

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2025 Winter edition of the Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) newsletter. It has been an eventful beginning to the year as you will see from the headings below. I appreciate your faith in the CSP Management Committee to ensure that the organisation continues to support the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and build positive relationships with the community. This is done through attending events throughout the State and also by attending various community meetings such as the Chamber of Commerce and other public meetings.

CSP has been fortunate to have new members sign up earlier in the year and it would be great to see more people sign up in the South Eastern part of the State. As members age and the weary bodies need a bit more down time, I ask all of you to try and bring new members to the organisation. The big events, such as the Brisbane RNA show in August require a four-person roster for each of the ten days. Please help out and share the load.

#### 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](mailto:president@csp.asn.au)

#### CONSTITUTION

In relation the new Constitution, it was approved by the membership at the General Meeting held on 9 April 2025. It was a pleasure to host Craig Ray and Patrick Steptoe from Craig Ray & Associates, Solicitors who act on behalf of CSP. Patrick's work on the Constitution in particular, was invaluable and we thank him and Craig for their ongoing support. The new Constitution has been forwarded to the Office of Fair Trading, Queensland for approval.

#### MEETING WITH GENERAL PRESIDENT OF THE QUEENSLAND POLICE UNION OF EMPLOYEES

On the 17 April 2025 I met with Mr. Shane Prior the General President of the Queensland Police Union of Employees (QPUE) and had a very positive discussion about the QPUE involvement with CSP to assist the QPS to provide Emergency Welfare Accommodation in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns. The Emergency Welfare Accommodation is well utilised by members of the QPS and during the last 18 months new electrical equipment, furniture and other upgrades have occurred to make the accommodation as comfortable and presentable as possible. The QPUE has very generously agreed to provide \$5,000 a year to CSP to assist in maintaining the accommodation. QBANK also very generously provide \$5,000 a year to CSP that is also appreciated.

#### MEETING WITH LOCAL COUNCILLOR

On 1 April 2025 Vice President Bryan Brown and I met with Councillor Danita Parry, for the Ward of Marchant in Brisbane that is responsible for the Lutwyche area where CSP is based. It was a great meeting and we now have up to date information on a variety of grants that CSP can apply for to enhance the Emergency Welfare Accommodation. In addition, we can apply to the Brisbane City Council for the opportunity to meet with Council and provide an overview of what CSP does for the Police and the community. Thank you, Danita, for what you do in your Ward and the general community.

#### ATTEND THE ANGELA TAYLOR MEMORIAL FUN RUN IN MELBOURNE

On 13 April 2025 Mr David Callerame (member of CSP and former member of the Victoria Blue Ribbon Foundation) and I attended the Angela Taylor Memorial Fun Run at Albert Park, Melbourne. David and I attended the event to show our support for Victoria Police and also meet with members of the Victoria Blue Ribbon Foundation. (cont. pg. 9)



## Day for Archie, Moreton District

QPS Media on [Apr 15, 2025 @ 8:21am](#)

Moreton District police have joined with the community to celebrate 11-year-old Archie and organise an afternoon of fun as he took time out of medical treatment.

Archie is currently undergoing treatment at the Queensland Children's Hospital but on Friday, April 4, became a junior police officer for the afternoon.

Hosted at the Narangba Demons Baseball Club, Archie got to rub shoulders with police from Moreton district, alongside visitors from PolAir, the Dog Squad, the Mounted Unit, Highway Patrol, and the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums.

Moreton District Officer Acting Chief Superintendent Adam Guild said this is an important part of policing.

"It's a privilege to be able to brighten Archie's day and show our support to his family and community," Acting Chief Superintendent Guild said.

"I thank the units that supported this event. It was wonderful to see the fun Archie had when he met the Police Dogs and Police Horses, went for a ride in a Highway Patrol car, had a go on the bagpipes and got to check out the PolAir helicopter.

"I also thank Sergeant John Evans who personally knows Archie and his family through the baseball club, and initiated this event through his desire to show support.

"Moreton District police are part of the community and here for the community.

"We wish Archie all the best with his ongoing treatment and I look forward to seeing him in a police uniform in a few years."



## Adopt- A-Cop

On December 11, 2024 some of the students, teachers and families of students of Mitchelton Special School celebrated the adoption of Senior Constable Helen Brooks from the Inner West District Crime Prevention Unit. (photo left) The adoption of Senior Constable Brooks, who will be known as Officer Helen to the students, into the Mitchelton Special School will enhance the students' connection with this community and the Queensland Police Service.

