



Community
Supporting
Police

AUTUMN 2018 NEWSLETTER

*"Supporting those
who support us"*



Behind the Crime

An initiative of Community Supporting Police Inc. and the
Queensland Police Service

Presents

Crimes linked by Ballistics Evidence

Presenters: Senior Constable Peta Radnidge, Ballistics Unit
Scientific Section, Forensic Services Group

Detective Senior Sergeant Tony Parsons, Firearms and Cannabis Team
Major and Organised Crime Squad, Drug and Serious Crime Group

See how Ballistics test firearms, the unlawful possession of firearms and who QPS partners with in those investigations, and a case study of Ballistics efforts that assisted in the investigation into a Gold Coast shooting.

Friday - 23 March 2018

Brisbane Girls' Grammar School Gehrman Theatre
Gregory Terrace, Brisbane

Parking available within school grounds and on the street

6.45pm for 7.00pm start

Cost: \$25 per adult
\$20 adult student/adult concession (children are not permitted)

More information: Sergeant Kate Bailey email or email btc@csp.asn.au

Conditions: Cameras, mobile phones, videos and other audio and visual recording devices are not permitted. These presentations contain adult themes, therefore children (under the age of 18 years), will not be permitted entry.

PAYMENT METHODS

- Pay online using credit card or Paypal payment, please go to <http://csp.asn.au/store/> and follow the links.
- For cheque or money order payments, please post to **Community Supporting Police, PO Box 209, Strathpine Centre, Qld 4500**, and provide your name and contact details.
- If you wish to pay at the door, please email your name to btc@csp.asn.au

We need accurate attendance numbers for catering purposes. Once we hear from you, your name will be on the attendee list and will be confirmed at the door.

All monies raised through this fundraising initiative go to support all members of the QPS and their families.

Our Generous Donors

We would like to thank Brisbane Girls Grammar School for providing the Theatre. Thank You!

Australian Police Medal CONGRATULATIONS !!! & THANK YOU!!!

The members of Community Supporting Police wish to congratulate the five Queensland Police Service (QPS) officers who received the Australian Police Medal (APM) in this year's Australia Day Honours. The APM is a national honour in recognition of their distinguished service and or their commitment to keeping our Queensland community safe. As you will see from the extracts below these five QPS APM recipients have achieved amazing careers as a result of the experiences they have encountered serving the Queensland community.

Superintendent Michael Brady (District Officer, Moreton District), began his career in 1982 and since then has served in a range of police appointments, some of which include: the national benchmarking of investigative techniques as a consequence of his experience as a major crime investigator. Superintendent Brady has, in more recent times, been actively involved in the development of a number of community based programs aimed at addressing domestic violence and public disorder issues. In this regard Superintendent Brady has been actively involved in projects such as Prado (addressing domestic violence) and the 'It's your choice' program (developed to address youth violence and public disorder). Further evidence of his dedication and commitment to the wider community is exemplified through his work with both Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch. Additionally, Superintendent Brady has received formal acknowledgement for his leadership as the District Disaster Coordinator during the 2010-2011 flood and cyclone event.

Inspector Keiryn Dermody (Manager, Road Policing Command), received her APM in recognition of her leadership, management and organisational improvement skills displayed through the development and fostering of innovation in policing practice. With the majority of her career devoted to the areas of prosecutions and legal services Inspector Dermody's professionalism, expertise and knowledge was recognised with promotions to prosecution positions. Inspector Dermody's leadership has also been displayed through her commitment to the "PCYC and more recently through her engagement and negotiating with stakeholders at Road Policing Command".

Chief Superintendent Kevin Guteridge (District Officer, Townsville District), has shown an outstanding commitment to the QPS and the wider Queensland community over his 30 year career. Chief Superintendent Guteridge's journey has seen him serve Queensland in a broad range of operational areas. Including but not limited to his involvement in Disaster Management response and recovery in Bundaberg during flooding events in 2010-2011, tornados and extreme floods in 2013 and during Tropical Cyclone Marcia in 2015. Chief Superintendent Guteridge's APM is in recognition of his commitment to not only his own personal development but also the development of his staff which is evidenced through his professionalism, leadership abilities and epitomises a pursuit of excellence that has contributed greatly to operational and strategic outcomes. Chief Superintendent Guteridge is known as "a leader who displays dedication, professionalism, resilience and a commitment to fairness".

