



## **Police Prayer**

*God of all people, we know it is from you  
that we have learned what goodness  
and justice are.*

*You have given us the task of maintaining law  
and order in our community.*

*We seek the strength to meet  
the many challenges encountered  
in this endeavour.*

*Give us the courage and the resolution  
to do our duty at all times,  
and such a respect and love for justice  
that neither promise nor threat  
will ever make us depart from it.*

*Help us with your guidance to be the Guardian  
and the Friend of the whole community;  
a friend to children, an example to youth,  
a counsellor and adviser to all citizens.*

*Grant us the skill, and the wisdom,  
to make us always stronger in protecting  
and supporting the community.*

*Guide us in knowing when to enforce  
and when to relax the letter of the law.*

*Help us to be a personal example of the honesty,  
the goodness, and the justice  
which it is our duty to maintain,  
and grant that our actions will inspire  
in our community confidence in its Police Officers*

*We make our prayer to you,  
confident of your love and compassion.*

*With honour they served*



## SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

*“Supporting  
those  
who support  
us”*

National Police Remembrance Day (NPRD), is the day we come together to remember and honour Police Officers, in Queensland, across Australia, and the Pacific who have been killed in the line of duty. We also remember and honour officers whose deaths did not occur as a consequence of their duty, as well as other Queensland Police Service staff and Retired Police Officers who have passed since National Police Remembrance Day 2024.

This day of reflection is accompanied by commemorative marches and memorial services held across the Queensland and Australia. These commemorations can prompt painful and confronting memories for many family, friends and colleagues of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. However, this day also provides an important opportunity to reflect on the courage and sacrifice of our fallen officers and to acknowledge the risks police face every day to keep our communities safe.

Members of Community Supporting Police join with the wider community to show our respect and acknowledge the service and contribution those QPS members who are no longer with us:

### **The Queensland Police Service**

Senior Sergeant Richard Downie—Redcliffe Police Station  
Senior Constable Charles Wallace—Mudgeeraba Police Station  
Constable Mitchell Spencer—Mudgeeraba Police Station  
Inspector Seiavoush Akhaven—Media and Public Affairs Group  
Senior Sergeant Gerard Simfendorfer—ICT Delivery  
Inspector Jay Notaro—Ipswich District, SR (Missing)  
Senior Constable Gary Barnett—Forensic Service Group  
Detective Senior Sergeant Anthony “Geno” Morgan—Drug and Serious Crime Group  
Sergeant Francis “Frank” Falappi—Atherton Police Station  
Senior Sergeant Brenton Webb—Hermit Park Station.  
Mr Eric Yeats—Protective Services Group.  
Mr Elton Lerner—Gladstone Police Station.  
Mr Jeremiah “Jerry” Collins—Frontline Skills Training.  
Mr Michael Dux—North Brisbane District.  
Police Liaison Officer Darryl Paul—Bowen Police Station.  
Ms Joanne Bradley—Maroochydore Police Station.  
Senior Torres Strait Island Police Liaison Officer Pery Maitie—Boigu Island.  
Senior Torres Strait Island Police Liaison Officer Edward Sam—Saibai Island.  
Ms Cheryl Curson—Communications Group.

### **From other Australian State Police**

Victoria Police Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson—Wangaratta Crime Investigation Unit.  
Victoria Police Senior Constable Vadim de Waart-Hottart—Wangaratta Police Station.  
Tasmania Police Constable Keith Anthony Smith.

### **From other Pacific Police Jurisdictions:**

Senior Sergeant Lyn Fleming—New Zealand Police.  
Senior Constable Napoleon Wagambie Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.  
Senior Constable Jacky Kitan Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

### **Our four legged QPS members who have also passed away since 2023.**

PD Bravo—General Purpose Gold Coast Dog Squad  
PD Leo—General Purpose Ipswich Dog Squad  
PD Dex—General Purpose Brisbane Dog Squad  
PD Turk—Drug Dog Brisbane Dog Squad  
PD Argo—General Purpose Logan Dog Squad  
PD Cash—General Purpose Moreton Dog Squad  
PD Layla—Bomb Dog Brisbane Dog Squad  
PD Heeko—General Purpose Sunshine Coast Dog Squad  
RD Buck—Recruit General Purpose Moreton Dog Squad

*With honour they served*

## **Celebrating 37 Years of Service: Senior Sergeant Richard Downie BM**



Redcliffe Police Station became the scene of an emotional farewell on 18 August as officers, friends, and family gathered to honour Senior Sergeant Richard Downie, Officer in Charge of the station, for his extraordinary 37 years of service. The halls were filled with heartfelt goodbyes, and the crowd spilled onto the footpath as Senior Sergeant Downie departed in a convoy of historical police vehicles – a fitting tribute to a career dedicated to courage, discipline, and unwavering duty.

For over three decades, Senior Sergeant Downie has been a pillar of strength and leadership within the Queensland Police Service. His journey has been marked by early starts, late nights, difficult decisions, and quiet sacrifices – all in the name of protecting the community and supporting his colleagues.

Senior Sergeant Downie's career began in Townsville and took him to Ayr, South Brisbane, Upper Mount Gravatt, and Capalaba before he settled in the Moreton District in 2007. Along the way, he built a reputation for his steadfast commitment to public safety and his ability to lead with both firmness and care.

One of the most defining moments of Senior Sergeant Downie's career came in March 2003, in the Wynnum District. During a tense 45-minute standoff, Senior Sergeant Downie and his partner faced a woman armed with a pistol who was allegedly threatening to shoot. Through courage and composure, the situation was resolved without incident, and Senior Sergeant Downie was later awarded the Bravery Medal for his actions.

But Senior Sergeant Downie's legacy extends far beyond moments of crisis. Inspector Craig White shared a touching story that exemplifies Senior Sergeant Downie's compassion and humanity. While patrolling the Redcliffe waterfront, Senior Sergeant Downie engaged with a man that was homeless and realised he knew the man's brother. The man revealed that he had fallen on hard times and lost contact with his family. Without hesitation, Senior Sergeant Downie called the man's brother and the two were reunited and arrangements were made for the man to move closer to his family. This is a testament to Senior Sergeant Downie's commitment to making a difference in people's lives.

For those who served alongside Senior Sergeant Downie, his leadership was a source of strength. His guidance came from a place of care and focused on ensuring that his team stayed safe and returned home to their families after each shift. He carried the weight of leadership quietly but with deep conviction, earning the respect and admiration of all who worked with him.

As we bid farewell to Senior Sergeant Downie, we honour not just the end of a career but the completion of an extraordinary chapter in public service. His 37 years in policing have left an indelible mark on the Queensland Police Service and the communities he served.

Thank you, Senior Sergeant Downie, for your courage, and unwavering dedication. Your legacy will continue to inspire those who follow in your footsteps.

The members of Community Supporting Police acknowledge Senior Sergeant Downie's career and service to the QPS and Queensland community and wish to express our heartfelt condolences to Richard's family, friends and colleagues following his passing on 18 August 2025.



**Vale  
Senior Sergeant  
Richard Dowie BM  
(Recently Retired)**

**With honour he served  
Rest in Peace**



# Vale Ian Leavers Cross-Border Commissioner



The members of Community Supporting Police join with members of the Queensland Police Service and wider Queensland community to express our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Ian Leavers APM, (57) Queensland Cross-Border Commissioner, former President of the Queensland Police Union of Employees (QPUE) and former QPS member on his passing on 10 November.