"I am so excited to be a part of Mitchelton Special School and looking forward to jumping into school activities and getting to know the students," said Officer Helen

Senior Constable Brooks said, "the Adopt a Cop Program has been running in Queensland Schools since 1985 with the aim of fostering positive relationships between students and police. There can be Adopt-a-Cops who are Police Officers and Police Liaison Officers (Adopt-a-PLO) who volunteer to participate in the program in addition to their regular duties. Adopt-a-Cops are generally appointed to a primary or secondary school, however may also be appointed to special schools, early childhood centres and other community groups."

The students, families and staff of Mitchelton Special School are proud to be a part of the connected and caring Mitchie community, in which the Mitchelton Special School provides educational programs for students aged between 3 and 18 years. The new school captain for 2025 is Jack and he was eager to have some photos taken with Officer Helen, (photo right) and Officer Helen was honoured to be accepted by the school as their very own Adopt-a-Cop.

If you are interested in assisting as a classroom voluntary in the classroom and /or with extra curricula school activities at Mitchelton Special School you would be most welcome. Please contact the school office on (07) 3354 5333 for further information.

Volunteers who are not parents of students of the school, will need to have an approved Volunteer Blue Card.



Officer Helen with Jack, Sergeant José Sarmiento and Principal Kristy Elford

## Crime prevention tips – tool theft

[myPolice](#) on Apr 11, 2025 @ 1:34pm

North Brisbane police are sharing their best tool theft prevention tips to help protect the community from losing their tools to theft.

Police recognise the impact of tool theft is not limited to the cost of a tool being replaced. For small business owners or contractors, it can also mean wages lost and customers jobs delayed.

Officers are aware of the impact offences of this nature can have, and are committed to investigating and reuniting any stolen property with their rightful owners as soon as possible.

Over recent months, North Brisbane police have received an increased number of reports of tools and construction equipment being stolen from trailers and vehicles overnight.

Investigations suggest force is being used to break into locked storage compartments and there have been cases of trailers being stolen and shortly after, tools removed from them, and the trailer left behind abandoned.

Investigations are ongoing and police encourage anyone with information, CCTV, dashcam or vision that may assist investigations, to report it to police.

**If you own tools and equipment, police recommend the following tips to assist in safely securing them:**

- Photograph individual tools and equipment and record serial numbers for identification purposes (this is a crucial step to assist police in helping reuniting tool theft victims with their rightful possessions)
- Engrave individual tools and equipment
- Ensure that all tools are out of sight
- Ensure tools are securely locked away in strong and durable boxes or cages and fitted with a strong quality tamper proof lock and latch
- Ensure that toolboxes are securely and strongly anchored or chained to the vehicle or trailer
- Install an anti-theft audible alarm system to storage compartments, toolboxes and trailers
- Park vehicles or trailers off the street or in well-lit areas and in places covered by CCTV surveillance system where possible
- Hide trackers in high value items
- Review your insurance policies to ensure you will be covered in the event of any theft.

<https://www.nhwq.org/northbrisbane/2025/04/11/crime-prevention-tips-tool>

Most importantly if you see anything suspicious, please report it to police immediately.

Implementing any or all of the above strategies can help prevent theft and assists police in locating and returning your stolen property and holding the offenders accountable.

**If you have information for police,**  
contact [Policelink](#) by providing information using the [online suspicious activity form](#) 24hrs per day at [www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting) or call [131 444](tel:131444).

**Safer Together**



## **QPS Honours 60 years of Women in Policing;**

QPS Media Mar 31 2025 @12.02

Tuesday April 1, 2025 marked the 60th anniversary of women being sworn in policing.

Assistant Commissioner Katherine Innes, Assistant Commissioner of Domestic and Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Command remarked that over her 30-years career with the QPS she has seen many barriers broken down, and this is the perfect opportunity for the QPS to reflect on the challenges women have made in our workforce and celebrate the remarkable milestones that have transformed the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

With currently, more than 35 per cent of executive leadership positions are held by women. Assistant Commissioner Innes reflected that over the past six decades, pioneering women have demonstrated resilience and leadership and have been dedicated to breaking down gender biases so that women can have opportunities to thrive in the QPS.

