and Women's Centre Cairns Partnership.

*Highly Commended – Act for Kids Cairns. (cont. pg. 7)



QPS Annual Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Awards
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Community Service Awards

*Winner – ZONTA Club of Redcliffe.

*Highly Commended – Encircle Community Services.

Support and counselling is available from the following agencies:

DVConnect Womensline: [1800 811 811](tel:1800811811)

DVConnect Mensline: [1800 600 636](tel:1800600636)

1800 RESPECT: [1800 737 732](tel:1800737732)

13YARN: [13 92 76](tel:139276)

Queensland Mounted Police Unit facility renamed in honour of late Senior Constable, Dave Masters

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The Minister for Police and Community Safety Honourable Mark Ryan joined Acting Police Commissioner Shane Chelepy APM and Senior Constable Masters' family on Thursday 26 September 2024, at the Queensland Mounted Police Unit complex, which was renamed to honour the memory and service of Senior Constable Dave Masters, who was killed in the line of duty in 2021.

The renaming ceremony was part of the celebrations marking 50 years of operations of the Queensland Mounted Police, celebrating their long-standing contribution to the state's policing efforts. The unit, which first opened its doors in February 1997, has long been an integral part of the state's policing strategy, offering crucial support to frontline officers with its team of 13 staff members and 11 well-trained heavy horses.

Renaming the facility, acknowledged Senior Constable Dave Masters, dedication and service to the QPS. During his decade of service Senior Constable Masters his roles included four years as a full-time Mounted Patrol officer from May 2015 to May 2019, after which he transferred to Deception Bay Police Station, where he continued to serve his community with commitment and pride, until 26 June 2021, when he was fatally injured while deploying road spikes to stop a stolen vehicle.

Minister Mark Ryan said "Today's ceremony is a fitting tribute to Senior Constable Dave Masters, a dedicated officer who gave his life in the line of duty to protect the community" "Renaming the Queensland Mounted Police Unit complex in his honour ensures that his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of officers. "His service and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

"Senior Constable Dave Masters was an outstanding member of the Mounted Police Unit, known for his professionalism, courage, dedication and friendship," Acting Commissioner Chelepy said. "His loss is still deeply felt by his colleagues and the entire police family. "Renaming our complex in his honour ensures Dave's memory will forever be preserved in the hearts and minds of QPS members and the community.

"It is with great pride that the QPS celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Queensland Mounted Police and the incredible capability they provide to frontline policing" Acting Commissioner Chelepy said.

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/101483>

Queensland Mounted Unit (QPS Media Sept 14, 2022@11.39am)

Of all the career paths open to Queensland Police Service (QPS) officers, being a member of the Mounted Police Unit must be one of the most unique. Mounted Police are essentially frontline operational police officers, except they carry out their duties from above crowd level astride an animal weighing several hundred kilograms. There's a few extra duties as well...training, grooming, brushing, feeding, exercising, mucking out stables and picking up poo, just to mention a few.

Aside from operational police duties and caring for the horses, training forms a significant part of what Mounted Police do on a day-to-day basis.

Fully operational horses are trained for any situation from suburban patrols to ceremonial events, from community engagement to Safe Night Precincts at 2am in Fortitude Valley.

Visit policerecruit.com.au to take the eligibility quiz and see if you've got what it takes to become a police officer.

From the Branches



(above photos: left to right) Inspector Jason Smith presenting Fran Lindsay (secretary) Carmelina Zappala (merchandise officer), Allan Dredge (event coordinator) and Michael Bennett (treasurer) with certificates of appreciation for their service and commitment to Community Supporting Police Far North Queensland Branch on Friday 13th December 2024.

Congratulations

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Thank You

A special morning tea, celebrating both retired Police Inspectors Russell Rhodes (left) and Rolf Straatemeier APM (right), was held at the Coordination Centre, Atherton on Thursday 6 February. Members of CSP Cairns branch in conjunction with Inspector Jason Smith arrange this occasion to show their appreciation and acknowledge both Russell's and Rolf's outstanding contribution, dedication and commitment to: Community Supporting Police Northern Region (Townsville) and Far North Queensland (Cairns/Mareeba) Branches, as well as to the members of their local police families for 15 and 10 years respectively. Local dignitaries, members of the local community joined family, friends and CSP Branch members to mark this occasion and



see both Russell and Rolf receive their Certificates of Service, from Inspector Jason Smith.