Inspector Samantha Sanderson (South Eastern Regional Office) since graduating in 1995 Inspector Sanderson "has displayed a significant commitment to mentoring fellow officers and continues to take an active interest in their welfare". In her roles as South Eastern Region Performance Officer and senior facilitator of Training and Development at the Academy, Inspector Sanderson has displayed a commitment to embrace change. This was exemplified during the "implementation of the Taskforce Bletchley and Gold Coast District Cultural Review recommendations", which included Inspector Sanderson's "contribution to the development of policy and procedures as part of those recommendations. Inspector Sanderson has been acknowledged as a champion for women in policing and is seen as a leader who implements change".

Chief Superintendent Brett Schafferius (District Officer, Far North District), has served the Queensland Police Service and community with distinction since he commenced operational police work in Townsville in 1985. Chief Superintendent Schafferius's career has taken him into many challenging areas across the State. Not only working in general duties, drug squad work, and major criminal investigations, Chief Superintendent Schafferius has experienced the roles of district officer in both distinctive settings. One an urban posting the other as district officer for the Far North District which is one of the most diverse districts in the state. Chief Superintendent Schafferius was awarded a Commissioner's Certificate (Operational) in 2012, for his "leadership during the Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley floods disaster. As a consequence of these events Chief Superintendent Schafferius's experience has been integral to implementing improved disaster management arrangements in the far north of the state". Additionally, Chief Superintendent Schafferius is also recognised as being supportive of his fellow officers and "is a champion of equity and diversity in the Queensland Police Service, ensuring all members have an equal opportunity in the workplace". <http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2018/1/26/five-of-the-services-finest-nationally-recognised>

Commissioner Stewart acknowledged the dedication of each of the APM recipients. "The Australian Police Medal is a fitting acknowledgment of each recipient's outstanding contribution and commitment to serving the Queensland community," Commissioner Stewart said. <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/blog/2018/01/26/five-services-finest-nationally-recognised/>

CAROLS in the MALL



Crime Stoppers Queensland Annual Results Celebration Day

On Monday 12 February 2018 Crime Stoppers Queensland announced their Annual Results for 2017. For every successful report submitted to the Queensland Police Service by Crime Stoppers in 2017, an average of five charges were laid in response to criminal activity, with over half of all contacts made to Crime Stoppers Queensland related to drugs.

Fielding 56,683 phone, online and mobile app reports, at average of 155 contacts per day, Crime Stoppers Queensland passed on 20,313 pieces of anonymous information to the Police which led to a total of 2,812 persons arrested and 8,359 charges across the state. Crime Stoppers Queensland Chief Executive Officer Mr. Trevor O'Hara said the year-end statistics demonstrated how committed Queenslanders are to ensuring the safety of their local communities.

"Without the support from the public in 2017, we can assume 2,812 individuals would not have been arrested for criminal activity and more than \$8 million worth of drugs would still be on the streets. Queenslanders should be proud of the outcomes their reports have achieved." Mr. O'Hara said.

The top five crimes reported to Crime Stoppers Queensland in 2017 related to personal safety, property, drugs, traffic matters and regulatory offences, with drug crimes accounting for 67 per cent of intelligence reports submitted to QPS last year.

Mr O'Hara said anonymous reports received from the Queensland public also resulted in \$743,079 worth of unlawful proceeds confiscated.

"Last year we observed a 30 per cent increase on the previous year in crime related proceeds seized, and a total of \$273,750 worth of social harm avoided from the confiscation of amphetamines alone," Mr. O'Hara said.

"We're seeing from the unwavering influx of intelligence received from the public that drug possession, supply and production are still prevalent issues in Queensland, and it's high on the community's agenda to prevent these crimes.

"Crime Stoppers Queensland plays a vital role in solving crime and ultimately makes our state a safer place. Intelligence reported from the public assists QPS to prevent drug crimes, locate wanted persons and find missing persons and I encourage the public to continue to embrace the anonymity of the Crime Stoppers program to ensure the ongoing safety of their local communities," Mr. O'Hara added.

<https://www.crimestoppersqld.com.au/discover/celebrate>

Anyone can contact Crime Stoppers anonymously by calling 1800 333 000, going online to www.crimestoppersqld.com.au or downloading and reporting via the Crime Stoppers Queensland mobile app.