The Assistant Commissioner highlighted significant historical milestones, including:

- **1965:** the first female officers were fully sworn in, granting them powers of arrest. (photo pg. 8)
- **1970:** female officers were granted equal pay.
- **1971:** the prohibition on married women serving as police officers was lifted.
- **1974:** the first female detective is appointed.
- **1976:** the first female First Nations officer was sworn in as QPS Constable.
- **1989:** Fitzgerald report – sequential number promotion system abolished and promotion by merit system implemented.
- **1990:** the first five female Inspectors were appointed.
- **1991:** the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act reinforces merit-based criteria.
- **1992:** the first female Chief Superintendent and Superintendent were appointed.
- **1999:** women make up 17.36 per cent of sworn personnel. The number of female sworn officers was increasing steadily by approximately one percent per year.
- **2000:** Kathleen Rynders becomes the first policewoman to achieve the rank of Assistant Commissioner and in 2008 becomes the first woman to rise to the rank of Deputy Commissioner.
- **2006:** Maxine Renouf becomes the highest ranked First Nations woman in any police service in Australia after being promoted to commissioned rank in the QPS in 2006.

**2019:** appointment of first female QPS Commissioner, Katarina Carroll.

Assistant Commissioner Innes mentioned the QPS has “seen women at every rank, doing every job, and the barriers are certainly less in my view.” “As part of my role as the Assistant Commissioner of the Crime and Intelligence Command, I led the first-ever Sexual Violence Strategy and the first Cyber Crime Strategy for Queensland Police,” Assistant Commissioner Innes said.

Now heading up the Domestic and Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Command, Assistant Commissioner Innes acknowledges how far society has come in the last 60 years but recognises the work that still needs to be done. “There’s a lot of work that needs to happen in our community to change the way we interact as a society and the respect that needs to be provided between men and women,” Assistant Commissioner Innes said.

“I am proud to represent the women in QPS, I am proud that I can make a difference by advocating for change, and I am proud to lead a Command that is fair, respectful, and driven to improvement.”

“Policing is not about whether you’re a man or a woman – it’s about what we as diverse individuals can bring to the role, the care and empathy we have when we turn up to a job, and the desire to get the best outcomes for our community. (cont. p5)



## QPS Honours 60 years of Women in Policing; (cont. pg. 4)

"The teamwork that you get from having people of all different backgrounds and life experiences – men and women from different cultures and religions, bringing different perspectives and all working together to get the best outcomes for our community – that's the Queensland Police Service of today.

"Our differences are what make us strong." Assistant Commissioner Innes said

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/centenary/2025/03/31/qps-honours-60-years-of-women-in-policing-a-legacy-of-strength-and-service>

## QPS Honours Women in Policing at International Women's Day Event

QPS media Apr 11, 2025 @3:30pm

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) with an 'Accelerate Action' event emphasising the importance of taking swift and decisive action to achieve gender equality.

The rescheduled event, originally planned for March 7 but postponed due to Tropical Cyclone Alfred, was hosted by the QPS at Southbank Brisbane on Friday April 11, and co-sponsored by the Queensland Police Union of Employees (QPUE).

With a focus on swift ways to achieve gender equality, attendees heard from Dr Terry Fitzsimmons, an expert in gender equality and leadership, whose research explores the systemic barriers to leadership for women and the structural changes needed to create meaningful progress

During the event QPS members with the Queensland Women in Policing Awards were acknowledged for their contribution and achievements across 11 categories. These honours celebrate those who have made outstanding advancements towards gender equality and leadership within the organisation.

The winners were selected by QPS State Honours and Awards Committee, with Deputy Commissioner Cameron Harsley as Chair, along with representatives from Ethical Standards Committee (ESC), People Capability Command (PCAP), State Emergency Service (SES) and QPUE.

Acting Commissioner of Police, Shane Chelepy APM said "Our International Women's Day event is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the remarkable women in policing who support their communities and their colleagues," "The number of nominations this year is substantial but not unexpected, as each nominee exemplifies the qualities and values that are essential to me and the Service: integrity, respect, and courage."

