



Community  
Supporting  
Police

## AUTUMN 2019 NEWSLETTER

*“Supporting those  
who support us”*



# Behind the Crime

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

Presents



## Queensland Police Service Search and Rescue

# SAR



The Queensland Police Service Search and Rescue Unit provides both the training of coordinators and the management of all search and rescue operations involving lost or missing persons throughout the state. There are, on average, three incidents daily, covering all three disciplines of land, maritime and aviation searching. Returning a lost, injured or missing person to their families is one of the highlights of policing.

This presentation by the State Search and Rescue Coordinator will feature case studies showcasing the capabilities and experience of the Queensland Police Service SAR Unit.

**Friday – 15 March 2019**

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:** Email [btc@csp.asn.au](mailto: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

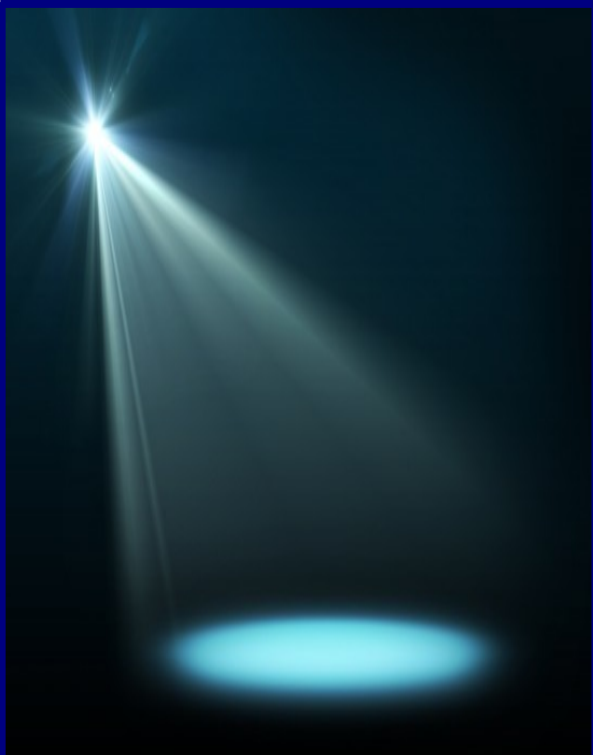
- Pay online using credit card or Paypal payment, please go to <http://csp.asn.au/store/> and follow the links.
- For cheque or money order payments, please post to **Community Supporting Police, PO Box 209, Strathpine Centre, Qld 4500**, and provide your name and contact details.
- If you wish to pay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



**Townsville  
Flood Disaster Response.**

**Help CSP  
“support those who support us”.**

**CSP will donate the profits  
from the March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Behind The Crime Night  
to support the QPS members  
impacted by the Townsville floods**

**QPS members are always there to assist  
the community when crisis happens.**

**NOW, it is our chance to provide support to these heroes  
and their immediate families in their time of need.**

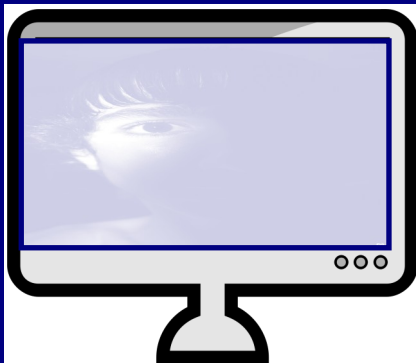
**PLEASE**

**join us on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> for the “Queensland Police Search and Rescue”  
Behind the Crime Presentation at the Brisbane Girls Grammar School.**

**Tickets \$25.00 each or \$20.00 for concession holders.  
Come along and enjoy an interesting presentation  
and support our men and women in blue.**

**Thank you!!!**

**BEHIND THE CRIME  
NEWS FLASH!!!**



### Safer Internet Day 2019

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual, worldwide event will be held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 to help encourage a better internet, with this year's theme: **'Together for a better internet'** encourages individuals to create a better internet by developing four, critical skills. We call these skills the 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning and Resilience. Celebrated globally in 130 countries, Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe. ([Office of the eSafety Commissioner.](#))

#### **Argos appeal to parents on Safer Internet Day 2019** (myPolice on [Feb 5, 2019 @ 9:10am](#))

The Minister for Police and Corrective Services Mark Ryan MP joined the Queensland Police Service to deliver an important message to all parents, caregivers and educators as part of Safer Internet Day. Minister Ryan said, "The investigators within Queensland Police Service's Argos and child protection officers across the state do a job not many of us could. They investigate internet facilitated crimes against children" ... "They have seen the pain, the trauma and the suffering. They have seen it all." ... "But that's their job and I would be joined by many people in suggesting the world is a better place because of people like them. It is because of their sheer hard work and dedication that so many children across the world have been removed from harm and saved from the hands of those who commit these most horrible acts,"

