



WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

“Supporting those who support us”



On Tuesday 14th May 2019, Commissioner Ian Stewart joined with members of CSP and the Blue Ribbon Committee (photo below) to present a cheque for \$8,000 to Mr. Terry Martin from the Zephyr Foundation. (Zephyr)

Zephyr was chosen by the Blue Ribbon Committee as the third recipient (with Police Legacy & CSP) of the Blue Ribbon funds for 2018 due to the fantastic work by their volunteers to support children, at domestic violence shelters to transition to a new school

Zephyr Education Inc is a Queensland based charity whose sole purpose is to help these children get back to school as quickly as possible by supplying them with: school uniforms and shoes, school bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, textbooks, stationery specific to the

year and school they will be attending. Zephyr also supplies swimming gear and pays resource levies (e.g. for e-learning), camp fees and sports fees to make sure the children don't miss out on these important activities.

According to Mr. Martin Zephyr supports 90 organisations across Australia. Some of these provide shelter, others are associated organisations but without accommodation whilst others are mobile outreach support services. 12 of Queensland's 80 organisations support indigenous communities.

Mr. Martin explained, since January 1st 2019 up till 12th May 2019 Zephyr has supported 1,484 children get back to school by paying \$52,220 to various school uniforms shops. Mr. Martin continued stating that Zephyr founders Isabella and David Bevan with the help of their volunteers have packed up and arranged delivery of school items costing \$123,243 (cost price) to schools across Queensland.

Although members of Zephyr do not meet the victims nor their parents they often receive emails and or messages from the managers of the various organisations they support explaining the life-changing impact Zephyr's support has on the children and the positive flow-on effect it can have on the parent or care giver, when a child can attend a new school wearing the full uniform, new shoes, back pack and books which allows them to settle in to the new environment more easily.

For more information about Zephyr go to:
<https://c.foundationeducation.edu.au>



Stafford Police & Stafford Neighbourhood Watch groups invite you to join them on Sunday, June 16 at Roy Harvey Park, Shand Street Stafford (next to the off leash area) from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Access to Roy Harvey Park is via Shand, Brennan or Byth Street.

- Come and collect a FREE Dogs on Patrol dog tag (1 per dog) & have your tag engraved for free!
- Meet your local Police and local Neighbourhood Watch members and learn how you can help Police and keep your Neighbourhood safe.
- Pat a Police Pup
- Heaps of doggy related displays and FREE treats for you & your dog.
- FREE sausage sizzle



For more information please contact Stafford Crime Prevention on Ph. 3364 1897



<http://northbrisbane.nhwq.org/>

Congratulations!!! Yvonne



(photo left) Queensland Police Service Pipes and Drums, (QPP&D) Drum Sergeant Yvonne Coustley receiving a Highly Commended for the Trailblazer Award, from Commissioner Ian Stewart during the fifth annual Public Safety International Women's Day event on Friday, March 8, 2019.

Drum Sergeant Coustley joined other QPS members and emergency services staff at the annual event, which not only celebrates the achievements of women who work within Queensland's public safety and integrity agencies, but also provides an opportunity for staff to network, learn and raise awareness of the diversity of their day to day roles as they serve the Queensland community

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/blog/2017/03/09/outstanding-qps-women-recognised-international-womens-day>

Mrs. Coustley's Highly Commended Award not only acknowledges her steadfast dedication and commitment to the QPP&D over the past 17 years but also the fact that Drum Sergeant Coustley is the first woman in the 60-year history of QPP&D to be appointed to the prestigious position of Drum Sergeant, the highest position available in the field.

Mrs. Coustley, a world class professional musician in her own right, is sought after nationally and internationally, as both a performer and judge. In addition to her role as supervisor of a professional team of musicians Drum Sergeant Coustley has also been a great role model to many young musicians and in 2005 she was appointed the head drumming tutor of the Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes and Drums (QPJP&D).