The QPS 11 award category winners Award recipients are:

Trailblazer Award - **Sabrina Rabbani**

Mentor of the Year - **Meeghan Quakawoot**

Integrity & Courage Award – Joint Winners: **Katherine Beilby and Keely Brough**

Most Outstanding Female Leader Award - **Angelique Maloney**

Most Outstanding Female Investigator Award - **Sue Newton**

Most Outstanding Female Practitioner Award - **Kirsty Gleeson**

Most Outstanding Female Administrator Award - **Tyler Crosby**

Most Outstanding Female Intelligence Practitioner Award - **Emily Daniels**

Excellence in Research on Improving Law Enforcement for Women Award - **Deborah Kelso**

Champion of Change Award - **Teina Middleditch**

SES Award Recipients are:

Most Outstanding Female Leader - **Julianne Everson**

Most Outstanding Female Mentor— **Michaela Lock**

Champion of Change – Joint Winners: - **Charlotte Stewart, Robyn Dupuis and Vanessa Bainbridge**

Senior Sergeant Angelique Maloney, who is the most senior female on-road officer in the Gold Coast District, and has been responsible for leading the district's operational response to significant incidents and investigations, coordinating resources on the front line since 2012. received the *Most Outstanding Female Leader* award.

Senior Sergeant Maloney emphasised the value of these awards in recognising the hard work all the nominees put into supporting QPS and the communities served.

"To be recognised by my colleagues in this way and to know I'm making a difference to their careers is an honour," Senior Sergeant Maloney said.

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2025/04/11/qps-honours-women-in-policing-award-recipients-in-international-womens-day-event>



**QPS Honours 60 years of Women in Policing**

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/news/2025/03/31/qps-honours-60-years-of-women-in-policing->



above) First sworn female officers graduation ceremony – 1965 and in June 1965, the first uniformed female officers joined the Service



(above) 1974 First Woman to join the Water Police



(left)  
1974 First Woman to Join the Mounted Police - Heather Crack



(right) 1991 First Woman to Join the dog squad – Penny Chambers



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## Deception Bay Police Station opens Cultural Safe Room

Senior Constable Jo Arthur on Apr 28, 2025 @ 10:19am

On Monday, March 31, local police officers and Police Liaison Officers (PLO's) were joined by elders and representatives of the Moreton Bay community at the opening of a new cultural safe room at the Deception Bay Police station.



Cultural safe rooms are designed to create a space for multicultural and first nations people to speak to police officers in a safe and respectful environment.

This initiative marks a pivotal step towards building stronger relationships and trust among community members, organisations, and police.

Police liaison officers drove the creation of this space, proactively seeking feedback from local artist and elders.

Showing their dedication to understanding and respecting the cultural nuances of the community they serve.



The room is equipped with a computer, and is immersed with cultural paintings and totems.

This initiative is a testament to the positive impact that can be achieved when police officers, Police Liaison Officers and community members work hand in hand.

**A career within the Queensland Police Service is like no other. From protecting, responding, and investigating, to supporting, rescuing and learning – the sheer variety of roles make it both a challenging and rewarding career. As a police officer, you can have one career that has endless possibilities. Now really is the best time to join.**

**Visit [PoliceRecruit.qld.gov.au](https://PoliceRecruit.qld.gov.au) to kickstart your policing career and make a positive impact in your community.**

## Baby on the Beat: Police help deliver child in station car park

QPS Media on May 11, 2025 @ 9:00am



The parents of a baby who made a dramatic entrance in the car park of the Deception Bay Police Station, have returned to the unexpected birthplace to thank the quick-thinking officers who helped bring their son safely into the world.

Queensland Police Service (QPS) Constable Jacob Pennisi and Constable Philippe Stigner were returning to their station after attending morning call outs around 9.20am on March 1, when Nathaniel Pedler flagged them down from across the car park.

It quickly became apparent Nathaniel's wife, Julie, was in the late stages of labour and they'd pulled into the station, knowing they did not have enough time to make it to hospital.

Constable Stigner jumped into action to assist with the birth, helping relay important instructions from a Triple Zero (000) call operator who coached them through the process.

Less than five minutes later, baby Blake entered the world.

Constable Pennisi said he felt an immediate sense of relief when he heard the baby's first cries.

"The call operator asked us to get a towel to wrap up the baby and to keep both mum and baby warm," Constable Pennisi said.

"We found a towel in the back of the car, wrapped the baby up and the paramedics came about five minutes later.

"It all happened very fast. We definitely didn't expect to be involved with a birth that day, but that's the thing about this job, every day is different, every call out is unique."

The Pedler family recently returned to the Deception Bay Police Station to thank the officers who helped bring their son safely into the world.

Julie said she was caught off guard by the speed of her labour and wanted to thank police for their calm support.

"It was all very quick on the day, it was nice to have the help of the police," she said.