Commissioner Steve Gollschewski said Leavers led the police union with "unwavering purpose and commitment to QPS members", for more than 15 years as President of the QPUE, Ian's passing will have significant impacts across the organisation, with partners and the community due to his deep connection and advocacy for the frontline and the relationships he built.

Commissioner Gollschewski said "I had the privilege of working with Ian for many years and have the deepest respect for him personally and professionally, and his steadfast commitment to our people, especially during times of crisis. Ian's leadership was defined by his relentless support for the workforce, with the introduction of significant policy improvements, and better conditions and entitlements for members. QPS Media on Nov 10, 2025 @ 1:40pm

Former opposition leader Peter Dutton, who also previously served with the Queensland Police Service, has paid tribute to Leavers. He said Leavers would break "every rule in the Traffic Act" to get to the scene of a police shooting in order to provide comfort to the family of the deceased officer, and that this display of support earned him "enormous respect".

"I enjoyed a friendship with Ian over decades," Dutton wrote. "He led a distinguished police career and he was loyal to his friends. "May he rest in peace. And may his passing remind us to do even more to look out for a mate or someone in need." <https://www.9news.com.au/national/ian-leavers-former-police-union-president-found-dead>

Mr Leavers joined Queensland police in 1989, working across several divisions, including the criminal investigation branch and child investigation unit. In 2009, he became the general president and CEO of the Queensland Police Union and was elected the Police Federation of Australia president in 2021. He held both positions until his resignation last year.

Queensland Police Union president Shane Prior was emotional as he paid tribute to Mr Leavers, who he described as both a mentor and a "force of nature". "His compassion during the Wieambilla tragedy showed the very best of who he was – a man who carried the pain of others and turned it into unity and strength," he said. "Ian's legacy is written in every safety reform, every protection won and every officer who feels just a little bit more supported because of the important work he did." <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-11-10/queensland-ian-leavers-former-police-union-president-dies>

## With honour he served Rest in Peace



# Vale Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson & Senior Constable Vadim de Waart-Hottart



Neal Thompson



Vadim de Waart-Hottart

Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim de Waart-Hottart were killed on duty at Porepunkah, Victoria on 28 August 2025. Both officers were working as part of an investigative team executing a search warrant on a rural property. Both officers were farewelled by family and colleagues in separate ceremonies with full police honours. Victorian Police Chief Commissioner Mike Bush acknowledged the officers have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Victorian Police Association Secretary Wayne Gatt indicated both officers would be remembered for their distinct personalities and positive impact on their colleagues.

Community Supporting Police Inc. join with the extended police family and the Australian community to pay our respects to Neal and Vadim and extend our sincere condolences to family, friends and colleagues.

*With honour they served  
We will remember them*

## National Police Remembrance Day



(above) Fay & Peter Johnson at Garden City Shopping Centre collecting donations for National Police Remembrance Day. (NPRD).



(above) Colour party at the Brisbane Botanical Gardens NPRD Service 29 September 2025



(right) CSP members Cecelia & Victor Serchen Lee Jeffries (retired Inspector Moreton District)

(top right) CSP members Cecelia & Victor Serchen with Mark Ryan MP at the NPRD Service Holy Cross Church Kippa-Ring.



# Vale Wendy Martin



The members of Community Supporting Police send our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of CSP member and retired Queensland Police Service member Wendy Martin, who passed away on Monday 20 October 2025, after a battle with cancer.

Wendy will be remembered as a loving mother, and dear friend, who had an incredible life journey in policing both as a sworn officer and staff member as well as other government agencies.

Wendy's legacy, in particular her human relationship techniques and teaching will help guide many into the future.

## Rest in Peace

## Thank you for your service

### Tommy

🎂🐾 Happy 5th Birthday, Tommy! 🐾🎂

September 5, we had the absolute pleasure of celebrating Tommy's 5th birthday at the Burpengary Police Station and the Moreton Dog Squad.

Tommy had an unforgettable day filled with cake, challenge coins, and our furry friends from

Community Supporting Police! 🐕👮 There was plenty of smiles. But the highlight? He got to spend the afternoon with his very own police puppy recruit, "Menace", who made sure Tommy felt like part of the team! 🐕💙

It was a joy to see Tommy's excitement and to share this special day with him since he was unable to spend it with his friends. As you can tell Tommy is a pretty big fan and has more accoutrements than the real deal.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration so memorable.

Happy Birthday, Tommy – we hope you had a paw-some day! 🐾🎂🐾

Senior Constable Jo-Anne Arthur sent through this story as Tommy was a little boy Jimmy (Senior Constable Jimmy Griffin) I met at the Hospital and then he came out to the Woodford Expo. The party was at Burpengary station. Far North sent him a Koala Cop and Jimmy gave him a Kaos (was Jimmy's. Police Dog before he passed away in 2024)





## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) newsletter. As usual, the newsletter contains interesting information and photos of events. I will identify some of the important developments that occurred in 2024-2025 and also ask Brisbane based readers to consider volunteering at events.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025**

The CSP Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on September 10, 2025, at the QPS Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane. The meeting included the election of the 2025-2026 management committee and is an excellent opportunity for members to participate in shaping the organization's future. There were twenty-one (21) members in attendance and twenty (20) apologies. Acting Assistant Commissioner Craig Weatherley represented the Commissioner of Police, Mr Stephen Gollschewski whom is the patron of CSP.

### ***Election of Officer Bearers:***

In accordance with the CSP Constitution all executive positions were declared vacant and the following Management Committee Executive positions were appointed.

President Mr Dan Mahon APM

Vice President Mr Bryan Brown AM

Treasurer Mr Victor Serchen

Secretary & Branch Liaison Mrs Cecelia Serchen

### ***Notification of Appointees:***

In accordance with the CSP Constitution the following appointees have been appointed to their respective roles within the Community Supporting Police Inc Management Committee.

Police Liaison Officer Superintendent Brett Jackson APM

Police Chaplaincy Representative Reverend Matthew Govan

Helping Hand Treasurer and Helping Hand Fund (HH) Representative Ms Nadene Sander

### ***Notification of Portfolio Holders:***

In accordance with the CSP Constitution the following nominations for Community Supporting Police Inc Management Committee portfolios.

Blue Ribbon Committee Representative Mr Colin Diachkoff

Event Coordinator Mrs Cecelia Serchen

Facilities Manager Mr Bryan Brown AM

Marketing & Promotions Coordinator Ms Debbie Nicholson APM

Members Registrar Ms Debbie Nicholson APM

Merchandise Officer and Police Beat Liaison Ms Rachel Ezzy

Web Liaison Mr Victor Serchen

Assistant Commissioner Weatherley read out the certificates of service and the awards for Life Membership. He added his own words to the presentation as he knew most people receiving the awards and this personalised the event much to the delight of the recipients.

### ***Presentation of Certificates and Badges:***

#### **5 Years**

Assistant Commissioner Charysse Pond APM (CSPHH Fund chair).

Glen Pointing APM (Rockhampton)

#### **10 Years**

Acting Superintendent Joe Kitching (Townsville chair & secretary).