As part of her day to day role Drum Sergeant Coustley travels the State with the QPP&D performing at schools, aged care facilities and other events in the wider community. However, Mrs. Coustley also takes the Juvenile Band on tour as well. Drum Sergeant Coustley takes the QPJP&D to compete at various Pipe Band Competitions, (approximately 6) each year as well as to a variety of community functions where these young musicians perform. Drum Sergeant Coustley advises that recently the QPJP&D competed at two competitions where they were placed 1st at the Brisbane Boys College Highland Gathering and 2nd at Maclean Highland Gathering (Northern NSW). (photos below) Furthermore, the QPJP&D were awarded Best Dressed for their uniform presentation. In addition to team events members of the Juvenile Band also competed in solo competitions against other competitors of the same skill level, picking up some placings at the Maclean Highland Gathering, Mrs. Coustley said.

(for more information regarding the QPJP&D see page 3)

Maclean Highland Gathering



Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums

(continued from page 2) Queensland Police Pipes & Drums, the award-winning Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums (QPJP& D) is a not for profit organisation which was formed by senior band members of the Queensland Police Pipes and Drums Band (QPP&D) in 1998. The intention behind setting up of the Juvenile band was to “Develop Youth Through Music”. To facilitate this objective, the juvenile pipers and drummers receive free tuition from their mentors and tutors, who develop and encourage confidence amongst youths (ranging in age from 7 years to 18 years) within the community through the learning of a musical instrument, namely the bagpipes and drums (Snare Drum, Tenor Drum and Bass Drum).



Drum Sergeant Coustley explains “by learning to play Scottish music via an instrument students also develop life skills and learn about commitment, discipline, respect, confidence and teamwork”.

Following in the rich tradition of the QPP&D, the QPJP&D are provided the opportunity to add a dramatic edge to ANZAC ceremonies, marches, concerts, fundraisers and other public events as well as at various competitions, as mentioned on page 2.

Currently, the QPJP&D has approximately 45 students and this number will continue to grow as more young people are encouraged through the community exposure and competition experience of the former and current Band members.

For anyone interested in joining the QPJP & D it takes approximately two to three years to learn the instrument to reach a



competitive level, band members meet for lessons & practice from 4-7pm Thursday afternoons at the Old Museum Building at Bowen Hills, Brisbane.



If you would like to join one of Australia's most successful juvenile pipe bands, please contact by email: Pipes & Drums@police.qld.gov.au or telephone 3253 3800.

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 Community Supporting Police activities 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

We thank you for your continued support of CSP.



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 (Cairns & Tablelands)

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

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

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

Brisbane CSP meeting dates for 2019

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

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



The members of Community Supporting Police Inc wish to sincerely thank QBANK for their continued financial commitment to CSP.

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.

QBANK's support goes beyond financial assistance. QBANK support their staff to volunteer at various fundraising events throughout the year for CSP and for this support we are truly thankful

(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.

Community Supporting Police Inc.

Proudly acknowledges QBANK's generosity &

Welcomes QBANK's continuing as our major supporter





This is Quinn in front of the memorial with his remembrance stone

Did you know, Queensland Police Service (QPS) General Purpose Dogs track down on average more than 1500 offenders every year? This is quite an achievement for only 68 dog teams.

Did you know, QPS Detection Dogs support the community and frontline police by providing detection dogs to find drugs, firearms, explosives, cash, human remains and blood?

It's the important role of police dogs within the QPS, that the current handlers from the State Dog Squad are wanting to honour, in the form of a memorial garden.

A dedicated group of approximately 100 police dogs currently aide police using their extraordinary characteristics – acuteness of senses, watchfulness, speed and of course, loyalty to the handler.

A little-known fact is that Queensland was home to one of the earliest uses of police dogs in Australia, when they were first introduced for an experimental trial in 1912. Unfortunately, the trial was unsuccessful and discontinued in 1917.