QPS wishes Julie an extra special Mother's Day, filled with lots of newborn baby cuddles and smiles.



**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](mailto:secretary@csp.asn.au)

### **CSP Brisbane General Meetings Dates 2025**

**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 )



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (cont. p1)

The history behind the event that started in 1989, resulted from a car bomb exploding outside the police complex in Russell Street Melbourne 1.00pm on Thursday the 27 March 1986. As a result, young Constable Angela Rose Taylor took the full force of the explosion and on 20 April 1986 died in hospital. Angela was committed to helping others in the community, Victoria Police and Emergency Services continue to demonstrate those values. The Angela Taylor Memorial Run/Walk continues to be held in honour of Angela and all Victoria Police members who lost their lives serving and protecting our community.

The event was attended by over 900 registered runners/walkers who contributed Adults: \$45, Under 18: \$15. The funds raised will assist the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation to continue its valuable work in funding lifesaving hospital services and community programs.



## BI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 19 JULY 2025

The Bi-annual CSP Conference is to be held in Brisbane on Saturday 19 July 2025 with members of each Branch and Helping Hand attending. The conference provides a great opportunity for management of the branches, Brisbane Management Committee and Helping Hand to meet and discuss current issues and issues emerging. This year, Mr. Michael Hellyer, consultant on strategy, capability and coaching will facilitate a session on the Way Forward to assist in determining the most appropriate strategies to employ to ensure that CSP is operating at its optimum and will be servicing the QPS and community for at least another 30 years. Michael has been a long-time supporter of CSP and we thank him for his assistance.

Have a great year everyone and stay safe.

## DC MAHON APM

President

## Annual tree planting for domestic and family violence survivors, Bald Hills

[myPolice](#) on May 30, 2025 @ 3:15pm

On Thursday May 29, police from Gateway Crime Prevention Unit were joined with student leaders, representatives from Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group (SANDBAG) and members of Brisbane City Council to plant trees as part of Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) month.

Each year community members come together to plant trees in honour of the strength and resilience of people impacted by Domestic and Family Violence. (cont. p10)



## Annual tree planting for domestic and family violence survivors (cont. 9)

The trees are donated by the Brisbane City Council, each tree planted stands as a living symbol of healing, survival and growth.

Local resident, Heather Oaks is the organiser of this initiative, and one of the original members of SANDBAG.

Heather was glad to see all generations helping plant the trees and raising community awareness of DFV.

A safer Queensland can start with you – by taking positive action today, we can build a violence-free Queensland together.

**If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic and family violence, you should report it to police.**



Mr Byron Fuller presenting Mr Dan Mahon APM, with the Everyday Account Plus donation cheque at QBANK on Wednesday 28 May 2025

The members of Community Supporting Police Inc. sincerely thank: Byron Fuller MAppFin, GradDip AppFin, BBus Chief Executive Officer; (pictured left), Paula Hayes BBus (Accounting) Chief Growth and Experience Officer and QBANK staff for their very kind donation of \$3,544.90.

CSP was the recipient of this wonderful donation as part of QBANK's commitment "to support selected organisations, not-for-profits, and charities in their Member community. Each month, QBANK donates 10 cents for every active Everyday Plus Account" and "for good measure, they add a further \$500 each month to this amount".

"As a Member Owned organisation, we approach our sponsorships with simplicity and purpose. Our aim is to support the individuals, organisations, charities, and events within our community that make a difference. With a longstanding commitment to our Members and our community, we aim to provide not just financial support. Staff are provided with special leave to volunteer for these causes, attend recruit graduation ceremonies and participate in sponsorship events."

QBANK partners "with a range of organisations of significance to our Members such as Community Supporting Police, Crime Stoppers Queensland, Queensland Retired Police Association, Queensland Ambulance Service Legacy and the Australasian Council of Women and Policing."

<https://www.qbank.com.au/reusable-content-public-website>



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**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.



**Community  
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Police**

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](http://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.

# 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](mailto:Marshall.NatashaK@police.qld.gov.au)  
(Far North Region Cairns & Tablelands)

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

**Rockhampton:** **Senior Sergeant Matthew Hows**— [Hows.MatthewA@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Hows.MatthewA@police.qld.gov.au) (Central Region)

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

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(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>



# Welcome new members

**Chaplain Adrian Tabone (Central Region, Rockhampton Branch)**

**Anna Janes (Central Region, Rockhampton Branch)**

**Paul Jackson (Central Region, Rockhampton Branch)**

**Kylie Scott (Far North Queensland, Cairns 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.**

**Congratulations!!!!**



## **QPS Pipes and Drums embarks on country-themed community outreach tour**

QPS Media on [May 12, 2025 @ 10:27am](#)

Queensland Police Pipes and Drums (QPP&D) is usually known for bagpipes, kilts and rousing traditional tunes, but this May it will be known for something a little less expected – cowboy boots and country hits with a touch of rock for good measure.