Detective Inspector Jon Rouse head of operations at State Crime Command's Argos said, too many crimes started with a stranger requesting images or videos from a child online. "A simple friend request on an app that facilitates communication can lead to a child chatting to strangers, the production and distribution of images and potentially, the child meeting up with their new 'friend'. "Despite all that we are doing at the front line to investigate and stop the sexual exploitation of children we are encountering spiralling volumes of self-produced images and videos in our digital seizures," Detective Inspector Rouse said.

Safer Internet Day is a day that means many things to many people. It is about raising awareness and educating anyone who uses the internet – from those at risk of identity theft and romance scams to the heartless scammers who use the internet to target our most vulnerable.

Minister Ryan said Safer Internet Day was also about raising awareness amongst parents, caregivers, educators and anyone in the community who has the important job of caring for, raising or educating a child. "For us today, the message is clear and it is direct from the investigators who have seen it all.

(<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/farnorth/2019/02/05/argos-appeal-to-parents-on-safer-internet-day-2019/>)

- \* **Where possible keep all internet capable devices in common family areas**
- \* **Ensure you have access to your child's accounts in order to monitor them**
- \* **Check your child's online profiles and ensure the content is appropriate**
- \* **Monitor your child's phone plans and credit for unusual activity**
- \* **Consider syncing smart devices to a family account**
- \* **Consider password protected settings for installation of age appropriate applications on smart devices**
- \* **Know how to disable location services on your child's smart device**
- \* **Explain to your children to only talk to people online that they really know**
- \* **Maintain direct and open communication with your child**

(<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/cscp/personalSafety/children/childProtection/Documents/whoschattingebook.pdf>)



# CAROLS in the MALL



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.



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

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

**Far North Region: Rev Doug Foster**—[Foster.dougn@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Foster.dougn@police.qld.gov.au) (Cairns & Tablelands)

**Northern Region: Senior Sergeant Janelle Poole**—[Poole.janellem@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Poole.janellem@police.qld.gov.au) (Townsville)

**Central Region: Sergeant Amanda Warby**—[Warby.AmandaC@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Warby.AmandaC@police.qld.gov.au) (Rockhampton)

**Southern Region: Rebecca Elliott** - [Elliott.RebeccaJ@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Elliott.RebeccaJ@police.qld.gov.au) (Toowoomba)

**Brisbane CSP meeting dates for 2019**

**General Meeting at Police Headquarters: Wed 10th April 7.00pm**

**Annual General Meeting Police Headquarters: Wed 11th September 7.00pm**

**General Meeting at Police Headquarters: Wed 13th November 7.00pm**



# Congratulations!!!

**Detective Inspector Jon Rouse (APM), 2019 Queensland Australian of the Year.**

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The members of Community Supporting Police Inc wish to acknowledge and “Congratulate”

Detective Inspector Jon Rouse

on the receipt of both the “2019 Queensland Australian of the Year “

and the “Australian Police Medal” in this years Australia Day Awards.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012, Detective Inspector Jon Rouse gave a passionate Behind The Crime (BTC) presentation “The Queensland Police Service response to online child exploitation” at the Brisbane Girls Grammar School.

Members of CSP and our BTC audience attending that event were impressed with Detective Inspector Rouse’s explanations and insight to the work undertaken by him and his Task Force Argos officers. Detective Inspector Rouse highlighted the day to day challenges the Task Force face in trying to combat online child exploitation and proactively target child sex offenders while simultaneously improving the capability and training of officers involved in the area of Child Safety so as best practices are maintained thus keeping children across the world safe.

During the BTC presentation it was obvious that Detective Inspector Rouse in his role as Operations Manager of the Child Safety and Sexual Crime Group, has forged strong and trusting relationships with external clients: noting that the Queensland Police Service has been recognised both nationally and internationally for their efforts in detecting this atrocious crime and its perpetrators, thus ensuring best outcomes for Queensland and the wider community.



## Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, (RPAS),

by Acting Sergeant Whittle, QPS RPAS Chief Pilot,

Queensland Police Service (QPS), has been using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, (RPAS), since 2013 and was Australia's first law enforcement jurisdiction, and Queensland Government agency to do so. The authority to operate RPAS is given to us by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), who has, after interview and testing of the chief pilot, issued a RPA Operators Certificate. RPAS offer new ways to increase operational efficiency, decrease costs and enhance employee and public safety. Rapid advancements in the ease of operation, flight time, safety and a reduction in entry costs has resulted in the increased application of this technology.