#### **20 Years**

Brian Codd APM (Brisbane)

Cheney Railton (Brisbane)

#### **30 Years**

Emmanuel Anthony PSM (Brisbane)

Anita Bell (Brisbane)

Jan Veacock (Brisbane) (cont. pg. 8) (photos pg. 21)



**Community camera alliance**  
Working together to solve crime



**Presidents Message** (cont. pg. 7) (photos pg. 21)

## **Life Membership Certificates & Badges:**

Mrs Beth Gordon (CSP member and member of the CSPHH Fund committee) Life Membership for your work with the CSP Helping Hand Fund.

Inspector Mick Ackery (CSP member and member of the CSPHH Fund committee) Life Membership for your work with the CSP Helping Hand Fund.

Mrs Peggy Campbell (CSP member and Emergency welfare accommodation coordinator for Brisbane's 5 facilities.)

Mr Tony Lake (CSP member and inaugural Commissioner's representative on CSP Management Committee 1991- 2007)

Ms Nadene Sander (CSP member, CSP HH fund finance Officer) Life membership for all you do for the CSP Helping Hand fund.

Mr Emmanuel Anthony PSM your Life membership for all you have done over the past 34 years.

## **Certificates of Appreciation:**

Mr Grant Spooner & QBANK Staff

Mr Brad Ryan & Staff Hunter Promotional Products & Uniforms

Chief Inspector Jason Overland

## **Guest Speaker**

Ms Sarah Sigley is employed as the Queensland Volunteer coordinator of OzHarvest and provided a very informative and enthusiastic presentation. OzHarvest started in Sydney by Ronni Kahn in 2004 with one van and has become a national organisation delivering approximately **300 million meals** to hungry people. There are branches of OzHarvest on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, Brisbane Cairns, Gympie and Toowoomba. OzHarvest is committed to halving food wastage by 20230.

Approximately, one third (1/3) of all food produce in Australia is wasted. This wastage comes from the over supply of crops, produce approaching the use by date and in the home, where food is purchased in excess of need. OzHarvest visits various sites including supermarkets, cafes, hotels and restaurants and collect produce which they then deliver directly and free of charge to charities that service people in need.

For more information please go to: <http://ozharvest.org/fightfoodwaste> Our own, Debbie Nicholson is one of OzHarvest volunteers and it was a pleasure to meet Sarah. CSP made a \$1000 donation to OzHarvest to help in their fight against food wastage.

## **NEW MERCHANISE**

CSP Brisbane has received over two hundred 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 sells for \$30. Although Boots originates from Victoria, he is adaptable to work in any part of the Country. We have sold out of Boots and another order is being placed to ensure that we have this lovable puppy available for the coming months and years. Let's make Boots welcome and hopefully, he may become a permanent part of our merchandise range.

In consultation with members of the Queensland Police Mounted Unit, a replacement horse for Geronimo; named Alfie is to be produced for sale in March 2026. Alfie, was foaled in 2015 and is a Shire breed.

We are also investigating the re-production of the popular Junior Police Emu that is currently out of stock due to a change in supplier and not having the same soft feathered bird. Keep a look out for a new Emu in the early part of 2026.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

As the number of events increases, so does the requirement for volunteers. If you, a family member or friend has about four hours to spare, once or twice a year, your act of volunteering will take the load off the people who attend multiple events throughout the year. Please contact our Secretary on line and we can share the load.

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

As the holiday season approaches, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To achieve this happiness, I implore you to travel safely to ensure that you arrive at your destination and enjoy the company of others.

All the best for 2026.

**Dan Mahon APM**

**President**

**Community Supporting Police Inc.**



## Police remind parents of responsibilities when gifting e-scooters and e-bikes this Christmas

QPS Media on Nov 25, 2025 @ 12:33pm



Queensland Police Service (QPS) is urging parents to learn and understand their legal responsibilities when considering gifting e-scooters or e-bikes this Christmas, reminding families that purchasing an e-mobility device does not grant children permission to ride unsupervised.

With the continued rise in popularity of PMDs across Queensland, police are reinforcing that safe use begins at home, with parents and carers making informed choices, understanding the rules and legislation, and actively supervising young riders.

This message follows the recent launch of Operation X-Ray Surety, which encourages the community to think ahead, stay informed, and

take steps to reduce road trauma and protect our most vulnerable road users.

Tragically, so far this year, 13 lives have been lost on Queensland roads while riding e-mobility devices.

Road Policing Group Chief Superintendent Mark Wheeler reiterates that while e-scooters and e-bikes can be exciting gifts, they require active parental oversight, not a 'set-and-forget' approach.

"E-scooters and e-bikes might look like the perfect Christmas surprise, but they come with responsibilities," Chief Superintendent Wheeler said.

"Buying an e-mobility device doesn't give your child free rein to ride it whenever or however they want – it means you, as the parent or carer, need to know the rules and supervise them appropriately.

"Supervision isn't optional, it's part of keeping them safe. If a young rider breaks the rules, it will not only result in enforcement action, but it is dangerous to themselves and other road and pathway users."

Police continue to see risky behaviour among inexperienced riders, and remind families that safe riding includes:

- \* **wearing an approved helmet**
- \* **riding responsibly and following the road rules**
- \* **being alert around roads, driveways, and pedestrians**
- \* **keeping speeds appropriate and controlled**
- \* **understanding that PMDs are not toys.**

Chief Superintendent Wheeler said police are doing everything they can to prevent people being injured or killed on our roads.

"Our goal is always to keep Queenslanders safe," Chief Superintendent Wheeler said.

"If you choose to gift a PMD this Christmas, pair it with supervision, guidance, and an understanding of the rules, that's the best present you can give your child."

QPS will continue working with road safety partners as part of Operation X-ray Surety, promoting informed decision-making that reduces risk and keeps families safe on Queensland roads.

Co-ordinating with the North Pole, QPS have received a letter from Santa asking his elves to make informed decisions when purchasing these devices, giving them the option to check their device and check it twice to ensure it is compliant.

For more information about e-mobility rules, safe riding, and responsibilities, visit Street Smarts Queensland.

**The Queensland Police Service is committed to reducing the number of lives lost on our roads.**

**Data shows that serious crashes can be significantly reduced when drivers recognise and avoid the 'Fatal Five' behaviours: speeding, drink and drug driving, not wearing seatbelts, fatigue and distraction.**

**Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Learn more about staying safe on Queensland roads: <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/initiatives/fatal-five-staying-safe-roads>**





### Friends Who Create

One of CSP's wonderful Life members, Mrs Peggy Campbell also volunteer's her time Sewing for Charity and has very kindly shared a little bit about Friends Who Create which great group of ladies and the work they do to support members of the community.

We are group of 14 ladies who joined together 1 July 2021 and sew under the umbrella of \*Sewing for Charity Australia, (S.F.C.A.) a charity celebrating 10 years of helping many and varied community groups.

We sew on Friday at Chermside Girl Hut from 9.30 to 1.30pm (lunch included for \$5 per week)

The articles we sew include patchwork quilts for 'end of life', knee rugs, male and female. Most going to aged care homes.

Quilts for neonatal units as well as humidicrib covers, burp cloths and bibs.

This winter we also did a run of kids track suit pants from off cuts of fleece.

