

# CSP Celebrates 25 Years.



I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you, however I have heard your name mentioned many a time.

I wanted to write a brief e-mail to let you know just how much the emergency accommodation means to police officers and their families in a time of need.

During the past few years I have had cause to use the accommodation many times, during 2011 for an entire month. I am fortunate that my health is good now and I only need to visit Brisbane two or three times a year for medical procedures.

I do not like to complain as I am well, but without the emergency accommodation there is no way my husband, and children would have been able to provide me love and support from 700k's away, it was tremendous having the use of the accommodation. The high standard of accommodation provided by the chaplaincy would be out of the question for us financially, if we were required to pay the going rate at a motel/apartment for example.

I have stayed at all the accommodation you have at one stage and NOT ONCE was the accommodation unclean or not maintained to an excellent standard.

I was wondering if you would be kind enough to pass onto your volunteers just how wonderful it is to walk into a place that is to become our haven for sometimes a week, sometimes longer and find everything spotless and clean. The units/apartments and the house at Nundah are really beautiful with tasteful furniture and every appliance one would ever need. They are a true home away from home.

I really don't know if you and your volunteers are really aware of what you have done for my family and I, and we will be forever grateful. There are many, many police officers in Rockhampton Police District who I have had conversations with about CSP, they also would be lost without your help.



The above letter was received from one of the officers who has had need to use the Emergency Accommodation provided by Community Supporting Police. (CSP). Although the units and house are owned by the Service CSP volunteers sell Police branded merchandise (see page 11) and hold events including the Behind the Crime nights & Shop till You Drop Bus Tours (see pages 3, 5, 6) to raise the funds to maintain the units: pay for cleaning and utility bills; provide linen, furnishings, electrical and white appliances and basic starter pack groceries to ensure guests are comfortable.





## HELPING HAND

The *Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) Helping Hand (HH)* is a registered deductible gift status organisation which aims to render financial aid and assistance to members of the *Queensland Police Service (QPS)* and their families, who are faced with serious, terminal, life threatening injuries or significant personal trauma.

*Helping Hand* has established a network of volunteer employees across the State, who can identify and coordinate assistance for colleagues and their families. HH raises funds through donations, sponsorship, payroll deductions and fund raising events. No donations have been spent on administration costs since the fund commenced in 2003.

*Helping Hand* donations including those made through the payroll system are tax deductible.

Financial support of *Helping Hand* is vital for the Fund to continue to support members of the *Queensland Police Service* for as little as \$2.00 per pay, **YOU** can make a significant difference.

**If you are a Queensland Police Service employee in need of support please contact your local QPS Chaplain or CSP Branch.**

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Following on from our front page collage and the lovely thank you letter which was recently received.

Community Supporting Police (CSP) also has units located across the state in: Toowoomba, Cairns, Rockhampton, Townsville and Einasleigh, for members of the Queensland Police Service and their immediate families to use in times of crisis and trauma. These regional and remote facilities are maintained by the dedicated members of local CSP branches, the contact details for which are provided above.

Like the emergency accommodation facilities in Brisbane application for use to these units and houses can be made through your local chaplain. Alternatively, contact your local CSP/HH representative who will be able to provide you with relevant information.

Just a little bit of history, the first welfare house was Rosalie House (a former Police Station at Fernberg Rd Rosalie), which the team of willing volunteers (from CSP, Lions, Rotary, Apex, Police Officers from Oxley Academy) caringly restored throughout 1991. Rosalie House was officially opened 5th June 1992 and continued to provide accommodation until 2005 when the QPS decided to sell the property.

A second house, Woody Point Cottage, was opened on 23 August 1996, with the Redcliffe Police Station taking care of the maintenance and bookings. In 2004 the Woody Point Cottage was no longer used by CSP and was sold by the QPS, the furnishings and fittings were moved to the Nundah Police Station residence. This residence eventually became known as Perry Irwin House.





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# **VOLUNTEERS WANTED/NEEDED**



Community  
Supporting  
Police

## **Community Supporting Police**

**“supports those who support us”**

**and now we are asking **YOU!!!!****  
**to support us.**

**If you have some spare time we would  
love for you to assist us...**

**to raise much needed funds  
for emergency accommodation  
for**

**Queensland Police Service Members  
and their families**

**For more information:**

**ask here or contact [info@csp.asn.au](mailto:info@csp.asn.au)**

## UP COMING EVENTS



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY – SHOP TIL YOU DROP SHOPPING TOUR