QPS have 39 operational RPAS aircraft, (fixed wing and multi rotor), and 34 operational pilots under the QPS RPAS Chief Pilot, A/Sergeant Rob WHITTLE. The QPS RPAS Chief Pilot is based within Specialist Services Group (SSG), at PolAir Queensland along with the Chief RPAS Maintenance Controller A/Sergeant Mark GAMER. All other operational pilots are located within specific units of QPS.

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES), RPAS operations currently fall under the QPS Chief Pilot, with a further 26 pilots and 17 aircraft. All pilots from both QPS and QFES have been tested and authorised to fly under the QPS RPA Operators Certificate by the Chief Pilot, and all undergo annual proficiency testing.

RPAS application to QPS, in the current technological and regulatory environment, relates primarily to activities that provide:

- a response to terror incidents within the arrangements agreed to under the National Counter Terrorism Plan;
- specialist police capabilities to resolve incidents which are potentially violent and exceed normal police capabilities;
- unplanned, spontaneous or urgent responses where immediate information and situational awareness is required;
- support to the Explosive Ordnance Response Team responding to incidents involving explosives/ordnance or chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) devices;
- a response to natural disasters to preserve life and protect property;
- support for search and rescue operations where available crewed aircraft are fully consumed in more urgent tasks, such as assisting immediately post-disaster or event with rescues;
- support of forensic investigations, including aerial perspectives identifying the scope of the scene, recording of and searching for evidence, and for accurate representation including measurements for forensic crash investigations;
- a cost-effective method of low level flying, below cloud level at or near buildings/obstructions, where conventional manned aircraft/helicopters would not be able to get to;
- rapid situational awareness to support operational forward commanders at major/critical incidents.

### Statistics:

In 2018 QPS have operated 480 operational flights to support investigations and incidents. To the 10<sup>th</sup> of February QPS have operated 71 operational deployments. In total there have been over 680 deployments of RPAS for a variety of policing responses to incidents.

The QPS RPAS continues to look at new applications for RPAS technology, and a business case is being developed for a permanent structure and resources in line with growing demand, technological advances and cost benefit.

### Examples of QPS RPAS USE:

**Nov 2017** – Deployment of RPAS to Mackay for attempted murder of Police officers by firearms. RPAS used in support of Forensic scene examination. Multiple flights were completed without incident whilst complying with Air Traffic Control clearances and directions whilst airborne, (to maintain separation from manned commercial flights).

**Outcome** – RPAS support was extremely beneficial in this instance due to the size of the scene spanning approximately 2.5 kilometres. Aerial video and still imagery of the entire scene was completed quickly, (captured within 1 hour of flight time), compared to traditional methods, (at least 1 day), with investigators being able to view the entire footage of the scene in a very short space of time. Aerial images and video was used by forensics in the construction and overall interactive production for assistance to the court and investigators.

**February 2018** – RPAS used in relation to the arrest of persons & search warrant execution re: multiple, serious indictable offences. RPAS performed overwatch of subject address to support safe execution of search warrant and to minimise risk of alleged offenders' escape.

**Outcome** – High risk search warrant executed safely with all suspects apprehended.

**February 2018** – RPAS used as overwatch for high risk domestic siege situation providing constant situational awareness for the forward commander and SERT operations for the safe containment of the scene for everyone's safety.

**Outcome** – Situation resolved successfully without injury to any person.

The above information and following photos were provided by Acting Sergeant Robert Whittle *QPS and QFES Chief Pilot (RPAS)* PolAir Queensland, Specialist Services Group, we sincerely thank Acting Sergeant Whittle for taking the time to prepare this article, and fellow officer Sergeant Wayne Roberts for his assistance. This article is a follow up to the "**Remotely Piloted Aircraft assist in missing person search**" article from the Summer 2018 Edition which was sent through by Inspector Rolf Straatemeier (now retired), Tablelands Patrol Group and member of CSP's Far North Branch. **Thank you to all who have contributed.**



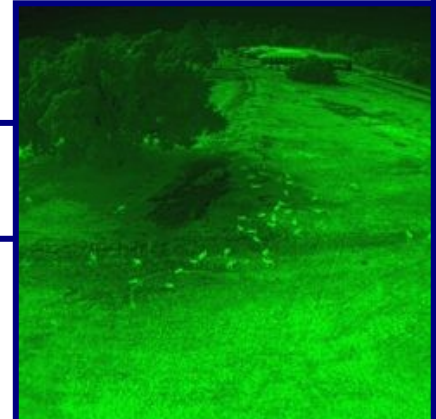
(left) Officers discussing flight procedures prior to takeoff