Bags of all shapes and sizes- library, tote, several sizes of drawstring- are always on the agenda.

The bags go to children and adults in hospital, domestic violence and homeless.

So far this year we have delivered over 3000 articles to S.F.C.A.

What we sew is very much governed by fabrics we receive through donations. To supplement sewing needs, pay rent and insurance we do 3 sausage sizzles a year at Bunnings Carseldine.

Highlights of the year are the two retreats we have at House of Happiness .

Friday is fun sewing and laughter. The girls feel the day is better than paying for any therapy.

We love what we do and we are a happy group.

**Thank you**  
Peggy Campbell

If you would like more information about Friends Who Create, want to join in the fun or donate fabric please contact Peggy via email [peggy\\_campbell@outlook.com](mailto:peggy_campbell@outlook.com) or phone - 0419708609

*\*Sewing for Charity Australia is a volunteer-powered network creating handmade items that offer comfort, dignity, and practical support to people in need.*

*What started as a small group of makers has grown into a nationwide community, coordinating, crafting, and delivering with care.*

*We believe in the power of connection. Through every stitch, we build community, supporting individuals, strengthening bonds, and spreading kindness across Australia.*

*Together, we're creating more than just handmade items. We're crafting hope, one piece at a time.*

<https://sewingforcharity.com/#about-us>



# Safer Together





## Police honour grandparents behind the badge this Grandparents Day

QPS Media on Oct 24, 2025 @ 11:10am

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is proud to celebrate Grandparents Day honouring the special role grandparents play in their families and communities – including those who continue to make a positive difference while serving with the QPS.

Grandparents Day, on 26 October, recognises the diversity of grandparent relationships and the roles of older people in our community including those making a difference by keeping Queensland safe as QPS members.

Among the many grandparents in the QPS are Senior Constable Craig Boles from the QPS Dive Squad as well as Police Liaison Officers (PLOs) Moira Davis and Uncle Doug Peachey.

The trio said they strive to be admirable role models to their grandchildren who they said were precious gifts.



PLO Uncle Doug, (left) who has been working for the QPS since 1999, has been blessed with 23 grandchildren including grandsons Adonis, 3 and Fonau, who was born in May this year.

The 64-year-old, who has Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, has worked for the QPS for almost 30 years and has been based at Inala Station as a PLO since 2012.

“I love working for the QPS as I try to break down barriers, including between the QPS and the community, helping people in their time of need, when they are at their most vulnerable and helping to break down any language and culture barriers,” PLO Uncle Doug said.

Senior Constable Craig Boles (right), 50, has been in the QPS for 13 years, including the past decade in the eight-member QPS Dive Squad where he has played a key role in helping with complex

search and recovery cases across Queensland and northern New South Wales

When Senior Constable Boles isn't diving into challenging cases, he enjoys spending time with granddaughters Isla, 5, and Mia, 3.

“We all live together in the same house, so my wife and I have a lovely welcome from them every morning, so I feel fortunate,” Senior Constable Boles said.

“I love them to bits. They are very precious but it's always good when we can give them back. “I enjoy being a physically active grandparent who can run around the backyard with my grandkids.

When I saw the opportunity to join the dive squad, I hadn't even dived before, but it was a specialist role, and I wanted to give it a crack. So I got my scuba diving licence and tried out for the squad.

“I love being in the dive squad, because it's so challenging and rewarding, you are part of a small team, and everyone has to contribute.”



PLO Moira Davis joined the QPS 23 years ago after seeing the role of Australian South Sea Islander police liaison officer advertised when living in Mackay.

The 62-year-old, who has four grandchildren, moved to Brisbane 18 years ago to help support her children with their growing families after the birth of granddaughter Kyana, 18, followed by grandson Noel, 13.

“It's the most wonderful feeling being a grandparent. There's that wave of deep love and pride, seeing the next generation grow up and being part of their lives and being a role model for them.

“And showing them the meaning of respect, love, manners, honesty and kindness. “I want to show my grandchildren that with my job as a police liaison officer, showing kindness to humans, demonstrating humanity, being helpful in some way, serving the community, that they can make a positive difference in someone's life.”

So, whether it's pop, nana, grandma or Opa, QPS extends warm wishes to all grandparents on 26 October as they continue to be inspirational role models to all generations.

**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)**



## Emergency Services Heroes honoured at Officer of the Year Awards

Senior Constable Jo Arthur on Sep 17, 2025 @ 12:28pm

Emergency personnel from across Moreton have been recognised for their outstanding efforts at the annual First Responders Officer of the Year Awards held in Caboolture. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Caboolture,

the Lions Clubs of Morayfield and District and Caboolture North, on September 8, the awards dinner celebrated and shone a light on the exceptional dedication and service of Queensland's emergency personnel.

Each year, members of Queensland Police Service (QPS), Queensland Fire Department (QFD), Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) and State Emergency Service (SES) personnel are nominated by their peers, with the final decision made by a panel of community members.

Every person nominated has demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to community and are a shining example of the inherent values or bravery and commitment to community of all emergency personnel. Among those recognised was Acting Senior Sergeant Leesa Gray, who was named QPS Officer of the Year.

Known for her hands-on approach and currently relieving as a District Duty Officer, Acting Senior Sergeant Gray is widely respected for her courage, integrity, and leadership.

Acting Senior Sergeant Gray often personally attends complex and dynamic incidents and was nominated for her commitment to community safety.

Her leadership style empowers her team to resolve incidents effectively, leaving a positive impact on both her colleagues and the community, while her strong work ethic, combined with her good humour and tenacity, has earned her the admiration of her peers, supervisors, and the public.

Acting Senior Sergeant Leesa Gray's recognition is a testament to her exceptional service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to public safety.

The QPS category also featured two remarkable nominees; Acting Sergeant Janna Carcary and Senior Constable Megan Jackson.

Acting Sergeant Janna Carcary, from the Moreton Tactical Crime Squad, has been instrumental in planning and leading operations targeting wanted offenders. Her efforts have disrupted criminal networks and significantly enhanced community safety.

Senior Constable Megan Jackson, part of the Caboolture Domestic Violence Integrated Response Team, has laid over 300 charges against offenders involved in serious domestic violence offences. Her work has greatly improved the safety of victims and the broader community.



CSP member Senior Constable Joanne Arthur, who provides many of our articles for the CSP newsletter, had the absolute pleasure of meeting Richard (pictured left) – the MyPolice Moreton Facebook page's number one fan!



Jo advises that Richard has been a long-time supporter of our page, always sharing positive comments and reactions that brighten our day. According to Jo people like Richard remind of the importance of building stronger, safer, and more connected communities.

Thank you, Richard for your unwavering support and kind words.

Your encouragement means the world to us 🙏

Jo– Anne Arthur

### **CSP Brisbane General Meetings Dates 2026**

**General Meeting: Wed 8 April 2026**

(Queensland Police Headquarters Roma Street Brisbane )

**Annual General Meeting: Wed 9 September 2026**

(Queensland Police Headquarters Roma Street Brisbane )



## Neighbourhood Watch State Conference and Awards



On Saturday 8 November Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ) held their annual State Conference at the Royal International Conference Centre located within the Royal National Agricultural Grounds Brisbane. The conference was attended by NHWQ volunteers and NHW Police Liaison Officers (POLs) from across the State together with crime prevention staff and guest speakers, with Mark Plath Superintendent Corrections and CSP Life Member being the master of ceremonies.