The members of Community Supporting Police Inc wish to sincerely thank QBANK for their continued financial commitment to CSP. Our thanks also goes to QBANK staff who provide volunteer assistance by manning Community Supporting Police stands at various fundraising events through out the year. This generous support assists CSP to maintain QPS owned emergency accommodation, which is provided, free of charge, to members of the Queensland Police Service and their immediate families in times of trauma and crisis.

**Community Supporting Police Inc.
Proudly acknowledges
QBANK
as a major supporter**

(above) QBANK's Executive Manager of Sales and Marketing, Mr. Bruce Jones presenting Community Supporting Police Inc's Treasurer Mr. Vic Serchen and Secretary Mrs. Cecelia Serchen with a cheque for \$5,000.

Happy 70th Birthday PCYC

Police-Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) Queensland is a trusted and respected charitable not-for-profit that delivers a broad range of youth-focused activities and programs, outside school hours care, gym and fitness, and more for everyone.

Together we're building safer, healthier communities through youth development.

Since 1948, our staff and volunteers have been working in partnership with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to meet local community and youth needs. Today, PCYC supports more than 75,000 members across our 54 branches from the tip of Cape York to the Gold Coast hinterland.

Importantly, PCYCs are a vital and key point of engagement for young people who are at risk, disadvantaged or disengaged. Our clubs and programs provide opportunities for young people to have positive experiences, get involved in a wide range of activities, and learn from great mentors and community leaders including our serving Police officers.

Almost 90% of our work is funded through your kind donations and our services for the community. The remaining is from government funding and significant in-kind support from our founding partners. Any surplus revenue goes straight back into our programs and facilities, as well as the communities we serve — ensuring we deliver on our vision, now and in the future.



GALA BALL

70
years
working together

Saturday, 19 May 2018

Braking the Cycle

Braking the Cycle aims to provide young people with increased employment opportunities, community connection and driver education. This is achieved via a volunteer driver mentor program designed to support learner drivers without access to a supervisor or registered vehicle to complete their logbook hours.

The program was developed by PCYC Ipswich and PCYC Logan in response to a need identified by the community. Ipswich and Logan feature highly in regional unemployment statistics and following a meeting between community leaders, state and federal government and community organisations, it was identified that many people are willing to work however lack the simple ability to get to and from the workplace. Further analysis identified that this was most evident in young people aged 16 to 25 years who did not have the capacity to complete the mandatory 100 hours of supervised driving experience necessary to gaining a licence.

The 100 hour requirement has placed enormous stress on young people and acts as a significant barrier to getting a licence and engage in employment. Secondary to this, is the impact of poorly educated or unlicensed drivers on the roads and the devastating impact this can have on a community.

"Braking the Cycle" has been termed to highlight the links between obtaining a licence, employment and good social outcomes, the program aims to not only empower young people to get their licence, but also to break the cycle of welfare, unemployment, and anti social behaviour.

HELPING YOUNG QUEENSLANDERS



YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT





The *Community Supporting Police Inc. (CSP) Helping Hand (HH)* is a registered tax 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 2005. *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.

Brisbane CSP meeting dates for 2018

General Meeting at Police Headquarters: Wed 11th April 7.00pm

Annual General Meeting Police Headquarters: Wed 12th September 7.00pm

General Meeting at Police Headquarters: Wed 14th November 2018 7.00pm



If you would like to attend your local CSP Branch meeting please contact your local QPS Chaplain or CSP Branch representative.

Cairns: Rev Doug Foster—foster.dougn@police.qld.gov.au

Mareeba: Inspector Rolf Straatemeier—straatemeier.rolfr@police.qld.gov.au

Townsville: Senior Sergeant Janelle Poole—poole.janellem@police.qld.gov.au

Rockhampton: Senior Sergeant William Fleming—fleming.williamj@police.qld.gov.au

Toowoomba: Inspector Sharee Cumming—cumming.shareet@police.qld.gov.au



(the photo left:) depicts The Blue Ribbon Committee presenting the Mater Little Miracles Foundation with the donation from the Blue Ribbon fundraising and Police Remembrance Day collection. The other recipients of three way split were Queensland Police Legacy and Community Supporting Police Inc.