The idea of police dogs in Queensland would not be raised again until 1972, when the Commissioner re-introduced their use, as a measure against rising incidents of school vandalism. In December of that year, two officers, Charlie Degnan and David Laird, participated in a guard dog training course at the Royal Australian Air Force Base (RAAF) base at Toowoomba. Their two dogs – 'Lobo' and 'Rolf' - were German Shepherds donated by the RAAF. The dogs were given the official title of Police Dog (PD) and began patrolling school grounds around Brisbane.



Archive photo from the QPS Dog Squad after 1972.

Since 1972, the QPS Dog Squad has grown considerably, expanding to 15 separate squads based throughout Queensland. In 1989, the first drug detection dog was introduced. The QPS Dog Squad is continually looking to expand its capabilities and were the first in Australia to train dogs to detect accelerants used in fires as well as human remains detection. In 2005, the squad commenced its breeding and development program which is the largest police dog breeding program in Australia.

Since the introduction of dogs into the QPS, there have been more than 400 police dogs that have served the State of Queensland. These dogs worked for little more than praise and a game with their handlers, but their contribution in stopping crime and making the community safe is undeniable. Whilst police officers deservedly attain recognition for their service through service medals, no such recognition exists for police dogs.

The State Dog Squad staff, in partnership with the Stanthorpe State High School students, have created a unique memorial that recognises the lives of the police dogs that have served Queensland. This memorial has been erected at the QPS Brisbane Dog Squad kennel complex (The Norm Watt Complex) and officers have put in many hours of their own time to build a memorial garden.

The next stage for the State Dog Squad is to populate the memorial garden with unique river stones that identify each of the individual police dogs that have attained the rank of Police Dog or "PD".

These stones will be placed around the memorial to create a river of remembrance that anyone visiting the complex will be able to see. The project for the State Dog Squad is ensuring that every PD is represented by a memorial stone, from 1972 to present. This is a momentous task considering each stone costs \$70 and we have over 400 to purchase. A special thank you to QBANK and the QPS Union of Employees whom purchased stones that were then donated back to the memorial. We also continue with internal fund raising within the State Dog Squad and to date, have achieved 93 engraved river stones.



Bert one of the QPS's fantastic Police Dogs

Anyone can purchase a memorial river stone through the Talking Stones website and have it placed at the Remembrance Memorial. <https://talkingstones.com.au/policedogs/> or phoning 1300 606 605.

The Authors dogs (Wolf, Vice, Quinn & Bert) will be among the 400 police dogs to be remembered.

Remembering Our Amazing Police Dogs

Smart Pups Program

A round of ap-paws for our newest Smart Pups!

By Tracie Williams Corrections Queensland

So far this year, eight assistance dogs from the Maryborough and Borallon Training and correctional centres have graduated from the Smart Pups program.



The newest Smart Pups – Ghan, Hazel, Harper, Honey, Hunter, Jerry, Mac and Murphy have completed the first step of the training program, enabling them to become assistance dogs for children with disabilities in Australia and New Zealand.

The established partnership between Smart Pups and Queensland Corrective Services began in Maryborough and expanded last year to Borallon Training and Correctional Centre.

The program gives suitable prisoners the opportunity to be trained to look after the dogs and teach them to carry out important assistance tasks such as opening and closing cupboards, picking up items and raising alarm when/if their owner collapses.

It not only provides the prisoners with a sense of purpose, it in turn teaches them valuable new skills to get them job-ready for release and increase their chances of success in the community while decreasing their risk of reoffending.

“Our role is to successfully rehabilitate prisoners while they’re in our custody and to try and break the cycle of reoffending, and this program is another way we are doing that,” said John Owens, Acting General Manager, Maryborough Correctional Centre.

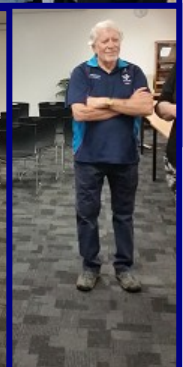
Mr. Owens said officers had recognised the improvement in prisoner behavior since the assistance dogs arrived.

“International research proves that dog handling programs are effective in helping improve prisoner behavior while in custody, with prisoners involved in the program less likely to re-offend when compared to those not involved in a dog handling program,” he said.