<b>When:</b>	<b>Saturday 30 July 2016</b>
<b>Bus departs:</b>	<b>Kangaroo Bus Depot (off Pitt St. Burpengary) at 7.45am</b>
<b>Then departs:</b>	<b>Enoggera Park n Ride (Enoggera Railway Station) at 8.30am (please be at pick up areas 15 mins early so there is no delay)</b>
<b>Bus Returns:</b>	<b>Enoggera approximately 4.30pm</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$60.00 per person</b>
<b>Includes:</b>	<b>Lunch, Morning &amp; Afternoon tea.</b>

**Visit to 8-9 stores including:** food & wine outlets, jewellery, shoes & handbags, linen stores plus others (Store specials available)

***Bring your friends—it is a great day out!!!***

**Bookings essential:** email: [info@csp.asn.au](mailto:info@csp.asn.au) with contact details and number of persons attending

**Bookings close:** **10 July 2016**

#### **PAYMENT METHODS:**

**Cash payment** to Debbie Nicholson (ESC PHQ) or Cecelia Serchen (VIP Petrie) – receipt issued

#### **Bank transfer:**

**QPCU:** BSB 704052, Account 1028352 – put S1 if transferring from outside QPCU, include surname and Shopping as reference.

**NAB:** BSB 084004, Account 516638021 – include surname and Shopping as reference.

**Credit Card** – [www.csp.asn.au](http://www.csp.asn.au) and follow links to Christmas in July Shopping Tour - **Payment by credit card or Pay Pal**





## CSP MEMBERS OUT & ABOUT

### ACADEMY TRIVIA NIGHT

The members of  
Community Supporting Police  
would like to sincerely thank  
both  
Athan Ray and Dave Bragg  
for a great night

Photos left and below taken at the Trivia night held at the Academy in support of CSP's celebration of 25 years of supporting members of the QPS.

It was a great night: with interesting questions testing attendees memories.. To assist the competitors in their quest to reach the pinnacle of being named winners on the night , guests were treated to yummy pizza , delicious cakes and slices.

Unfortunately, the CSP team of: Vic, Cec, Sharnelle, Matt, Pam, Deb and Jim (bottom left) needed a bit more than the nourishment provided to conquer the mind field of general knowledge questions which Dave Bragg and Athan Ray had so carefully prepared for this fundraising event.

Although not winners on the night the CSP team had a fun night.

Thanks so much to: Athan and Dave and



**CSP Team's Consolation Prize**  
**Not that we were actually**  
**Smarty Pants at all**



(Above) Snr. Cons. Sharnelle Harris, Cecelia Serchen & Pam Nicholson part of the CSP team, who had a great night. Thanks to Athan & Dave.



# QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE CHAPLAINCY



## Police Chaplains Conference 2016



**Third Row:** Allan Sharpe, Doug Foster, Michael Cody, Rob Simpson, Glenn Loutfit, Dan Talbot, Daniel Jayaraj, Tom Bower, Martin Kenny, Les Comollati  
**Second Row:** Rod Wood, Ray Nutley, Paul Kelly, Hilary Flynn, Steffan van Munster, Luke Smallwood, Matt Govan, John Selwood, Stephen Hanly, Andrea Robertson, Will Spann, Peter Devenish-Meaers, Barry Cox, Graeme Ramsden  
**First Row:** Donna Farkas, Horst Sauer, Commissioner Ian Stewart, Assistant Commissioner Clem O'Regan

Queensland Commissioner of Police, Mr Ian Stewart and Chairman of the Chaplaincy Committee, Assistant Commissioner Mr Clem O'Regan. Officially opened this year's Queensland Police State Chaplains Conference, which was held at Mercy Place Bardon from 3rd to 8th May.

This year marked the 25th Anniversary of Police Chaplaincy and the theme for the conference was "Running the Good Race". There was a balance of spiritual reflection and education for the Chaplains, as well they participated in presentations which included the Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Black Dog Session, Lodgement of a Body and the Recruit Training Programme

To celebrate this great milestone and to conclude the Conference the Annual Chaplains Dinner was held on Thursday 8th May, also at Mercy Place. In keeping with the thesis of the Conference the theme for the dinner was "A Day at the Races".

Attendees from the Executive Leaders in Queensland Police Service, representatives from Community Supporting Police, Queensland Police Legacy, Police Union and the Uniting Church representative as well as the Chaplains themselves donned various outfits to authenticate the event. The prize for the raciest costume was awarded to Assistant Commissioner Paul Stewart and Maria Bennett (see photo to the right with Donna presenting Paul & Maria their prize.)

During the course of the evening Certificates of Service Badges were awarded to Chaplains: Dan Talbot (Jimboomba) and Stephen Hanley (Emerald) (pictured below with Commissioner Stewart, left to right), both received Badges for 5 years of Service to QPS Chaplaincy.