(left) The landing gear on this RPA raises to give the camera an unobstructed view



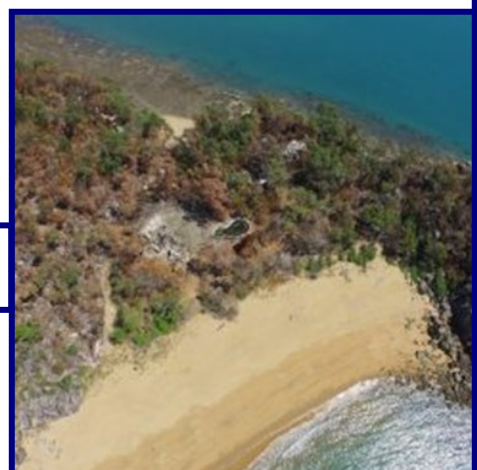
(left and right ) The FLIR thermal imaging camera allows flight and image capture in complete darkness



(above) The RPAs are ideal for photographing large areas



(left and right) Fire scene Hinchinbrook Island





### Queensland Corrective Services Victims Register

by Tracie Williams QLD Corrections.

Victims of violent or sexual crimes may be eligible to apply to register with the Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) Victims Register.

The Victims Register is an information service that informs eligible persons of the important events in the sentences of those they are registered against. For initial consideration, the nominated prisoner must be convicted (not remand only) and be serving a sentence under the supervision of QCS which includes imprisonment, parole, prisoner probation and/or Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act.

People can register on the Victims Register and receive information if one of the following eligibility criteria is met::

- you are the actual victim of a violent or sexual offence for which the prisoner is convicted of and currently serving a period of imprisonment for.
- you are an immediate family member of a deceased victim of which is a result of a violent or sexual offence.
- you are the victim's parent or guardian (if the victim is under 18 or has a legal incapacity).
- you are or have been a victim of domestic violence and the prisoner has been sentenced to a period of imprisonment for '**ANY**' offence.

Information that may be provided by the Victims Register includes:

prisoner location and transfers between correctional centres,  
release dates or parole eligibility dates,  
outcomes of the prisoner's applications for parole *\*where applicable*,  
locations in the community where the prisoner must report to when on a parole order in the community,  
death of a prisoner,  
escape of a prisoner,  
security classification and further sentencing.

If the above criteria is not met, special consideration can be given if there is a documented history of violence against you by a prisoner (e.g. current or expired Domestic Violence Order) or your life or physical safety is endangered as a result of giving evidence against the prisoner in court.

The Victims Register is located in Brisbane with a dedicated team who process, assess and manage all applications and approved registrations. The team supports the community by attending to general inquiries made by the public and respond to the inquiries made by Registered Persons to ensure information and assistance is provided when necessary. The team work with external stakeholders who support victims of crime to ensure appropriate information and advice is provided to eligible persons.

For eligible persons who do not wish to receive information directly from the Victims Register, a nominee can be selected to receive the information on your behalf. The Victims Register has practises in place which ensures a high level of personal confidentiality and securely maintains the privacy of all Registered Persons, nominees and applicants.

You can apply to become registered with the Victims Register by submitting a Victims Register [application](#) (Form 49).

If you have any questions, please contact the team on 1800 098 098 (free call) or email [Victims.Register@corrections.qld.gov.au](mailto:Victims.Register@corrections.qld.gov.au).

Please visit the Queensland Government [website](#) for more information or to download a copy of the Victims Register flyer.

We hope you find this edition informative and interesting.

We would also like to sincerely thank all those, who have taken the time to write articles and contributed to this edition.

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 is important to us.

If you have any feedback, comments or recipes you would like to share 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](mailto:info@csp.asn.au)

We thank you for your continued support of CSP.



# LOOK TO THE STARS



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The above artwork "Look to the Stars" was produced by Indigenous artist Jenna Lee, of the Larrakia people, from

Gilimbaa, in collaboration with a specialist reference group representing a cross section of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and members of the Queensland Police Service. "Sharing stories, experiences and perspectives, the group worked to form a collective narrative of the past and the present to create a united message for the future".