Unfortunately members of the CSP management committee were unable to attend this very special event however their gratitude and well wishes were passed on.



welcome new members

Chaplain Jeffery Baills (Southern Region, Toowoomba Branch)

Chaplain Damon Ormsby (Far North Queensland, Cairns Branch)

Jamie Horn (Far North Queensland, Cairns Branch)

Inspector Jason Smith (Far North Queensland, Cairns Branch)

Police Liaison Officer Kathy Lowah (Far North Queensland, Cairns Branch)

Sergeant Tony Williams (Far North Queensland Cairns Branch)

Ms Tammy Pace (Brisbane)

Assistant Commissioner Virginia Nelson APM (Northern Region, Townsville Branch)

**It is indeed great to have you all join Community Supporting Police
and help us in our quest
“to support those who support us”.**

**We look forward to working with you to support the QPS family, across the State,
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 members of the Queensland Police Service and your local community.**



Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) was established in 1991 to support police and their families following the Fitzgerald Inquiry. Over the past 34 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 welfare accommodation free of charge to QPS members and their immediate family., from across the State.
- * Maintain emergency welfare 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.



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.



More Queenslanders Step Up to Report Activity to Crime Stoppers

Growing numbers of Queenslanders are joining the fight against crime, with new figures from Crime Stoppers Queensland revealing anonymous tip-offs have risen 15 per cent in the past year.

According to the organisation's annual statewide statistics, reports increased from 4616 in 2023 to 5329 in 2024. The

increase demonstrates a strong commitment from residents across the state to keeping their neighbourhoods safe by reporting suspicious or criminal activity anonymously.

Crime Stoppers Queensland CEO David Hansen said it was fantastic to see more people using the Crime Stoppers service.

"Queenslanders are stepping up and proving that they won't stand by and do nothing when they see something suspicious," he said. "By speaking up and sharing information, Queenslanders are helping to create a safer environment for everyone and we commend them for their efforts. This growing public trust in Crime Stoppers is a win for everyone."

The public's information has led to significant breakthroughs in police investigations, including arrests, drug seizures, and the recovery of stolen property.

"We encourage anyone who has seen something suspicious to come forward," said Mr Hansen. "Your information could be the key to preventing a crime before it happens. Every report we receive could be the vital missing piece that helps police."



(above) Crime Stoppers Stand at the Chermerside Emergency Services Expo October 2024



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.

Congratulations

The members of Community Supporting Police (CSP) wish to congratulate the following officers who were recognised for their dedication and commitment to the Service and the Queensland community in the 2025 Australia Day Honours and Awards.

Assistant Commissioner Christopher John Stream Assistant Commissioner Stream APM joined the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in January 1989, was sworn in as a police officer in June 1990 and has spent all of his career as an operational police officer. He has served as a mechanic, general duties officer, a public safety response officer, tactician, operations manager, assistant district officer and is currently the assistant commissioner in charge of Road Policing and Regional Support Command. He has excelled in a wide range of policing appointments, demonstrating a high level of commitment, skill, and expertise in operational policing practices, organisational improvement, and professional development. Known for his integrity and resourcefulness in operational planning and organisational improvement, Assistant Commissioner Stream has held various leadership roles including in the Road Policing and Regional Support Command, Crime Support and Patrol Services in the North Brisbane District, the Security and Counter Terrorism Command, a Deputy District Disaster Coordinator, Specialist Emergency Response Team, and Public Safety Response Team. Assistant Commissioner Stream's leadership style, characterised by compassion, authenticity, and adaptability, is particularly notable for his prioritisation of the well-being and safety of his team members. This approach has earned their respect and support, instilling confidence in his leadership. His efforts to implement change and innovation, focusing on partnerships, inclusion, and diversity, have profoundly impacted the Queensland community, resulting in elevated policing standards and a safer, more inclusive environment for all. His dedication to policing, road safety, and the community has left an indelible mark across his career with the QPS.