The theme of the conference was Empowering Communities through, Connection, Innovation and Resilience and speakers who covered a range of topics including from updates from both A/Senior Sergeant Kelly Miles (NHWQ State Coordinator) and Maria Bennett (CEO Neighbourhood Watch Australasian), very informative information about the use of E & Personal Mobility Devices by Sergeant Duncan Hill (Highway Patrol Logan), the effective use of Social Media and Effective Communications presented by Dr Karen Sutherland from the University of the Sunshine Coast, A/Senior Sergeant Chris Hebblethwaite from South Brisbane Crime Prevention & Cross Cultural unit provided information regarding Crime Mapping and how NHW can use this information to stimulate awareness with out fear, Dr Keith Heggart Senior Lecturer University of Technology Sydney who explained the development of future programs for NHW members (Facebook administrators) to become Digital Community Safety Champions and Haxel Wallace (Project Officer DICE-Crime Prevention Programs unit QPS) who discussed who working together enhances community perceptions of safety and builds stakeholder relationships. Neighbourhood Watch State Conference and Awards.

During the conference awards were presented to NHW volunteers and PLO for their outstanding dedication and commitment to their local community and the overall safety to the wider community.

The members of CSP would like to congratulate the nominees for the NHW Police Officer of the Year: Senior Constable Kurt Fossill (Gold Coast), Senior Constable Damien Neville (Gold Coast), Sergeant Jodavene Fernie (Rockhampton), Superintendent Scott O'Donovan (Edmonton), Senior Constable Lou Carey (Logan) Acting Senior Sergeant Craig Coppock (Mackay) Sergeant Chris Keenan (Burrumbidgee) Chief inspector Corey Allen APM (North Brisbane), Sergeant Nevelle Horneman (Maroochydore) and Acting Sergeant Andrew White (Imbil).

CSP would also like to congratulate the nominees for NHW member of the year: Tim McSweeney (Capricornia), Nancy Cooper (Gold Coast), Bradley Yates (Logan), Margaret Cover (Beachfront NHW Mackay), Peter Barret (Bongaree Bribie Island), Ralph Davies (North Brisbane), Matthew Hooper (Bli Bli), and Ronald Whalan (Kirwan Townsville).

(photos) Winners of the NHW area winners and the Police Officer of the Year: Acting Sergeant Andrew White (Imbil), and the NHW person of the Year: Ralph Davies (North Brisbane),

**Congratulations  
&  
Thank you**







(above) Brisbane Bayside VAC Chairperson Robert Plummer with Acting Sergeant Brendon Winslow.

(below) Pine Rivers VAC Secretary and Crime Stoppers Volunteer of the Year Sunny Sharpe with Ian Stewart Crime Stoppers Chair and retired Commissioner of Police Qld.

## Crime Stoppers Queensland 2025 Awards

Crime Stoppers Queensland is proud to recognise Acting Sergeant Brendon Winslow from the South Brisbane Crime Prevention Unit, Wynnum Station, as the 2025 Police Representative of the Year.



A long-standing supporter of the Brisbane Bayside Volunteer Area Committee, Acting Sergeant Winslow has worked alongside volunteers for more than ten years, strengthening community partnerships and delivering genuine results.

Over the past year alone, he has coordinated and supported 17 joint community events and led the formation of Business Watch with the Redland Coast Chamber of Commerce, helping connect local businesses with police to reduce crime and improve safety.

Brendon's commitment extends well beyond routine duties. He plays an active role in youth engagement, crime prevention workshops, and Community Cabinet Events with senior police and government representatives. His reliable communication, data sharing, and logistical support demonstrate an exceptional level of dedication.

Described by the Brisbane Bayside Volunteer Area Committee (VAC) as professional, approachable, and deeply community-minded, Acting Sergeant Winslow continues to strengthen the bond between Crime Stoppers volunteers, QPS, and the public. "We could not be more pleased with the support and encouragement we receive from Brendon," said Brisbane Bayside VAC Chairperson Robert Plummer. "His commitment and genuine partnership have made a real difference to our work in the community."

This year's Police Representative of the Year finalists included Sergeant Nadine Webster (Ipswich) (CSP member) and Senior Sergeant Shelley Moore (Hervey Bay), each recognised for their commendable commitment to community safety.

This year's Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Sunny Sharpe from the Pine Rivers Area Committee.

The Volunteer Area Committee of the Year was awarded to the Pine Rivers VAC.

The members of Community Supporting Police would like to congratulate all the Crime Stoppers 2025 award winners, nominees, and Area Committees for their unwavering support and dedication to the Crime Stoppers program in Queensland.



(above) Pine Rivers VAC Chairperson Simon Spencer with Crime Stoppers CEO David Hansen (left) and Crime Stoppers Chair Ian Stewart

**Congratulations  
&  
Thank you**

## Three steps Queensland SES want you to know to Get Ready for Severe Weather

QPS Media on [Oct 7, 2025 @ 1:03pm](#)

Get Ready Queensland Week runs from 6 to 12 October and is a time for Queenslanders to take steps to prepare their family and property against severe weather. This year's theme is 'Weather doesn't plan, but you can.'

Research shows people who are prepared for severe weather recover faster than those who rely solely on outside help. Get Ready Queensland and Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) want you to get prepared today by following these three steps:

1. Know your risk
2. Make an emergency plan
3. Pack an emergency kit

### Know your risk

Impacts from extreme weather are different for everyone. Learn about what can happen where you live and how it could affect your family.

Research local emergency plans, evacuation zones, and suggested evacuation routes for where you live, work, study and hang out. Find out what help is available through local council and support agencies.

Whether you have lived in the same suburb your entire life, have just moved to Queensland or are travelling within the state, it is easy to find out your disaster risks.

Check with [your local council](#) if severe storms, cyclones, floods, storm surge or tsunamis are likely in your area.

### Make an emergency plan with your family

Make a household emergency plan so your family knows what to do and who to contact in extreme weather.

Figure out which family and friends you could stay with you if you need to evacuate. Know how to find out about evacuation centres in your community during severe weather, especially if friends or family might not be an option. Will you be able to take your pets?

Below are some steps to take and conversations to have to begin making an emergency plan:

- \* **Research hazards and disaster arrangements for your community.**
- \* **Discuss possible scenarios and what you could do.**
- \* **Think about shelter and evacuation options.**
- \* **Think about why you may need to leave your home.**
- \* **Know where to go for emergency information including your local council disaster dashboard and local ABC radio station.**
- \* **Make sure everyone is prepared.** Read more information about [making an emergency plan](#).

### Pack an emergency kit

Packing an emergency kit can be as simple as grabbing a few extra items next time you are at the supermarket to put in your kit.

Pack an emergency kit with essentials that can last you a minimum of three to seven days in case you lose power or gas, do not have access to clean water or cannot access shops.

Pack enough supplies in your kit for every member of your family. Keep your kit in a waterproof container in an accessible location. Check your kit every season to make sure supplies are fresh and safe to use.