(From Left to right:) Inspector Debbie Nicholson, QPS Blue Ribbon committee; Mr Evan Newton, Community Supporting Police; Commissioner Ian Stewart; Mr Greg Early, Chair QPS Blue Ribbon Committee; Sally, Geneveive and Sidonie from the Mater Hospital; Mr Peter Johnson, Community Supporting Police



High-tech bid to fight retail crime in the Brisbane CBD

Brisbane retailers are teaming up with the Brisbane City Council and Crime Stoppers in a high-tech bid to stamp out crime in the CBD and Fortitude Valley. In March the National Retail Association's (NRA) *SafeCity Network* will be switched on thanks to the backing of the Federal Government's Safer Streets program and support from the Council.

It will involve a real-time digital platform to allow retailers to share information about criminal activity and the presence of known and suspected criminals in the *SafeCity Network* catchment area. It will also involve regular collaboration among retailers, coordinated by the NRA, and a dedicated line operated by Crime Stoppers for retailers in the network to provide non-urgent information to law enforcement agencies. Best of all, it is free for retailers to join thanks to the support of the Federal Government and the Brisbane City Council.

NRA Chief Executive Officer Dominique Lamb predicted the combination of new technology, greater collaboration and easier reporting would help drive down retail crime in the CBD and Valley, creating a safer and more visitor-friendly shopping environment. "We know that where retail crime is a problem, anti-social behaviour is usually following close behind," Ms Lamb said. "By working together to identify and prevent criminal activity, City and Valley retailers will be helping to create a better place to shop and improve their own bottom line, which in turn will result in stronger employment opportunities and a more vibrant CBD.

The NRA *SafeCity Network* will provide a digital platform for high-risk retailers to upload video or photographs and details of theft and other retail crime committed in their stores. This will be vetted and then shared across the network to similar retailers, to help them guard against similar crimes.

The NRA will also provide the collated intelligence data to Crime Stoppers to support crime prevention, weekly information bulletins to participating retailers based on trends and crime patterns, and convene monthly meetings among like-minded retailers to share information.

"The most frustrating thing about in-store crime for most retailers is their perception – rightly or wrongly – that complaints are never properly actioned by the police, and that making the report is more trouble than it is worth," Ms Lamb said. "The problem with this approach is that individual crimes that go unreported could add up to valuable information about trends and activities of particular perpetrators.

"By making it easier to capture, upload and share information, the NRA *SafeCity Network* will provide a valuable bank of data that can be used by both retailers and law enforcement officials to understand, predict and prevent patterns of criminal behaviour," she said.

Brisbane City Council Chair of Finance and Economic Development, Cr Krista Adams, said a safer and more family-friendly CBD and Valley would be a win for all the businesses in the area and all residents of Brisbane.

"We are serious about ensuring Brisbane is a safe place to live, work and relax, and this initiative will give retailers and the general public more peace of mind when they're out enjoying Brisbane's great lifestyle," Cr Adams said. "Our businesses are the driving force behind our city's economy, and Council is supportive of initiatives that help local traders better-serve the people of Brisbane," she said.

Crime Stoppers Chief Executive Office Trevor O'Hara welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with the NRA and local retailers. "Crime Stoppers is pleased to be providing support through our independent contact centre to ensure that retailers can participate in the Safe City Network with ease," Mr O'Hara said. "Crime Stoppers' core role is to assist with solving and preventing crime, and this network will not only help to increase information about offenders but also may lead to identifying them instead of just being another face on CCTV," he said.

The NRA *SafeCity Network* is scheduled to run for an initial trial period of 12 months. For more information go to: <https://www.nra.net.au/high-tech-bid-fight-retail-crime-brisbane-cbd/> Information taken from Crime Stoppers article dated 15th December 2017.

We hope you find this edition informative and interesting, keeping you up-to-date with what Community Supporting Police is doing through the State to "support those who support us" and keep us safe.

If you have any feedback, comments or recipes we would love to hear from you!!

Alternatively, if you attend an event, hold an activity or have a story or photos you want to share please feel free to: email the secretary at info@csp.asn.au



Community Supporting Police Inc



Support those ...who support you

Community Supporting Police Inc (CSP) is a community driven organisation which is devoted to raising funds to provide comfort and support to members of the Queensland Police family in times of crisis and /or trauma.

Since its inception in 1991, CSP has continued to raised funds to provide emergency accommodation free of charge to hundreds of QPS families who have required assistance. Requests for assistance are made through the Police Chaplain or Human Services Officer.