Superintendent Glen Edward Pointing Superintendent Pointing APM commented in the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in February 1983 and was sworn in on 6 July 1984. He has served as an operational police officer for all of his service, having worked as a general duties officer, criminal investigator, patrol inspector and district officer. He quickly advanced to investigative roles as a detective and became renowned as a tenacious investigator and manager of serious criminal investigations. He was appointed as the officer in charge of the Thursday Island Criminal Investigation Branch in 1999 before moving into specialist criminal investigation squads in State Crime Command, including Homicide, as an operations leader. Utilising his investigative and communications skills he moved into a variety of corporate functions as a project officer, human resources manager and development officer before being promoted to inspector. Constantly working to improve his capability, he moved into various district leadership roles and was instrumental in developing the Logan District's 2013 service restructure implementation. Recognised as an exemplary police officer, investigator, corporate leader and manager, he was promoted to superintendent in 2017 and has been appointed to various district officer portfolios since that time. Superintendent Pointing has excelled in the management of policing regional, rural, and remote communities. He is highly regarded as a respectful, compassionate manager with the welfare of his staff at the forefront of his priorities, whilst working tirelessly to build partnerships, improve service delivery, and enhance community safety.

In addition to these distinguished accolades Superintendent Glen Pointing is a valued CSP member.

Chief Inspector Gai Bolderrow Chief Inspector Bolderrow APM commenced with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) on in September 1986 and was sworn in as a police officer in April 1987. She has served as an operational police officer all her career including as a general duties officer, officer in charge, district duty officer, state intelligence coordinator and is currently a manager of Digital Forensics and Forensic Services in the Operations Support Command. During her service, she has demonstrated exceptional commitment in directly supporting the advancements of inclusion and diversity on behalf of the QPS. Chief Inspector Bolderrow has displayed personal bravery, together with the highest levels of professional determination, to bridge gaps between the LGBTIQ+ communities and the QPS, and in doing so, has brought positive change to the service delivery provided by the organisation. She has displayed steadfast leadership in the face of adversity to promote a strong LGBTIQ+ support network for all QPS members and has subsequently provided caring support and effective mentoring to others. She has worked tirelessly to actively promote the inclusion and diversity advances of the QPS to government and non-government organisations both locally and internationally on a range of initiatives designed to positively impact LGBTIQ+ persons across Queensland. (cont. pg. 12)

Congratulations

(cont. pg. 11) Chief Inspector Bolderrow's professional dedication has enhanced the professional standing of the QPS, driving forward measurable change and bridging gaps through the forging of strong partner relationships.

Detective Senior Sergeant Brett Russell Devine. Detective Senior Sergeant Devine APM commenced his service with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in September 1986 and was sworn in as a police officer on in April 1987. He has served all his career as an operational police officer in Far North Queensland, serving initially as a general duties officer then the remainder of his career as an investigator in criminal investigation branches including as an officer in charge. He is widely recognised as a mentor and supportive leader who encourages innovation by investigators under his stewardship and has been integral in the development of junior officers in the field of criminal investigation. Detective Senior Sergeant Devine is renowned as a conscientious, committed, tenacious and meticulous investigator. He has remained committed to community safety throughout his career and has a passion for working with First Nations communities. Detective Senior Sergeant Devine has been a frontline operational police officer his entire career. He has extensive policing experience throughout communities in the far north, including Aurukun. He commenced as an investigator in the Cairns Drug Squad in 1993 and achieved his detective's appointment in 1998 whilst he was performing duties in the Cairns Criminal Investigations Branch. Detective Senior Sergeant Devine transferred to Thursday Island in the Torres Strait where he enhanced his investigative career and become well regarded across several state and federal government agencies for his practical approach to policing and his extraordinary ability to achieve shared outcomes in a dynamic operating environment. Detective Senior Sergeant Devine has been the officer in charge of Mareeba Crime Investigations Branch since 2006.