Examples of items to include in your kit:

- \* **Food and water for up to seven days. Include non-perishable food, can-opener, gas stove, cutlery and plates.**
- \* **Self-powered items including a torch, portable phone charger, power bank and a battery powered AM/FM radio with spare batteries.**
- \* **Medical and personal items including a first aid kit, medications and prescriptions, gloves and clothing, toiletries.**
- \* **Important documents including identification and insurance documents.**
- \* **Pet supplies.** Find out more about [packing an emergency kit](#). (cont.p13)

**For non life-threatening flood and storm emergency assistance** — such as help with a damaged roof or storm damage —, download the SES Assistance QLD app for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices, visit [132500.qld.gov.au](#), or phone [132 500](#). **For assistance with a life-threatening situation** Triple Zero (000) immediately.

**Keep up to date with the latest weather advice at [Queensland Warnings Summary \(bom.gov.au\)](#)**



## Queensland Police Pipes and Drums to perform with World-Renowned Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

QPS Media on Oct 10, 2025 @ 2:31pm

The Queensland Police Pipes and Drums (QPP&D) team is celebrating a significant achievement, having been selected to perform at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Brisbane and Auckland next year.

Travelling from its Scottish homeland to Australia and New Zealand next year, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is regarded as one of the world's most prestigious military and cultural showcases, combining marching bands, drums, dancers, pipes and precise routine.

Marching onto the global stage in February 2026, QPP&D has been selected to perform alongside the global talents of the Tattoo. Their selection and inclusion in the event is a reflection of both their musical abilities and their dedication to the musical traditions steeped within military and policing fields.

Performing in Brisbane for the first time, this historic event is part of the Tattoo's 75th Anniversary Show, 'The Heroes Who Made Us'.

To celebrate this honour, QPP&D delivered a live performance in Southbank this morning, offering morning commuters a glimpse of the entertainment they will bring to the stage early next year.

Officer in Charge of Queensland Police Pipes and Drums, Acting Senior Sergeant Lisa Phillis-Petersen, said she and each of her fellow



QPP&D members are thrilled by the achievement and are beginning preparations for their performance. "This is an incredible honour and a moment of pride for our band."

Acting Senior Sergeant Phillis-Petersen said. "The band has already begun preparations, with our recent march on National Police Remembrance Day yet another opportunity to showcase our talent, with each of our members in their Number 1 uniform.

"The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is the pinnacle of global performance, and to stand on that stage representing the QPS is a great opportunity, not only to strengthen our relationship between the Service and the international community, but to demonstrate the talents within our own home state.

"We can't wait to showcase the talent and dedication of the Queensland Police Service Pipes and Drums." The Brisbane leg of the Tattoo will be held from 12 to 15 February 2026 at Suncorp Stadium, before moving to Auckland's Eden Park from 19 to 21 February.

The event will be a spectacle of music, military precision, and cultural celebration, marking a significant milestone both in the QPP&D and the Tattoo's history.

The Queensland Police Pipes and Drums performance schedule at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, below.

CITY	DATE	LOCATION	TICKET PURCHASE LINK
Brisbane	February 12-15 2026	Suncorp Stadium	<a href="https://edintattoobrisbane.com.au">edintattoobrisbane.com.au</a>
Auckland	February 19-21 2026	Eden Park	<a href="https://edintattooauckland.co.nz">edintattooauckland.co.nz</a>

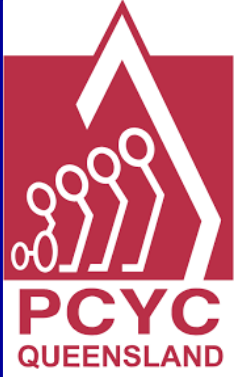
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## Cadets prove their mettle at ESCape Week



PCYC Queensland's young cadets took part in ESCape Week – an unforgettable series of exciting, hands-on experiences, provided thanks to emergency service professionals giving them a taste of a career in emergency services. Emergency Services Cadets (ESCs) can only be chosen to participate in ESCape week once, and this year's group showed their bravery, tenacity and willingness to learn.

This year the cadets experienced marine rescue and water safety challenges, learned skills to help in alcohol related trauma and accidents, searched for missing persons, used fire-fighting equipment, and spent time with the Bomb Squad and Polair.

PCYC ESC Program Coordinator Kerrieann Ruatoka's highlight was seeing the students step out of their comfort zones and really engage with the different activities throughout the week.

"There was such a great sense of connection, energy, and growth. It was also really rewarding to hear the positive feedback from both students and staff about the impact the program is having," Kerrieann said.

PCYC ESC Manager Sue Bernard enjoyed watching the Cadets grow from day one of ESCape Week, when they didn't even know each other to becoming a great group of friends who take care of each other. It's something she never tires of.

"The most memorable day was when I took a detour on our drive home from the Gold Coast, so that we got to spend a precious few minutes at the beach – which some of our regional Cadets had never seen before. That is a gift that will stay with me long after everything is done," Sue said.



## Do you know how to prevent opportunistic vehicle break ins?

- ✓ Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even if you're just leaving it for a short amount of time.
- ✓ Remove any valuable items or ensure they're not visible.
- ✓ Park in secure, well-lit and busy areas if possible.
- ✓ Report any break ins to police in the first instance, don't just report them on social media.



Thanks you to Peter & Fay Johnson for sending through some photos of their recent Uluru excursion, the two above capture the different colours variants of Uluru. (other photo pg. 27).



## From the Branches

On Tuesday 11 November CSP Northern Region (Townsville) Branch president Acting Superintendent Joe Kitching said "I had the pleasure to catch up with one of our committee's long serving members Russ Cook (photo let) and presented him with his 5 year Service Certificate. Russ is a valuable member of our team and actively contributes to fund raising activities."

**Congratulations  
&  
Thank you**



**Community  
Supporting  
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) employees 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 employees 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 (nine) 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.



**Rider safety**  
is everyone's responsibility.  
A safer ride  
starts with  
**you.**





# 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:** Sergeant Mary-Anne Calis — [Calis.Mary-Anne@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Calis.Mary-Anne@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)

**Police Liaison Officer:** Superintendent Brett Jackson — [Jackson.BrettP@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Jackson.BrettP@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>



## Some feedback received from QPS families.

Hi, just checked into the apartment. Thank you very much for organising this. Much appreciated (E)

Thank you so much for the help! (W)

Just letting you know that we have dropped the keys off at Police Headquarters this morning. Thank you again for the incredible support you have extended to us throughout this challenging time and if there is anything I can do to repay this favour please let me know. Best regards. (F)

Hey Artie, everything is good, the apartment is lovely we are very grateful. Surgery went well, a long road of recovery ahead but happy I'm moving in the right direction. We appreciate all the help you and Glenn have provided. Cheers (P)

Just thought I'd give some feedback. I am really appreciative of the services CSP do. Without it we from out bush would be stuck. Thanks again. (A)



# Welcome new members

Deanne Fiorenza (Far North Queensland, Cairns, Branch)  
 Lena Ormsby (Far North Region, Cairns Branch)  
 Jason Milner (Northern Region, Townsville, Branch)  
 Bronwyn Allen (CSP Helping Hand Fund Central Region, Rockhampton Branch)  
 Regan Greer (Central Region, Rockhampton Branch)  
 Alison Iafrafi (Secretary, Central Region, Rockhampton Branch)  
 Selena Ali (Southern Region Toowoomba Branch)

It is indeed great to have you 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

# 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.



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(left) **Emmanuel Anthony PSM** (Brisbane) Mr Mahon explained, the presentation of Emmanuel's 30 Year Certificate has been held over for the past two years due to Emmanuel's ill health and we wanted it to be in person. *Acting Assistant Commissioner Weatherley said "he and Emmanuel go way back and it is an honour to be here tonight for this presentation"*.

