



# Community Supporting Police

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Susan Grantham (far left) entertains the crowd.



Kate Bailey and Debbie Nicholson

## Gala event to celebrate CSP's 20th anniversary

WHAT a wonderful night and something to remember and appreciated for many years to come on February 26. This event was organised by Sergeant Kate Bailey and Senior Sergeant Debbie Nicholson as a special project of the Commissioner's Office.

Commissioner Bob Atkinson was keen to recognise the work of CSP and when our 20th Anniversary was coming up, decided that it would be a fitting occasion for the QPS to thank CSP and Helping Hand with a Gala Celebration.



Jim and Pat Dryden

Kate and Debbie ensured everything that had to be done to make the night a success was fully thought out and carried out with precision.

The presence of the police horses in the entry to the Sofitel Hotel, a police puppy and motor bike in the foyer made our guests feel very special.

The "Band of Blue" showed police in a different light for those who have not heard them before and their dance music was thoroughly enjoyed. Susan Grantham (QPS Media and PA) sang *You Raise Me Up* and it was a beautiful rendition.

A gift bag for every guest contained a miniature Alsatian with a Gala Celebration name tag, CSP key-ring; a boxed chocolate with the CSP logo and a card providing our Mission Statement and CSP lapel badge.

A photographer was on hand to capture the moments and these photographs can be seen at [www.csp.asn.au/photos](http://www.csp.asn.au/photos).

The Awards were a special part of the night and recognised many years of dedicated voluntary service to the Queensland Police Service.

A Commissioner's Certificate was awarded to Greg Early, Bryan Brown, Pam and Ken Guyatt, Bob Mills, Fran Lindsay and the Queensland Police Chaplaincy.

The Commissioner's Certificate for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the QPS was awarded to Evan Newton, Jenny and Col Nelson, Tony Lake, Jim and Pat Dryden, Major Bruce Buckmaster, Rita Butler and Dot Stumer.



Fran Lindsay and Doug Foster



Jenny and Neil Roberts

The Certificates for Tony, Pat, Jim, Bruce, Rita and Dot were accompanied by an engraved glass trophy and bouquet of native flowers. The recipients were grateful for the recognition given by the Police Commissioner, Police Minister and members of the Queensland Police Service.

The Police Commissioner said CSP was unique to policing throughout the world.

No one is aware of a country where a group of people from the community, voluntarily give their time and expertise to help the police.

The Commissioner is particularly proud of this support.

# Terrible weather endured

BY now you will be well and truly saturated with the words "floods" and "cyclones" so they have been lumped together for what has been a disastrous start to 2011 for the State of Queensland.

Our hearts go out to the Police Chaplains who have had to deal with so much extra stress and strain in an already difficult job.

CSP members had asked how they could help but as no requests had officially been made, we had to sit back and wait. These people consequently worked in their own areas, helping where they could.

A General Notification for the Establishment by the QPU of a Flood Relief Fund for the QPS Family was sent out on January

19. On January 21, all CSP members were advised what was needed. State Operations Command had established a list of items required and that large items could be taken to their Wecker Road Complex at Mansfield. It was advised that CSP members would be available on January 29 from 8.30am to 5pm at Windsor for any donations, particularly small household goods, linen, cleaning agents and toiletry items.

Many items were delivered to Windsor and subsequently handed on to State Operations Command.

CSP has one house and four units in Brisbane and five Branch emergency accommodation

houses throughout the rest of the state. We are happy to report that the only damage sustained was flooding in the basements in the two units at The Mews and one at Toowong which resulted in the loss of power. Far Northern region chaplain Doug Foster advises that Sarah House in Cairns suffered extensive foliage destruction, which was cleaned up by a small team of able workers. In addition the dividing fence was damaged by a tree.

A large branch landed on the carport roof but caused no serious damage. Our Branches are situated in the most vulnerable areas of the State for these type of disasters and we can be thankful our

accommodation "weathered the storm".

Minute Secretary of CSP, Trish Judd, contacted the regions to enquire about the state of the residences and Forsyth police station OIC acting Senior Constable Vaughan Anderson replied regarding Einasleigh as follows.

"I am still cut off from Einasleigh, however I managed to get onto the local pub and one of the patrons there went across and checked it out. His report indicates that there are some trees or tree limbs down in the yard and some stagnant water under the house but overall the house is NOT damaged".