Detective Sergeant Stuart Andrew Butler Detective Sergeant Butler APM commenced with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in April 1990 and was sworn in as a police officer in November of that year. He served all his service as an operational police officer, initially as a general duties officer and the remainder of his career as a criminal investigator. He has become an experienced investigator in the area of child abuse and has played a key role in building the QPS capability to target online child sexual exploitation. Detective Sergeant Butler has worked in general duties conducting frontline policing in the Regional Criminal Investigation Branch, and since November 2000, has dedicated his career to complex and protracted child protection investigations targeting organised and serial paedophilia. He has led state, national and international child protection operations, investigated historical institutional sexual abuse cases and performed the challenging role of covert online operative. Detective Sergeant Butler has been recognised internationally for his work in pioneering the investigation of online child exploitation investigations, delivering capability training to multiple nations in the developing world. He has also represented the QPS at international child protection forums where he has helped foster collaborative networks across international boundaries to improve operational efficiencies in undertaking international child protection investigations. His work has led to the rescue of hundreds of victims of child sexual abuse across the world, highlighting the benefits of international cooperation to reduce the sexual exploitation of some of the most vulnerable members of the community – our children.

Senior Sergeant Jacinta Maree Pannowitz Senior Sergeant Pannowitz APM commenced with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in August 1993 and was sworn in as a police officer in 1998. She has served as an operational officer all her career, having served as a general duties officer, a criminal investigator, shift supervisor and as the officer in charge of the Loganholme Police Station. She has undertaken specialised projects including the South Eastern Region Wellbeing project and is currently relieving as the acting inspector of the Internal Witness Support Unit due to her significant work in supporting officers exposed to psychological injury and/or discipline processes. Since the age of 17, she has assisted the Logan community in various capacities ranging from civilian administrative functions within the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), frontline response as a sworn officer and specialist investigator within the CIB, becoming the first female officer to attain the role of Officer in Charge of a station within Logan District. Senior Sergeant Pannowitz has faced significant challenges, including a serious on-duty traffic incident in which she had to re-learn how to walk. She has been tasked with investigating and solving multiple homicides and attending a fatal house fire in which multiple adults and children perished. Most notably, affecting both her professional and personal life, she tragically attended the domestic homicide of a family member in 2019 which has had a profound and lasting impact on her as a daughter, mother, wife and police officer. She has role modelled resilience, compassion, empathy and professionalism and has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to victims of domestic and family violence within the community whilst fundraising and advocating for victim-survivors and their children in her own time. Senior Sergeant Pannowitz is a committed mentor to others, is highly regarded by her colleagues and has actively contributed to influencing cultural change within the QPS with respect to coercive control. (cont.pg.13)

Congratulations

(Cont. pg.12) **Senior Sergeant Constance Jean Steel**. Senior Sergeant Steel APM joined the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in May 1988 and was sworn in as a police officer in December 1988. She has served as an operational police officer all her career, including as a general duties officer, support officer, shift supervisor and is currently a regional strategy and performance officer in the Northern Region. As a leader in modern law enforcement, she embodies the personal and professional qualities sought after in today's policing landscape. Her extensive experience in operational policing is complemented by her consistently high performance in corporate and support roles within the QPS. Senior Sergeant Steel is well-regarded in the Northern Region and across the broader QPS for her knowledge, professionalism, and willingness to provide support and assistance. She consistently demonstrates dedication, skill and expertise in operational policing practices, organisational improvement and professional development. Her effectiveness in key positions spans operational, intelligence, corporate and support roles. Senior Sergeant Steel is known for her unwavering commitment to providing top-tier support at all levels of the service. Her strategic approach to organisational challenges underscores her dedication to policing the Queensland community.

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Queensland Police welcome eight new good boys to the Service

QPS Media on Dec 18, 2024 @ 12:18pm

Queensland Police Service (QPS) has welcomed eight new police dogs following the first stand-alone dog graduation in Queensland.

The dogs swapped their plain collars out for a ceremonial collar in recognition of their achievement, completing the 12-week training course facilitated at the State Dog Squad Training and Development Centre for general purpose police dogs. This course produces

highly skilled police dogs, delivering valuable support to frontline officers to keep Queensland communities safe.

QPS has the largest canine unit in Australia, currently with 111 dogs in the service and 23 in training.

Alongside their graduated dogs, six new handlers were awarded their QPS Canine Service Medallions, highlighting the significant growth to the dog squad. These officers will be deployed to Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, Logan, and Ipswich from the State Dog Squad Training and Development Centre.

(left) Inspector Sean Baxendell awarding Constable Rory Nikora QPS Canine Service Medallion

(right) Inspector Sean Baxendell awarding Senior Constable Liam Cooper QPS Canine Service Medallion.