(left top centre) **Mr Tony Lake** (CSP member and inaugural Commissioner's representative on CSP Management Committee 1991- 2007) *Acting Assistant Commissioner Weatherley said "It is an honour, Tony to present you with Life Membership for your work with the CSP over such a long time"*.

(left middle centre) **Mr Emmanuel Anthony PSM**, A/AC Weatherley commented *"It is a pleasure and honour to be able to present your Life membership for all you have done over the past 34 years."*

(below top centre) **Ms Nadene Sander** (CSP member, CSP HH fund finance Officer) Craig commented *"I have known Nadene for many years and it is a pleasure and honour to be able to present you Life membership for all you do for the Helping Hand fund."*

(below right) **Mrs Peggy Campbell** (CSP member and Emergency Welfare Accommodation Coordinator for Brisbane's 5 facilities.) A/AC Weatherley said *"It is an honour Peggy, thank you for what you do."*

Acting Assistant Commissioner Weatherley presented Certificates of Appreciation: **Mr Grant Spooner from QBANK Staff** (below bottom centre)



Acknowledging Grant's and QBANKS continued support of QPS members and their valuable support of CSP.

(above right) Chief Inspector Jason Overland A/AC Weatherley acknowledged Jason's commitment over the past 5 years as the Police Liaison on the CSP Management Committee.

(left) Mr Dan Mahon presenting Ms Sarah Sigley OzHarvest with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Koala Cop following her presentation at the CSP Annual General Meeting.



## Queensland Police Service officers join national ride in tribute to fallen officers

QPS Media on Sep 10, 2025 @ 1:14pm



On Wednesday 10 September Queensland Police Service (QPS) members have joined other policing and motorcycle communities from across the country, to participate in the annual Wall to Wall Ride in honour of all police officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

During this year's ride, participants paused to remember Constable Keith Smith from Tasmania Police who tragically lost his life in the past year. His name will be formally added to the National Police Memorial in Canberra, ensuring his service and sacrifice is never forgotten.

They also held Victorian Police officers, Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim de Waart-Hottart closely in our thoughts and hearts. While Queensland officers also remembered their own colleague, Senior Sergeant Brendan Wiblen, who sadly passed away off-duty during last year's ride.

The national Wall to Wall event was established in 2009 to serve as a powerful reminder of the officers who paid the ultimate price and also raise vital funds for Police Legacy. Since its establishment, the event has raised \$1.7 million nationally, with the funds providing care and financial support for the families of fallen officers.

The ride brings together more than 2,000 motorcyclist from every state and territory including off-duty officers, retired members, family and friends, who converge in Canberra at the National Police Memorial to honour fallen colleagues. Each jurisdiction carries with them the Commissioner's Baton, as a visual reminder that the sacrifice of those who have fallen, will never be forgotten.



Introduced in 2011, the Commissioner's Baton is a hand-crafted wooden style classical police accoutrement which symbolises the solidarity of the policing community, engraved with each jurisdiction's Service logo, the Wall to Wall Ride logo and the wording 'We remember them'.

Each baton has a hollow centre which contains a scroll sealed within, that bears the names of any serving police officers from their state who were tragically taken in that calendar year. Acting Commissioner Shane Chelepy said this year's ride is a powerful reminder of the strength of the policing community and the risks police officers face every day in their unwavering dedication to community safety.



"Every kilometre travelled is in tribute to our colleagues who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty," Acting Commissioner Chelepy said. "This year Queensland Police will ride with Tasmania and Victoria Police firmly in our hearts, and in solidarity with our policing colleagues and loved ones during this time of loss."

"This ride is not only a tribute to fallen officers but a promise to the families that they too are remembered and will forever remain a part of our community."

Inspector Bradyn Murphy, who is participating in Wall to Wall, said he felt humbled to ride today with people who shared the same commitment to remember fallen colleagues. "Even in the first hours of the ride, the thought of why we're riding keeps you focused and grounded," Inspector Murphy said. "The sense of connection and camaraderie on the road is something you can't experience anywhere else. "Each rider carries not just themselves, but the memory of those we honour, across every kilometre."

For the policing community, the Wall to Wall Ride has become a powerful tradition. It not only brings officers from across the country together, it also leads into National Police Remembrance Day on 29 September, where services will take place across Queensland and the country .



(photo right) Senior Sergeant Matthew Johnson, son of CSP members Peter and Fay Johnson, riding his 2014 Road King Harley on his 8th Wall 2 Wall (W2W) travelling with mates, currently serving police, retired police, and QFRS friends and family, leaving Aratula on 10 September and riding on ice covered roads to Tenterfield before stopping in Glenn Innes and Tamworth (photo left) Matthew sitting left in front row) prior to continuing to Canberra for National Police Remembrance Day. Thanks for your message Matthew.







## Marine rescue in Sandgate comes full circle

QPS Media on [Sep 17, 2025 @ 11:55am](#)

One of Queensland's oldest marine rescue services has added a new chapter and a new name to their long and rich history, with Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane joining Marine Rescue Queensland (MRQ) today as MRQ Sandgate.

MRQ Sandgate Unit Commander Neil Sheppard said that while their name may be new, it had ties with the rich boating history of the area.

"Our unit began as the Sandgate Yacht Club Search and Rescue Squad in 1969, but we can actually trace our origins back to the

formation of the Sandgate Yacht Club back in 1912," Mr Sheppard said. "Whether under sail or power, we have always strived to keep boaties in Moreton Bay and the neighbouring waterways safe when they are out on the water. "It's a little bit of a full circle moment for the unit."

Mr Sheppard said that other than a new name, uniforms and branding, the crew of MRQ Sandgate would be the same friendly faces providing the same experienced services to people who run into trouble on the water.

"Our first response services will continue to be provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and we will be on base to maintain vessel monitoring services every weekend and public holiday. "We also remain focused on ensuring our crews are fully trained in all areas of marine operations, including search and rescue procedures, radio and marine operations, bar crossings and first aid," he said.

MRQ Chief Officer Tony Wulff welcomed the more than 90 members of the MRQ Sandgate crew to the service, praising the work of all volunteers who devote their time to keeping boaties safe when they are on Queensland waters.

"From the Torres Strait to the Queensland / NSW border, the contributions of each and every volunteer are important and valued," Mr Wulff said.

"In addition to the time they spend on shift providing rescue services, our members devote countless hours each year to learning and practicing their skills to ensure they are rescue ready in any kind of weather or water.

"If you see a MRQ vessel and crew coming to provide you with assistance, you'll know you are in skilled and experienced hands," he said.

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### About MRQ:

\* MRQ is Queensland's first state-wide, State Government-funded volunteer marine rescue service dedicated to saving lives at sea and supporting those on or near the water

\* MRQ is part of Queensland Police Service, which is responsible for coordinating the states disaster and emergency services response – but MRQ is a separate service with its own identity, structure, governance and uniforms

\* MRQ currently has 20 units and more than 900 volunteers, with additional marine rescue units expected to follow in 2025.