The group is embarking on its largest regional tour since before the COVID-19 pandemic, travelling more than 2000km across the state to connect with and provide support to rural QPS families and the communities they serve.

Dubbed 'Beach to the Bush', the five-day tour will offer something a little different for the band and audiences alike, taking on a distinctly country feel as it spreads community safety messaging and good vibes along the way.

Beginning in Hervey Bay on May 14 at the PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Club), the band will deliver their Rock-Yah program with local officers and at-risk youth, making participants rock stars for a day as they learn how to play a rock song and engage in a jam session to showcase their new skills.

On May 15 the band will attend a community event at Hervey Bay's Urangan Pier, supporting local police in raising awareness about Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

They will conclude the day with a performance at the Hervey Bay Boat Club for a non-for-profit hospice care fundraiser.

The tour then heads inland to Biloela for the Callide Agricultural Show, where the band will not only perform for the crowds, they'll be using the opportunity to provide information on rural crime and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention.

They'll then wrap up in Mackay on May 18 at the Emergency Services Day community event

Officer in Charge of Queensland Police Pipes and Drums, Acting Senior Sergeant Lisa Phillis-Petersen is the driving force behind the tour and a passionate advocate for connecting community and police through music.

She sees the Beach to Bush as an important opportunity to connect with some of our regional communities, bringing Pipes and Drums' unique style of community engagement to audiences who haven't experienced it before.

"Like many folks in Queensland, our rural communities have felt the effects of extreme weather events, COVID isolation and financial pressures," Acting Senior Sergeant Phillis-Petersen said.

"We offer an alternative way to provide support, especially for those who might feel alone. Our goal is to bring smiles, laughter, and a sense of connection because so many of our rural families feel isolated."

The band has been busy working on new material, a complete departure from their usual repertoire.

While they remain tight-lipped on the exact content of their performances, audiences can expect to hear a mix of rock and country songs, including some much-loved stadium anthems.

"I don't want to give away the surprise setlist, but I promise the music will be familiar and I am sure people will find themselves singing along," said Acting Senior Sergeant Phillis-Petersen.

The band carried out more than 470 engagements last year and this year is shaping up to be even busier.

Community engagement, and dissolving barriers for people who may be hesitant to approach police in a more official setting is what motivates the band to maintain their busy schedule.

"I'm incredibly proud of this team. They're genuinely passionate about connecting with and supporting our community," said Acting Senior Sergeant Phillis-Petersen.

"We're a diverse group of individuals, and that's definitely our strength. We seek to eliminate barriers to communication by pursuing an inclusive, people-centric approach to our messaging.

"While we will always be a traditional Pipes and Drums unit, this tour showcases the modern policing landscape, offering a safe and trusted alternative pathway for all ages, groups, and communities to meaningfully connect with QPS.

"Our team has the skills and knowledge to share crime prevention messages and has resources on hand to offer support, including information on reporting crime, domestic violence, mental health and personal safety.

"We will be strolling around the community events both before and after our performances, ready to lend an ear, engage in some genuine conversations, provide advice and be present when it counts.

"Sometimes it just takes one meaningful interaction with the right person to truly change someone's life."

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## Crime Stoppers Targets Illegal Firearms in Regional Queensland

The safety of Queensland communities is at the heart of a new campaign by Crime Stoppers Queensland, in collaboration with the Queensland Police Service. Launched in March, the Illegal Firearms Campaign is focused on West Toowoomba, West Rockhampton, and West Townsville—areas identified by QPS as having increased risk factors for unregistered and illicit firearms.

The core message of the campaign is simple but powerful: "Say Something Before It's Too Late." It aims to educate the community on the dangers of illegal firearms, encourage anonymous reporting, and support police efforts to disrupt the supply and possession of these weapons. With strategic billboard placements, geo-targeted social media, and community outreach, the campaign is gaining strong public awareness and interest.

The campaign has already received coverage on 7News Toowoomba, ABC Capricornia, and Triple M Central Queensland, helping to reach the target audience who may hold valuable information.