Acting Assistant Commissioner David French, Operations Support Command, presented the ceremonial collars and medallions, articulating the importance of the squad to continuing community safety.

"We're thrilled to welcome additional Dog Squad officers into the QPS and this graduation marks 27 dogs that have joined this year." Acting Assistant

Commissioner French said.

"The tactical support the handlers and their animals offer to front-line officers will greatly contribute to community and officer safety.

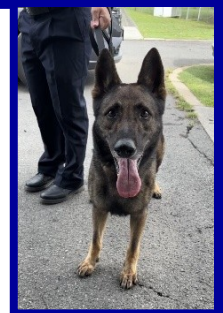
"We look forward to all the wonderful work these new officers will do for the Service and the community."

Among the new officers honoured was Senior Constable Rory Nikora who has been building his experience in police operations for nine years before being accepted into the specialist operation.

"I joined the service in 2014, to Mackay. I then joined the Rapid Action Patrol group in the Gold Coast that formed in 2016," said Senior Constable Nikora said.

"There are so many exciting and fulfilling career options within the QPS, I am proud to have been accepted into the dog squad so early into my career and my advice to anyone thinking of joining the service is to not wait and take the next step."

"Police dogs embody the perfect combination instinct and training, serving as both guardians and enforcers of the law, they are essential partners using their keen instincts and unwavering dedication to protect and serve our communities."



Recognition of Dryden Family's Community Involvement

Community Supporting Police life member Mrs Patricia Dryden OAM, and husband Jim Dryden's outstanding community spirit and commitment has been acknowledged with the Brisbane City Council's agreeing to a request to rename the Bielby Road Park, Kenmore Hills to Dryden Family Reserve.

Cr Greg Adermann said this is an appropriate recognition for both the late Jim and Pat Dryden who have more than a 50 year association with the park located near the Kenmore Scout Den. It is near to where the Dryden's resided and was used by residents at the time for recreation and regular local family get-togethers. Jim and Pat had a lifetime involvement with the scouting and guiding movement. Jim received the Scout Association of Australia's Bar to the Medal of Merit while Pat was an executive member of Girl Guides Queensland, and a member of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship World Committee, Cr Greg Adermann said.

Mrs Dryden is also a prominent local historian having published two books - On Bielby Road: The History of Bielby Road, Kenmore, Kenmore Hills, Chapel Hill 1875-2000 and Merri Merri - Home of the Twin Arts. I first met Pat at the launch of the latter book about three years ago. It was there that she asked me to consider a recognition of the Haysom family who owned a farm before it was subdivided to become part of the suburb of Chapel Hill.



Cr Greg Adermann (photo with Pat left) reflected that it was during one of his visits to the Fairview Retirement Village that Pat explained to him the significance of the Bielby Road Park to her family. The seed was planted and the recommendation to rename it in honour of her family will see her wish come to fruition.

Mr Jim Dryden OAM was a member of Community Supporting Police (CSP) for 24 years, from 19 August 1992 until his death on 20 November 2016, and was awarded Life Membership of CSP for his service. Jim Dryden and his wife Pat Dryden OAM with other members of CSP were instrumental in the outfitting and maintenance of Emergency Welfare Accommodation in the Greater Brisbane

Metropolitan area. Jim and Pat along with other members of CSP attended a public meeting on 21 October 2004 in Toowoomba to gauge public support for a Branch to be established in Toowoomba. Shaunagh House, named after Senior Constable Shaunagh Mary Jackson who died of a terminal illness, leaving behind a loving husband and young family was officially opened on 1 February 2005.

To raise funds to maintain the Emergency Welfare Accommodation and enable members of the QPS to use the premises free of charge, merchandise was developed, one being the Koala Cop that was hand made. Jim assisted in the process of outfitting the Koalas in a police uniform made by other CSP members by attaching 20,000 hats to the Koalas. CSP members also attended conferences such as Neighbourhood Watch, and K9 Dog Conferences to sell merchandise. For many years, Jim and Pat Dryden both attended Joey Jaunts (activity days for the Cub Scouts) at Samford.