Further information can be found at: [Marine Rescue Queensland](#).

Media contact: [marinerescue@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:marinerescue@police.qld.gov.au)

### Water safety tips:

- \* Log your journeys from start to finish.
- \* Always wear your lifejacket.
- \* Remember to pack sunscreen, wide-brimmed hat and water (two litres per person).
- \* If you need help, radio VHF-16 or call Triple Zero (000).
- \* Check you have extra fuel.
- \* Check the weather forecast before you leave.
- \* Charge your phone and any other devices.
- \* Tell family and friends where you are going.

## Barszcz (Polish beetroot soup)/ Chilled borsch serves 8 entrée for Christmas Eve

(<http://eatingeuropean.com/borscht-recipe>)

### Ingredients:

4 Carrots medium size  
1 Parsnip medium size  
1/2 Celery root If it's big then 1/4 will be enough  
1 Leek  
4 sprig Parsley  
2 Bay leaves  
4 whole Allspice  
6 Beets medium size  
1 Apple any kind, sliced with the skin  
3 cloves Garlic peeled  
2 tbsp White Vinegar + more if needed  
1 tbsp Lemon Juice freshly squeezed  
2 teaspoon Sugar + more if needed  
2 tbsp Salt + more if needed  
1/4 teaspoon Marjoram dry  
Freshly ground pepper to taste

### Method

1. Peel, wash, and cut into chunks your vegetables (carrots, parsnip, celery root, leeks, and parsley);
2. Place your vegetables and soaked mushrooms\* (see notes below) in the large pot, cover with 10 cups of water, add a tablespoon of salt, bay leaves, and allspice, and boil for about 30 minutes, uncovered
3. Prepare beets - peel them and slice in 1/2 inch slices; peel your garlic and slice the apple;
4. Add beets, garlic, apple, and spices (salt, sugar, and marjoram) to the vegetable broth. At this time, add 1 tablespoon of vinegar and one tablespoon of lemon to preserve the beautiful colour of the beets. Cook it for another half hour, uncovered;
5. Add the remaining vinegar, and adjust the seasoning with vinegar, sugar, salt & pepper, as needed.
6. Discard all the vegetables and use a strainer to pour your borscht either into mugs to drink or to bowls.

## Ensalada Nochebuena (Mexican Christmas Eve Salad) serves 8 as side or entree

(<https://www.homesicktexas.com/ensalada-noche-buena-christmas-eve>)

### Ingredients: for salad

5 small, 3 to 4 medium beets  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Salt to taste  
2 medium navel oranges peeled and diced  
Approx 450g jicama (yam bean or Mexican turnip) peeled and diced  
2 medium apples cored and diced  
1/4 cup chopped cilantro (coriander)  
1/4 cup chopped roasted peanuts  
Seeds from 1 pomegranate  
6 cups torn Romaine (cos) lettuce leaves

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. Clean the beets and remove any leafy stems, reserving for another use.
3. Place the beets on a sheet of foil and toss with the olive oil.
4. Sprinkle with salt and then wrap the beets in the foil.
5. Place foil-wrapped beets on a baking sheet and bake for 40 minutes or until you can easily stick a fork into the beets.
6. Once cool, rub the beets with a paper towel to remove the skin.
7. Slice the beets into half-moon shapes and place the sliced beets into a large bowl.
8. Add to the beet bowl the diced oranges, jicama, apples, cilantro, peanuts, pomegranate seeds and Romaine lettuce.
9. Toss until well combined

### To make the dressing

Whisk together the mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, orange juice and chipotle chili.

Taste and add salt and black pepper.

Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to coat.

### Ingredients: for dressing

1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup sour cream or Greek-style yogurt  
1 tablespoon lime juice  
1 tablespoon orange juice  
1 canned chipotle chili minced &  
Salt and black pepper to taste

Something from across  
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The members of Community  
Supporting Police  
wish you, your family,  
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all the magic of Christmas  
and a  
wonderful 2026.





(Above) Nundah Festival Sunday 14 September. (Top left): a young gentleman Riley found CSP puppy named Riley at the CSP stand.

(Top right) Sergeant Jodie Murray taking a selfie with Gateway Crime Prevention team and CSP members Peggy Campbell and Rachel Ezzy.

(Middle left) Peggy Campbell giving Seymour the Owl (aka Rachel Ezzy) a cuddle.

(Middle right) Sergeant Murry & with Seymour.

(Bottom left) CSP plush toy Boots with his real life mate.

(Bottom right) Peggy and Rachel enjoying a cuddle from the CSP pets.





(Above left) Geoff Orman & Dan Mahon attending the Seventeen Mile Rocks Over 50's Expo on Wednesday 8 October 2025

(Above right) Debbie Nicholson & Dan Mahon attending the Brisbane Emergency Services Expo at Mt Gravatt on Saturday 11 October 2025



(above) Debbie Nicholson & Peter Johnson at the Oxley Academy



(left) CSP member Fay Johnson busy dressing CSP's Blue Healer "Boots", Boots came direct from the manufacturer and the police jacket came from the Victorian Blue Ribbon Foundation so Fay spent some time dressing Boots so as he could go on sale at the Oxley Academy Induction Parade Stall. Thank you Fay for your ongoing support it is indeed very much appreciated.

# Volunteers

## Out and About



(left) CSP life member Debbie Nicholson APM with Sergeant Yvette Tarrier (DCPC Sunshine Coast) at the Sunshine Coast Emergency Services Expo Sunday 19 October 2025. Debbie was joined by CSP member and Kerri Butler.

Debbie & Kerrie had a very successful day, thanks so much to Yvette for the invitation to attend and your hospitality on the day.





(above) Cecelia & Victor at the Bribie Island Emergency Services Day Sunday 12 October. Thanks to Moreton Crime Prevention, Senior Constable Geoff Hoskings & Senior Constable Saxton Cruickshank for their assistance & hospitality on the day .

(above) Geoff Orman & Peter Johnson at the Oxley Academy Induction Parade Thursday 30 October.

(right) CSP members Fay & Peter Johnson ready to enjoy a helicopter flight over Uluru. Peter and Fay had a great time spending 5 days at the Outback Hotel and Lodge, enjoying a Bar barque at Uluru, The Field of Lights, The Dones Show, and a Native Hight Tea.



(below) CSP members (left to right) Dan Mahon, Colin Diachkoff, Nadene Sander, Brett Jackson, Cecelia Serchen, Victor Serchen, Deborah Mahon, Jenny Danslow, David Danslow, Ros Diachkoff, Debbie Nicholson and Peggy Campbell catching up for end of year dinner.





# Executive gifts



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



CSP Pen in Pouch  
\$5.00



QPS Lanyard  
\$5.00



Queensland Police Service  
Corporate Pen in Presentation box  
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## Children's clothing range



Junior Police Polo  
slim fit children's size 2 to 12  
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Junior Police Cargo Pants  
children's size 2 to 12  
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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	8Y	10Y	12Y
1/2 CHEST	31	36	38	40	42	44
CENTRE BACK LENGTH	40	45	50	52	54	56



Junior Police Cap  
adjustable  
\$15.00