Every illegal firearm reported is one less weapon on the street—one less chance for tragedy—and one more step towards keeping Queensland safe.

A Safer Community, Safer Queensland: Crime Stoppers Queensland is a registered charity and community run organisation that is supported by local volunteers across the state. We are committed to make a safer Queensland for our communities. For more information go to: <https://www.crimestoppersqld.com.au/>



## 2025 Moreton Domestic & Family Violence Assemblage

On Monday 12 May representatives from the various Domestic and Family Violence support groups congregated at the Deception Bay PCYC to exchange ideas, methods and to network with like minded groups to discuss responses to DFV and Coercive Control, with a number of key note speakers relaying information about DFV legislation changes, Police processes, Family Law, Court/Legal processes and more!

During the course of the morning members from the Deception Bay PCYC explained how "PCYC Queensland is partnering with Bunnings and the Red Rose Foundation's Red Bench project to install red benches at their clubs, serving as a symbol of support for those affected by domestic and family violence. The benches, provided by Bunnings, are intended to create safe

spaces and visually represent PCYC's commitment to promoting healthy relationships. (photo from left). Moreton District Chief Superintendent Adam Gould, Kiki Kutt Project officer from Family Law Pathways Network, Angela Pritchard DFV coordination lead from Mercy Community, Chief Magistrate Janelle Bressington from Brisbane Magistrate Courts and Senior Constable Keith Morris, Moreton District DFV&VPU Moreton District Police Referral Coordinator with the Red Bench)

Key points about the Red Bench project:

**Partnership:** PCYC Queensland, Red Rose Foundation, and Bunnings are collaborating.

**Red Benches:** Red benches are installed at PCYC clubs to symbolize support for those impacted by domestic and family violence.

**Safe Spaces:** The benches are designed to create a visual reminder of PCYC's commitment to safe spaces and healthy relationships.

**Awareness:** The project aims to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and promote positive relationships.

**Bunnings Support:** Bunnings provides the red benches free of charge to PCYC clubs.

**PCYC's Role:** PCYC promotes healthy relationships through its youth programs, the **\*RUBY** program, and the **"I Expect Respect"** children's book.

**\*RUBY**, Rise Up, Be Yourself, a program supporting women who have experienced domestic and family violence, and our children's book **"I Expect Respect"**, which helps young people learn about healthy friendships and comes with a guide for parents and educators." <https://www.facebook.com/PCYC>

**Controlling behaviours** have no place in a healthy relationship.

Coercive control explained  
[www.qld.gov.au/coercivecontrol](http://www.qld.gov.au/coercivecontrol)



## Hearty Chicken and Vegetable Soup

### Ingredients:

2 tbsp olive oil  
1 leek, halved, washed, thinly sliced  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
1 large carrot, peeled, diced  
2 sticks celery, diced  
2 small zucchini, diced  
1 swede or turnip, peeled, diced  
1 1/4 cups dry soup mix, rinsed  
8 cups chicken style liquid stock  
1kg chicken legs

### Method:

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add leek and garlic.
2. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until soft but not coloured.
3. Add carrot, celery, zucchini and swede. Cook for 2 minutes. Stir in soup mix, stock, chicken and 1 cup cold water.
4. Increase heat to high. Bring to the boil.
5. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, partially covered, stirring occasionally, for 1 hour or until soup mix and vegetables are tender.
6. Remove chicken legs from soup. Allow to cool slightly. Remove meat from bones. Roughly chop chicken meat and add to soup. Season with salt and pepper.
7. Ladle soup into warmed bowls. Serve.

Something  
for lunch  
on a winter's day

## Curried Sausages

### Ingredients:

1 kg thick beef sausages  
1 tbsp peanut oil  
1 medium brown onion, sliced  
2 tbsp curry powder  
1 cup (250ml) beef stock  
400g finely chopped tomatoes  
1 cup (150g) frozen peas  
1/2 cup sultanas  
1 granny smith apple cored and diced  
White medium grain rice, yoghurt, and fresh coriander, to serve

### Method:

1. Place sausages in large pan, cover with cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat, boil 2 minutes. Drain sausages. Thickly slice on the diagonal.
2. Heat oil in large saucepan, cook onion, stirring about 3 minutes or until soft. Add curry powder, cook, stirring about 1 minute or until fragrant.
3. Add sausages, stir to coat in curry mixture. Add stock and tomatoes, simmer, uncovered about 5 minutes or until thickened slightly.
4. Stir in peas and sultanas. Cook a further 5 minutes until thickened and peas are heated through. Serve with rice, yoghurt and coriander.