The colour palette chosen by Jenna Lee is layered with meaning: with the blue representing the Queensland Police Service and the maroons represent the State of Queensland. ([www.police.qld.gov.au](http://www.police.qld.gov.au))

"As we look to the stars, the Guiding Constellation lights up the sky, illuminating our way forward through trust, relationships and respect." Each element within the artwork holds deep meaning, combining to form the overall artwork story" and the "connection lines represent important journeys between yesterday and today, represented by multiple pathways with meeting places where people join the journey. Although they go in different directions all paths link the present and the past" (to explore the story further please see <https://looktothestars.mypolice.qld.gov.au/>

On the eve of National Reconciliation Week 2019, Commissioner Ian Stewart officially launched "Look to the Stars" for the Queensland Police Service. Mr Stewart said that the "artwork incorporated Sir Robert Peel's nine principles of policing as stars... "A core tenant of those principles are that "police are the community, and the community are the police." <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/blog/2018/05/25/queensland-police-service-look-to-the-stars/>

Commissioner Stewart said that "the artwork will invite people to start a conversation and foster and build relationships both within the Queensland Police Service family and with the community in which we serve. The Commissioner went on to say "the artwork would be used in a myriad of ways: {the artwork} will adorn polo shirts worn by officers, a vehicle which is destined for Aurukun and even the ceiling of the entrance to police headquarters, to communicate and engage with the community." <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/blog/2018/05/25/queensland-police-service-look-to-the-stars/>

# 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](http://www.csp.asn.au) or

email [info@csp.asn.au](mailto:info@csp.asn.au)

To make a donation or purchase *Behind the Crime* tickets or *CSP merchandise* check-out [www.csp.asn.au](http://www.csp.asn.au) or email [info@csp.asn.au](mailto:info@csp.asn.au).

# THANK YOU

Community Supporting Police Inc acknowledges QBANK, our major supporter, for their continued and valuable support of our organisation

QBANK provides much needed financial assistance thus enabling CSP to provide emergency accommodation to members of the Queensland Police Service and their immediate families in times of crisis and trauma.

QBANK's contribution extends to providing staff to assist in the selling of CSP merchandise at the Royal Queensland Show each August.

**For this generosity we are extremely thankful.**



## CSP PHQ

# Christmas Stand



The members of CSP would like to sincerely thank all QPS staff for their continued support of our annual Police Headquarters Christmas Stand.

JENNIFER'S COCONUT DELIGHT

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Self Raising Flour
- 1/2 cup Sugar
- 150 gms Butter
- 1 tbs Cocoa
- 1 cup Lightly crushed cornflakes
- 1 dessert sp golden syrup
- Few drops vanilla

Method:

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees
- 2. Melt: butter and golden syrup
- 3. Add: melted butter and golden syrup to dry ingredients
- 4. Mix: together thoroughly
- 5. Press: into lined lamington tin

Bake:

for 20—30 minutes

Ice:

with chocolate icing and sprinkle with coconut

Icing

- 200 g icing sugar
- 30 g cocoa powder
- 20 g butter finely chopped
- 2 tbs boiling water (add a little extra water if your icing is very thick and difficult to spread)
- 2 tbs desiccated coconut for sprinkling

Enjoy  
with a cuppa !!!

CSP members

Out & About



**Bribie island Emergency Services Expo:**

photo (above) CSP members: Lance and Mary-Anne Pratt with Deb Nicholson and an up coming QPS recruit.

(photos courtesy of <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton/2018/11/20/bribie-island-emergency-services-expo-wrap>)



**JP Teddy**  
\$12.00



**Drink Holders**  
\$5.00



**\$30.00**



**Junior Police Cap**  
\$10.00



**CONSTABLE T. BEAR**  
2014  
\$60.00



**QPS Lanyard**  
\$5.00



**Community Supporting Police Pen in a Pouch**  
\$5.00



**Pencil Holder**  
\$2.00



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



**Koala Cop**  
\$25.00

**NEW**



**Queensland Police Pipes & Drums Challenge Coins**  
\$15.00



**Connie the Horse**  
\$12.00

CSP merchandise can be purchased at our stalls at various community events.

Other locations where CSP merchandise can be purchased are:  
Browns Plains, Capalaba, Ipswich Central and Loganholme Hyperdome Police Beats  
as well as on Tuesday and Wednesday (between 10.00 & 14.00)  
at the Police Headquarters Shop (ground floor 200 Roma Street Brisbane);  
OR online at [www.csp.asn.au](http://www.csp.asn.au)

If you want to check out the CSP merchandise once you access [www.csp.asn.au](http://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](mailto:orders@csp.asn.au) and arrange for payment and delivery.

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

**We sincerely thank you for your support.**