Membership is \$20 per year



Helping Hand is a registered charity and is a sub-committee of CSP. Helping Hand provides financial assistance and a communication network to members of the QPS family affected by serious illness or personal trauma.

QPS members can make donations to Helping Hand through payroll deductions, which are tax deductible

For more information about *Helping Hand* or *volunteering for CSP* or *CSP membership*

visit www.csp.asn.au or

email info@csp.asn.au

To make a donation or purchase *Behind the Crime* tickets or *CSP merchandise* check-out www.csp.asn.au or email info@csp.asn.au.

Congratulations & Thank you

Service Awards 2017 AGM



(Above) Assistant Commissioner Shane Chelepy APM presenting CSP members with their Service Awards at the 2017 AGM.

(left) **Mr Evan Newton OAM** receiving his certificate for 20 years of dedicated service to CSP. Evan has been treasurer for CSP and the Helping Hand Fund as well as being involved with the Blue Ribbon Committee.

(centre) **Ms Nadene Sander** with her 20 years Award for continued service to CSP. Nadene continues in her role as HH fund treasurer which she inherited in 2012 .

(right) **Mr Greg Early** receiving his 25 Years Service Award for his ongoing commitment to CSP in particular as Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

CSP members Out & About

In November 2017 CSP Jan Robertson, Vic and Cecelia Serchen joined with members of the Stafford Neighbourhood Watch, Senior Constable Diana Kratochvil and Volunteer in Policing Janette Irons and Sergeant Kate Bailey at the inaugural Dog Lovers Expo at the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) grounds in Brisbane. The two day event gave Community Supporting Police a great opportunity to show case our Police branded Labradors and German Shepherds along with our Junior Police range of children's clothing to the many dog owners, breeders and other Expo visitors. There were hundreds of visitors who took advantage of the various displays which provided information regarding: Dog adoption, Rescue Dogs, Breeders and Dog Clubs as well as Veterinary Information; Dog merchandise (selling their products) and a tribute to Australian Military Dogs. It was a great two days although a little bit noisy with the dogs as well as their owners all taking advantage of having a chat when necessary.

Dog Lovers Expo



KROON'S ARMENIAN CAKE

Ingredients:

- 2 cups Self Raising Flour
- 2 cups Brown Sugar
- 125 gms. Unsalted butter (softened)
- 1 Egg (beaten)
- 1 cup Plain Yoghurt or Sour Cream (or 1/2 and 1/2)
- 1 tsp Nutmeg
- 1 tsp Bi-carb Soda
- 1/2 cup Chopped Walnuts (or other nuts if preferred)

Method:

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 180degrees
- 2. Mix: flour and sugar in a large bowl
- 3. Rub: softened butter in to flour/sugar mix by hand
- 4. Press: 1/2 mixture into a greased 9inch spring form pan to create a base and set aside.
- 5. Mix: Bi-carb Soda with small amount of yoghurt and then add to rest of yoghurt
- 6. Mix: Nutmeg and egg into the yoghurt
- 7. Add: the remaining 1/2 of combined butter, sugar and flour mixture to the yoghurt and mix well
- 8. Pour: the combined flour and yoghurt mixture over the prepared base
- 9 Sprinkle: top with walnuts (other nuts)

Bake: for 45 minutes or until skewer comes out clean.

Enjoy !!!

CSP members
Out & About



CAROLS
in the
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JP Teddy
\$12.00

Junior Police Polos Sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12



CONSTABLE T. BEAR
2014
\$60.00



Junior Police Cap
(adjustable)
\$10.00

\$30.00



Connie the Horse
\$12.00



Police Dogs \$12.00
(named after QPS working dogs)



Koala Cop
\$25.00



QPS Lanyard
\$5.00



Drink Holders
\$5.00



Pen Holders
\$2.00



Community Supporting Police Pen in a Pouch
\$5.00

CSP merchandise can be purchased at our stalls at various community events including but not limited to: The Caravan and Camping Show, the Brisbane EKKA both held at the RNA as well as through some Police Beats and online at www.csp.asn.au

If you want to check out the CSP merchandise once you access www.csp.asn.au please go to "Our Store" by clicking on the links, orders can be made here with payments processed through PayPal or Credit Card for your convenience.

Alternatively, once you have selected your items you can place your orders through orders@csp.asn.au and arrange for payment and delivery.

As you are aware all funds raised go to support those who support us.