Prisoners at Maryborough and Borallon are busy training the next group of Smart Pups which are due to graduate in July.

For more information please go to:

<http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2019/2/15/graduating-pups-help-create-pawsitive-future>



Commissioner Ian Stewart with CSPmembers, 16th May 2019. Mr. Stewart has been a staunch supporter of CSP for many years and CSP's Patron since 2012.

Thank you Commissioner
for your constant support

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.



Are you looking to clean out and get rid of your old Queensland Police Service (QPS) uniforms?

If so Uniforms 4 Kids provides you with a unique and valuable way to ensure your old QPS uniforms make a difference in a child's life.

Are you a sewer who enjoys making children's cloths?

If so Uniforms 4 Kids may be just the charity you are looking for. As a sewer, you work from home or join others at one of our sewing centres Uniforms 4 Kids (U4K)

Maybe you do not have the time to sew but have an array of material, bits and pieces (buttons, ribbons etc) you would like to donate. Please contact anne@uniforms4kids.com.au

Uniforms 4 Kids is a world-first program, which repurposes donated law enforcement and emergency services uniforms (avoiding landfill) into unique clothing for children who have a need no matter who they are or where they are. Partnering with the: Queensland Police Service, Australian Federal Police, Australian Border Force, Australia Zoo, Ambulance Victoria, Queensland Fire and Emergency Service and Northern Territory Police, Fire & Emergency Services" Uniforms 4 Kids was officially launched in February 2019.

The idea to convert items such as: shirts, pants, shorts, skirts, wet weather gear, jumpers, and vests; from Queensland Police Service and other Australian law enforcement agencies, emergency services and Australia Zoo uniforms into children's clothing originated from conversations between, Uniforms 4 Kids and sewer: Yvonne Pattinson OAM, her friend and daughter Debbie Platz, then a serving Queensland Police Officer. Yvonne had only intended to clean out a cupboard crowded with material and the life-time collection of "bits and pieces" anxious not to waste any so Yvonne decided to make clothing for young children. Then her friend asked Yvonne if she could make some clothing for an orphanage she supported in Asia; from there Yvonne's daughter, Debbie Platz, pointed out there were many children in Australia who could use such clothing and that the discarded police uniforms of her colleagues could be transformed rather being shredded and becoming landfill.

Apart from providing much needed clothing and support for the children who receive this unique clothes, the items made from the uniform: shirts, pants, shorts, skirts, wet weather gear, jumpers, and vests; no longer required by members of law enforcement, emergency services and Australia Zoo employees, provides an opportunity for front line officers, other emergency services personnel and wildlife officers to connect with children and families in ways that they are not usually able to do. This "in turn creates a broad trust relationship that serves to engage with and protect children and their families" and to continue to serve our community.

Furthermore this initiative provides "an opportunity for retirees and other community members to support a charitable program, build social cohesion and expand their social networks". While providing: "an opportunity for children and the wider community to understand the importance of respecting our natural environment and fauna; an opportunity to recycle, be more sustainable and reduce landfill".

The beautiful one of a kind creations are distributed through the Uniforms 4 Kids Partners directly or through any organisation, charity or group who assists and supports children who would benefit from the provision of these items. So far more than 5,000 articles of clothing have been provided to charities, domestic violence shelters, remote communities and other approved recipients". The extent of this distribution ranges from: Brisbane Migrant Centre, Torres Strait Islands, Cooktown, Brisbane DV Service, PNG Orphanages, Cape York Indigenous communities, Malaysia child and sexual assault house, Kuala Lumpur DV Charity, Solomon Islands village, Papua New Guinea village, Kuala Lumpur - refuge, Seif Ples - DV Women and children shelter, Christian Care Centre Respite for DV victims, Yarrabah State School, Remote areas of Western Australia, Sunshine Coast Police District, Rockhampton Police District, South Brisbane Police District and SBD Community Centre, Millaa Millaa State School, Trinity Bay High School Economics Students, Australian Embassy - Holy Sea -The Vatican, The Northern Territory and Thursday Island.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Anne Macdonald anne@uniforms4kids.com.au





Behind the Crime

Unfortunately, due to the weather event which hit parts of Brisbane on the afternoon and evening of March 15th 2019, the advertised BTC had to be cancelled.