## Promotion for Constable Clancy



AT the Gala Celebration, Constable Clancy was promoted to Senior Constable.

He has been a valuable member of the QPS for 15 years, having not taken a pay rise, annual leave or sick leave since his Induction in 1996.

The ceremony was conducted by Commissioner Atkinson, ably assisted by Paul Houston, QPS Tailor.

Sincere thanks to Paul for his ready assistance in providing the uniforms for Senior Constable Clancy over all these years.

## CSP History book 1991-2011

A BOOK about the history of CSP was produced by Senior Sergeant Debbie Nicholson with the assistance of CSP members Dot Stumer, Pat Dryden, Evan and Jennifer Newton, and Bill McKay, Sally Jelbert (Graphic Design Services QPS); Chrissie McLeod (Media and Public Affairs Branch QPS), the staff of the Queensland Police Museum and staff of the QPS Photographic Section.

It is a marvellous compilation of all facets of CSP since its inception in 1991 and includes many photographs.

The emergency accommodation in Brisbane and all Branches is a very significant part of the book.

It can be bought for \$25 plus \$5 postage from Pat Dryden, 3378 3373 or email [pjdryden@bigpond.com](mailto:pjdryden@bigpond.com).



Pat Dryden hands over to Jessica Farrington.

## New Merchandise Co-Ordinator

AFTER 18 years, Pat and Jim Dryden will be relinquishing the role of responsibility of merchandise for CSP.

Jim has suffered ill-health for 12 months and it was becoming increasingly difficult for Pat to continue.

Jessica Farrington, a young mother of two small children, will be in charge of merchandise and she took up the position on February 1, 2011.

It will take some time for Jessica to become familiar with the information and methods

that Pat and Jim have established over so many years but she is looking forward to the challenge.

Pat and Jim handled orders for merchandise from their home so there was instant despatch.

Jessica will post out orders once a week from Windsor, which was what was envisaged when we started looking for our own home a couple of years ago. All stock has been delivered to Windsor and Jessica is setting up her own work station.

## New CSP Branch Liaison

FOR a long time it has been recognised that a person should be delegated to liaise with the Branches to help them with enquiries and more importantly, to make them more inclusive of the organisation as a whole.

Such a person has accepted this role and would you believe, it is another Jessica.

Jessica Ritchie has already started and by now the Branches have heard from her.

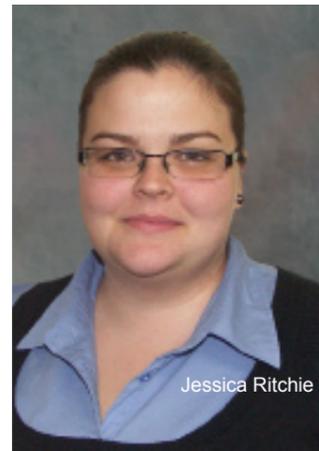
The most important function of the Branch Liaison will be to keep the CSP Management Committee aware of any problems they may be experiencing.

Each Branch has been requested to supply an email address for their members to the editor of this newsletter so they can be kept in touch.

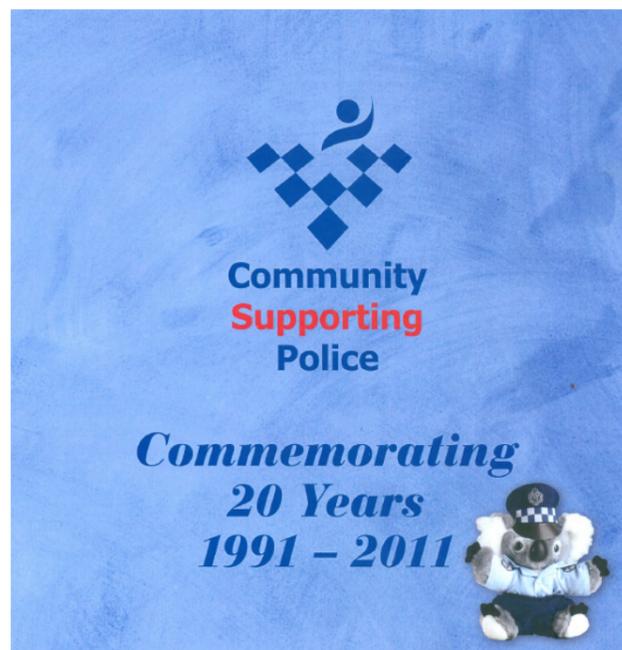
This is not restricted to the executive of CSP Branches but for everyone who pays membership.