Jim was also heavily involved in the organisation of 'Behind the Crime' presentations to the community based on the Victoria Blue Ribbon Foundation model, 'Inside Story' and it became another unusual fundraising initiative. Behind the Crime, commenced in 2004 with presentations conducted twice yearly using PowerPoint presentations, video, actual crime scene information and exhibits, the presenter providing intimate details of some of Queensland's most unusual crimes. Attendees must be 18 years of age or older and were treated to lectures on DNA testing, international disasters, fraud prevention, homicides, outlaw motor cycle gangs and arsons.

Jim's dedication to the cause and willingness to selflessly donate his time to the development of merchandise and activities to raise much needed funds was appreciated but, just as important, he also assist in building a strong relationship between the QPS and the community.

Over many years, Jim served on the CSP management committee assisting in providing direction of the organisation that celebrates 34 years in existence this year. Jim in his 24 years with CSP, performed many roles that included leading the organisation as its President from 1994 to 1996. Both Jim and Pat Dryden

were awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for their work with Girl Guides Association and Scout Association. This award and recognition of service to CSP, demonstrates their dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm in assisting members of the community.



(photo left) Presentation of a Commissioner's Certificate by Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson to Jim Dryden for his role in conducting Behind the Crime fund raising events.

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 need assistance, 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: **Senior Constable Natasha Marshall**—Marshall.NatashaK@police.qld.gov.au
(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**

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>



CSP Brisbane General Meetings Dates 2024 & 2025

General Meeting: Wed 9 April 2025 (Queensland Police Headquarters Roma Street Brisbane)

Annual General Meeting: Wed 10 September 2025

(Queensland Police Headquarters Roma Street Brisbane)

General Meeting: Wed 12 November 2025

(Queensland Police Headquarters Roma Street Brisbane)

**Thank
You**

The members of Community Supporting Police Inc. wish to say thankyou to everyone who has: provided articles, sent through recipes, photos, 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

Congratulations & Thank You



(above left) Mr Bryan Brown AM, CSP vice-president, presenting Mrs Elissa Smith with her 15 Years of Service Certificate.

(centre) CSP president, Dan Mahon APM, presenting Mr Colin Diachkoff with a 15 Years of Service Certificate for Mrs Roslyn Diachkoff.

(above right) Dan Mahon presenting Mr Col Diachkoff with his 15 Years Service Certificate. Col is the Blue Ribbon representative on the Management Committee.

The members of CSP sincerely thank Elissa, Ros and Col for their commitment to CSP and the members of the Queensland Police Service who need to access emergency welfare accommodation in times of trauma and or crisis.

Out and About



(above) Geoff Orman and Peter Johnson at Oxley Academy's first graduation parade for 2025, held on Thursday 30 January.

It's important to tune into
your surroundings.



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Prevent | Disrupt | Respond | Investigate

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something?

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Out and About



(Above) Debbie Nicholson with Police recruit Leighton Johansen (previously Police chaplain for Rockhampton & CSP member) at Oxley Academy Market Day.



(above) Cecelia Serchen at the Orange Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Day Chermide Shopping Centre with a very happy customer and her purchases of CSP Christmas gifts 27 November 2024



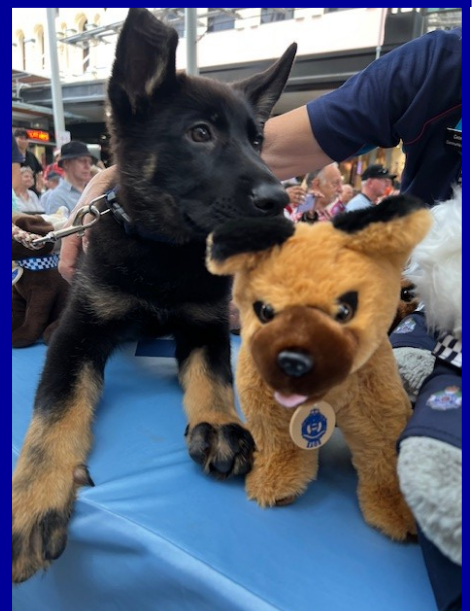
(Top) Cecelia Serchen with Commissioner Gollschewski and Victor Serchen at the Commissioner's Carols in the Mall.

(Bottom) The Band of Blue entertaining the lunchtime crowds in the Mall.