Something  
to keep you warm on the inside  
for winter nights

## Crepe Carmel

### Ingredients:

1 cup granulated sugar, divided  
5 eggs  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3 cups milk  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

### Method:

1. Melt 1/2 cup of the sugar in a small skillet over medium heat, stirring, until its a light brown syrup; pour into 8 buttered ramekins or custard cups.
2. Place ramekins into a shallow baking pan for easier handling; preheat oven to 300°F (or approx. 150 deg. C.)
3. Beat eggs, salt & remaining sugar in a large bowl with mixer at low speed until lemon coloured; gradually beat in milk & vanilla extract.
4. Divide the custard mixture among the ramekins; pour HOT water into pan within 1 inch (2.5cm) of top of cups.
5. Bake for 1 hour until a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean.
6. Remove ramekins from baking pan & cool on wire rack; refrigerate.

To serve, loosen the custard from the cups with the tip of a sharp knife; invert onto a dessert dish, letting the syrup run down onto the side of the dish.

Something sweet  
to  
finish with





(Above) Geoff Orman (left) & Peter Johnson at the Oxley Academy Induction Parade April 3 2025.



(Above) Geoff Orman (left) & Peter Johnson at the Oxley Academy Induction Parade April 17 2025.

## Woodford Emergency Services Expo



(above) Tami Pace & Cecelia Serchen at Woodford Emergency Services Day Sunday 13 April.



**Volunteers**  
**Out and About**



# Out and About



(Above) CSP members Victor and Cecelia Serchen joined members from Stafford the Domestic and Family Violence & Vulnerable Person's Unit, Corrections and other Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) support agencies at The Chermide DFV Awareness event on Thursday 22 May 2025, where we spoke to many wonderful, caring and generous members of the public. CSP wishes to thank all those who donated including Rayan (pictured above right)

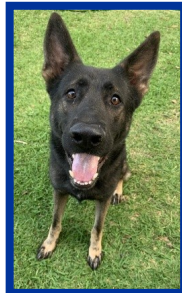


## Police Dog Reaper retires, Moreton

Senior Constable Jo Arthur on May 30, 2025 @ 7:20am

Police Dog (PD) Reaper, who has been a part of the Moreton Dog Squad and partner to Officer in Charge, Sergeant Jason Austin, since July 2017 has recently retired from duty.

Reaper is now 10 years old and has certainly earned his retirement. Although not born a police dog, Reaper, demonstrated traits that, with development, led to his success as a seasoned police dog, characterised by focus, reliability, and the successful detention of hundreds of offenders and missing people.



Now, in retirement, he has learnt to unwind and enjoy any affection he can source in addition to his daily rolls in the grass.

PD Reaper is "Mr Serious", (pictured in above the dog squad mural at the Caboolture Watchhouse facility). Following PD Reaper's retirement, only PD Gator is still serving our community.

Reaper will spend his retirement with Sergeant Austin and his family.

You can read about some of PD Reapers tracks and see him in action on our blog. Follow the links below.

[Robbery charges – Burpengary](#); [Arrest – Narangba](#); [PD Reaper taking a well earned rest](#); [Helping out our Gold Coast officers – Kidnapping charges](#)



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at the 2025  
Caravan and Camping Show  
in the ICC Building Level 1**



# Executive gifts



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Police Service  
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\$5.00  
(Suitable for engraving  
great for graduation gift)



CSP Pen in Pouch  
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Queensland Police Service  
Corporate Pen in Presentation box  
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(Suitable for engraving  
great for graduation gift)

## Soft Toys



Plush  
Junior Police Teddy  
\$15.00



Plush Kangaroo with  
Junior Police bandana  
\$12.00



Geronimo  
named after retired  
Mounted Unit  
Police Horse  
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New Koala Cop  
\$25.00



Police Labradors Dogs  
(named after QPS working dogs)  
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named after QPS  
retired working dog  
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# CSP Junior Police Range

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



Junior Police Cargo Pants  
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The members of Community Supporting Police sincerely thank you for purchasing our unique CSP merchandise.

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**JUNIOR POLICE CARGO PANTS  
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

**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



Junior Police Cap  
adjustable  
\$15.00



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