**And the Winners ARE!!!**



**CONGRATULATIONS** Chaplain Barry Cox from Townsville (pictured below far right with commissioner



## QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE CHAPLAINCY



Chaplain Graeme Ramsden (pictured left with Commissioner Stewart) was awarded his Certificate of Service for 10 years and was farewelled by the Chaplains and guests. Tonight we farewell Graeme as he enters retirement and thank him for his dedication.

Graeme was born in Kingaroy and was educated at Brooklands State and Kingaroy High School. Graeme worked as a milkman and joined the Citizens Military Forces in 1965, then in 1966 Graeme transferred to the Australian Regular Army. After he completed his trade as a vehicle mechanic, Graeme accepted a Commission and was posted: around Australia, to Vietnam and Singapore. This was the beginning of forty years of service to the Army and Australia.

Graeme was ordained a Catholic Deacon by the Military Bishop at Enoggera in 1992 and served as Army Chaplain deployed in East Timor in 1999 and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Military Division.

Then on 20th February 2006 Graeme was appointed Senior Police Chaplain, becoming a part-time Chaplain 1 July 2015. During his time as Police Chaplain Graeme has worked in the South Eastern Region, Training and Development as well as in the Brisbane Region.

Graeme and Dianne were married in 1970 and have four children Christopher, Michael, Patrick and Megan. Graeme is looking forward to spending extra time with the family during

his retirement.

A Queenslander by birth and conviction, Graeme is a self confessed rugby nut, having played his last game just before his 51st Birthday. Unfortunately, the loss of this 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Grand Final in Wagga was not necessarily the perfect ending. His football claim to fame is the fact that he has played a full game in every position in the field. As far as the other football codes are concerned Graeme is tolerant to Rugby League but not so much to Aussie Rules. Graeme believes passionately in Holden cars and sees himself as a Retired Rev Head. He smokes a cigar for medicinal purposes occasionally and loves a joke.

**Thank you GRAEME**

**for your service to:**

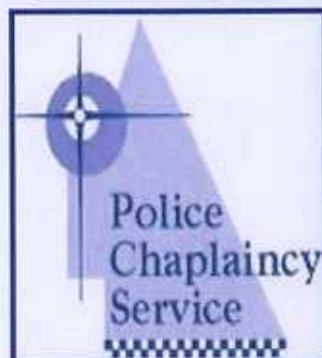
**the QPS, CSP**

**and the wider Queensland**

**& Australian Community.**



(left: from left to right) CSP members CSP Treasurer Vic Serchen, CSP Secretary Cecelia Serchen, Police Chaplain Doug Foster (Cairns), CSP Police Liaison Deb Nicholson, Retiring Police Chaplain Deacon Graeme Ramsden and CSP Founding member Dot Stumer.



The mission of the Chaplaincy Service is to provide spiritual, welfare and pastoral support to Queensland Police Service Officers, Employees, Retired Police and their families. This is achieved by relationship building through "walking the floor".

The Chaplains also provide ministry including baptisms, weddings, funerals and blessings of new police buildings, boats and facilities, as well as conducting state-wide services on National Police Remembrance Day on 29 September each year.



## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

### DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT GREG WILLIAMS



On Friday 1st April 2016, Detective Senior Sergeant Greg Williams was awarded the Rotary Club of Ipswich North, Pride of Workmanship Police and Emergency Officer of the Year .

Detective Senior Sergeant Greg Williams was sworn into the Queensland Police Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1990.

Detective Senior Sergeant Williams has served in Ipswich, Booval, Goodna and Yamanto and received his detectives appointment on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2003 and was promoted to Officer in Charge of the Ipswich District Child Protection Investigation Unit on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

Detective Senior Sergeant Williams is not only a talented Investigator and Detective but a man who shows pride and commitment to not only the Queensland Police Service as an organisation but also his Team, other Government and Community organisations which make a difference to the lives of children.

Detective Senior Sergeant Williams is a key advocate in the protection of children and has extensive knowledge of the issues that victims face when reporting offences against children. He provides substantial policing processes to victims as well as the status of criminal investigations. Detective Senior Sergeant Williams does not only see his role as an Investigator but sees his role as an advocate and promotes child protection at every opportunity which is the only way that ensures knowledge and awareness within the community.

Detective Senior Sergeant Williams manages a large team of dedicated investigators who work beyond their employment requirements due to the management, guidance and mentorship which Detective Senior Sergeant Williams provides.

Detective Senior Sergeant Williams also received the Ipswich Region Child Protection Week Award in 2015 which again highlights, demonstrates and acknowledges the respect his peers and the community have for him and his dedication and commitment in the area of Child Protection and Safety in the Ipswich Community.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