(Top) the mounted Unit attending the Commissioner's Carols, meeting and greeting members of the public in the Mall.

(Right) Police puppy "Bronco" checking out CSP Police Dog "Kaos" at the CSP stand in the Queens Street Mall 5 December 2024



Out and About



(Above) CSP members: Dan Mahon, Peter Gleeson, Victor Serchen and Deborah Mahon, (left) Dan Mahon, Peter Gleeson, Victor Serchen and Deborah Mahon (below left) CSP members Rachel Ezzy, Peter Gleeson, Deborah Mahon and Victor Serchen. At the CSP Christmas stall police Headquarters 11 December 2024.



(right) Geoff Orman and Peter Johnson at the last induction parade for 2024, held at Oxley on 11 December. The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has welcomed 122 recruits at the final graduation ceremony of 2024, rounding out a record-breaking year for recruitment. The twilight graduation wraps up a massive year for the QPS academies, which inducted the largest number of recruits in 26 years back in May, and just recently recorded the largest number of recruits in training across Brisbane and Townsville. The recruits bring an array of experiences, including some who completed the Multicultural Recruit Preparation Pathway (MRPP), a program designed to support recruits from culturally diverse backgrounds. The MRPP is a six-week course designed to support the needs of bilingual and culturally diverse participants to prepare them for success within the mainstream 36-week Recruit Training Program. QPS Media on [Dec 12, 2024 @ 10:57am](#)



Anne's Tabbouleh Salad

Ingredients:

2 cups water
1 cup bulgur wheat (uncooked)
¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup lemon juice (1 or 2 lemons, depends on size)
3 cups (3 large) tomatoes (diced)
1 English cucumber (chopped small)
2 radishes (chopped)
2 bunches shallots (chopped)
2 cloves of garlic (crushed)
2 cups (5 bunches) fresh parsley (chopped)
2 bunches fresh mint (chopped)
¼ teaspoon salt (or to taste)
¼ teaspoon pepper (or to taste)

Something
a little
different

Method:

1. Be sure the wheat is well washed before you add the boiling water in a small pot, and cover.
2. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook for about 5 minutes or until all the water is absorbed. Stir occasionally.
3. Let the bulgur cool and make sure it is well drained before adding to the salad.
4. Add the bulgur to a large bowl, then add the remaining ingredients, adding tomatoes last. Toss well.
5. To assemble the salad, spread the tabbouleh salad over the bottom of a large shallow plate.
6. Serve with chicken skewers or dill and mustard salmon.

Chicken Skewers

Ingredients:

500gm Chicken breasts cut into 1-inch cubes
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup lemon juice (1 lemon)
3 - 4 garlic cloves minced
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
1 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
pepper to taste

Little Spicy !!!

Method:

1. In a bowl mix olive oil, lemon juice, garlic and spices and whisk well.
2. Add the diced chicken, and toss making sure the chicken is well coated in the marinade.
3. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least an hour or longer for more intense flavour.
4. Preheat grill or grill pan on medium-high.
5. Thread the marinated diced chicken on pre-soaked skewers.
6. Place skewers on the grill and cook approx. 5 –7 minutes or until cooked through.
7. Serve hot with Tabbouleh

Dill and Mustard Salmon

Ingredients:

500 gm salmon
1 teaspoon dill
2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ cup water
Salt & pepper to taste.

Method:

1. Place dill, mustard and water in a bowl and mix well
2. Place salmon in the marinade and stand for 30 minutes
3. Place marinated salmon and all sauce in a pot, add the salt and pepper to taste
4. Cover with lid and cook, until salmon is cooked to your liking
5. Serve with Tabbouleh.

Not so
Spicy !!!

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named after QPS
retired working dog
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Junior Police Cargo Pants
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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

JUNIOR POLICE POLO SHIRT SIZE CHART

SIZE (CM)	2Y	4Y	6Y
1/2 CHEST	31	36	38
CENTRE BACK LENGTH	40	45	50
SIZE (CM)	8Y	10Y	12Y
1/2 CHEST	40	42	44
CENTRE BACK LENGTH	52	54	56



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(Top left) Junior Police Constable Austin and
(Centre left and right) Junior Police Constable Willow
both modelling the complete Community Supporting Police
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