Hence, CSP has not been able to fulfil its promise to donate the profits from this event to the Townsville Flood Disaster Response as was publicised both online and in the March Edition of the CSP newsletter.

CSP Members Out & About



(Left) Colleen and Peggy at the Buddha Birthday Festival, South Bank 5th May.

(Right) CSP's cute, cuddly and sometimes cheeky puppies: Buff and Dash took advantage of the opportunity to jump on-board one of the QPS Road Policing Bikes at South Bank during the Festival



(above) Victor, Deb and Cecelia at the Opening of the new Caboolture Police Station 5th May. A Great day had by all!!!



(above) the Dive Unit, (below) Water Police & Road Policing displays at new Caboolture Police Station Open Day 5th May



(above) Peggy with Sargeant Diana Kratochvil and furry friends and their families the RSPCA Million Paws Walk Sunday 19th May.



(above) Victor and Cecelia at Commissioner Stewart's final Academy Induction Parade 16th May 2019



(below) Peter Johnson at the Gympie Show 16th to 18th May 2019



(left) Victor with Pine Rivers Crime Stopper members Jodie and Sunny at Dayboro Day 26th May





(photo left) Community Supporting Police Inc. member and CSP former Police Liaison Officer Inspector Deborah Nicholson (APM) with CSP President Mr. Bryan Brown at the 2019 Queensland Volunteering Awards which were held on Friday 24 May in the Ithaca Auditorium of Brisbane City Hall.

This annual event recognises the inspiring endeavours of hundreds of volunteers, volunteer managers, volunteer-involving organisations and supporting businesses which invest in employee volunteering programs.

The awards which acknowledge the wonderful work done by: individuals, groups and businesses to create a positive change within our community were presented across six key categories:

Volunteer of the Year Award

Youth Volunteering Award

Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award

Excellence in Volunteer Management Award

Volunteering Impact Award (proudly sponsored by Powerlink Queensland)

Corporate Volunteering Award. <https://volunteeringqld.org.au>

Inspector Nicholson was nominated by members of Community Supporting Police Inc for her tireless efforts in promoting our organisation and its mandate to members of the Queensland Police Services, as well as, to the wider community. Inspector Nicholson is always ready to assist at the numerous community fundraising and promotional events which CSP attends each year.

Inspector Nicholson said she was indeed humbled to be nominated for such a prestigious Award. Deborah acknowledged the fantastic work done by the finalists in each category.



Congratulations Inspector

Recipe

Linda's Farmhouse Casserole

- 5 Chicken pieces
- 50g butter
- 4 rashers Bacon (derinded and cut into strips)
- 50 g Mushrooms
- 6 Spring onions (chopped)
- 1 kg Potatoes (quartered)
- 225 mls Chicken Stock
- 30 mls oil
- 50 g seasoned cornflour

Set oven at 190c

Roll chicken pieces in seasoned flour

Heat the butter and oil

Brown: chicken pieces

Transfer: to ovenproof casserole dish

Add: bacon, mushrooms and onions to the fry pan and cook for 3 minutes.

Then Add: to casserole with potatoes and stock.

Cook: the casserole and bake for about 1 hour, until the chicken is tender and potatoes are cooked.

Serve: hot with fresh vegetables.

Enjoy on a cool winters evening



**Drink Holders
\$5.00**

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



**QPS Lanyard
\$5.00**



\$30.00

Cap (adjustable)



**Junior Police Cap
\$10.00**



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



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



**Koala Cop
\$25.00**



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

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,

at the Police Headquarters Shop (ground floor 200 Roma Street Brisbane)
on Wednesdays (between 10am & 2pm)

OR

online at <http://www.csp.asn.au>

If you want to check out the CSP merchandise once you access <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 and arrange for payment and delivery.