To bring the current committees of the Branches up-to-date, copies of the Constitution, Branch Rules, membership application forms, information sheets on the organisation and ways to find new members have been forwarded.

Committees change from time-to-time and it is hoped this folder will be passed on to new chairmen so they know how CSP operates in Brisbane and how the Branches are an integral part of the organisation.



Jessica Ritchie



# CSP Newsletter

FOLLOWING our 2010 CSP state conference, Robyn Rankin in Cairns has agreed to head up the CSP newsletter.

We thank Robyn for undertaking this task as it will provide CSP Queensland with an opportunity to and also read about the terrific efforts that are being made by members of the branches throughout Queensland.

The aim of this newsletter is to send it to every member of CSP in Queensland on a regular basis and it is a great opportunity to share what is being done by CSP members.

## Emergency accommodation

WITH the pending re-location of Jenny and Col Nelson to the Sunshine Coast, it was imperative to find someone to look after the units they had been maintaining in Brisbane. Gavin Molloy has kindly agreed to take on this job for 12 months and we thank Jenny and Col for the hard yards they have put into the work and thank Gavin for taking over the reins.

Assistance is needed to help maintain the emergency accommodation in Brisbane. Dot Stumer, Gavin Molloy and Ken Guyatt look after the one house and four units. Another unit was bought recently and it is situated close to the Mater Hospital. At present it is referred to as "Catherine Street".

The job entails arranging for tradespeople to call, replace household items and small maintenance jobs. You would be part of a

team that Dot, Gavin or Ken could call on if necessary. Please give this important job your earnest consideration as CSP is filling a need in providing the accommodation to the members of the QPS and their families in times of need. If you can help please contact Dot Stumer on 3355 5874 or email dotstumer@yahoo.com.au"

## Behind the crime

THERE will be three presentations of Behind the Crime in Brisbane this year and the first will be on Friday, May 13 at the Brisbane Girls Grammar School, Gregory Terrace, from 7pm. The police officer presenter will be Inspector Geoff Sheldon and he will speak about the investigation into the killing of Brisbane receptionist Linda Roberts in 2001 and initial and subsequent court findings against the two accused of her murder. The other Brisbane dates are July 15 and September 2.

## Ted Butler award

WE congratulate Constables Kelly Burbank and Jodie McDonald on receiving the Ted Butler Memorial Award on October 22, 2010 and Constable Kirsten Kent on January 21, 2011. Matthew Neijman received the award on March 31. We offer our best wishes for these officers' future with the Queensland Police Service.

## Carols at the Academy

ONCE again CSP was asked to provide the

supper for the entertainers at the rehearsal for the Commissioner's Christmas Carols. The Newtons, Johnsons, Nelsons, Pat Dryden and Bryan Brown served the traditional hot dogs, Christmas cake and fruit mince pies and the fare was enjoyed by all. The following night, Carols at the Academy took place and the feeling generated was that of community spirit and friendliness. The program was excellent and Santa still stole the night. Commissioner Bob Atkinson said the Academy would be the future venue for this event and CSP looks forward to providing more hot dogs in future.

## Successful fundraisers

THE Crime Stoppers Thank You Day in Keating Park, Indooroopilly was held on March 12 to thank the emergency services personnel who were involved in the cleanup following the floods. There were representatives from SES, Ambulance, Army, Qld. Fire & Rescue, Crime Stoppers, Recruiting and Crime Prevention, Bomb Squad with PD "Venus", Mounted Police and Water Police. Children were entertained with activities and CSP had a stall. It was a wonderful, friendly family day. The fundraising Poker Night at the Treasury Casino attracted more than 60 people. It was lots of fun and some welcome dollars went to Helping Hand. Treasury Casino has offered to hold it next year.

## Coming events

June 8-14 – Caravan and Camping Show at the RNA – a roster has been established to man the CSP stall for this event. If you can

