



Autumn 2020 NEWSLETTER

“Supporting those who support us”

Neighbour Day 2020 Theme: Social Connection

According to Relationships Australia, “Australia is in the midst of a loneliness crisis, with many in our population experiencing a deficit of social connection” hence the theme ‘Social Connection’ for the 2020 Neighbour Day celebrations and activities.

To help turn this around, Neighbour Day 2020 is focusing “on the importance of belonging – to start people thinking about how they can put their energy into creating positive and meaningful social connections with people outside of their normal groups and relationships.” Regardless of if these are once-off interactions or the beginning of lasting relationships social connections encourage safer communities.

The theme for Neighbour Day this year is ‘Social Connection’ has stemmed from the “initial findings from Neighbour Day 2019 which indicate that after people hosted an event or took some neighbourly action, they experienced: an increased sense of identification with their neighbourhood; an increased sense of belonging; and perceived their neighbourhood environment more positively”.

How to be involved:

Neighbour Day on Sunday 29 March 2020 or any day that suits your community!

[Register](#) to access free material to help you organise a successful Neighbour Day event – including posters, invitations, labels, flyers and helpful tips. Or if you prefer not to register you are still very welcome to download our [free resources](#).

If you're attending an event:

Share your stories and photos with us via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) – and remember to tag us!

Click on any of the 2020 Neighbour Day graphics below for use in your own social media posts. There will be some new graphics launched in February 2020. Watch this space!

For [free resources](#), check out the links below. <http://neighbourday.org/home-page/neighbour-day-2020-theme/>



How Neighbour Day began:

Neighbour Day was founded in Melbourne, Australia in March 2003 by Andrew Heslop after the remains of an elderly woman were found inside her suburban home. Andrew Heslop is a community activist, social commentator and well known Australian.

Mrs Elsie Brown had been dead for two years – forgotten by her neighbours, her friends and her family. While Andrew did not know Mrs Brown he was shocked by the apparent ease in which the world had left her behind.

Widespread media interest followed and it was this coverage that prompted Andrew to suggest a ‘National Check on Your Neighbour Day’ in a [Letter to the Editor](#) of The Melbourne Age in 2003.

Since 2003, Neighbour Day has progressed from a reminder to connect with elderly neighbours to an annual celebration of strong communities and friendly streets. People of all ages participate because everyone everywhere is a neighbour no matter where you live nor your personal circumstances.

Not only do residents and office colleagues hold barbecues and street parties on front lawns and in the car parks of business areas to celebrate, councils and other local government bodies also hold major festivals and community

<http://neighbourday.org/home-page/how-it-all-began/>

Detective Inspector Nicholson APM

Community Supporting Police members: Brian Codd, Greg Early, Jan Robinson, Victor and Cecelia Serchen joined members of the QPS Senior Executive, QPS members, family and friends of Detective Inspector Nicholson APM (Deb) at the Normanby Hotel on Wednesday 5th February to celebrate Deb's up coming retirement.

Detective Inspector Nicholson has served the Queensland community as a member of the Queensland Police Service from 27 April 1987 to 28 February 2020. During her 32 years and 10 months of dedicated service Deb has achieved numerous awards including: Assistant Commissioner/Executive Director's Certificate (Corporate & Support) in 2006; Commissioner's Award for Excellence in Crime Prevention in both 2008 and 2009; Australian Police Medal in 2013 and Queensland Police Meritorious Service Medal in 2018 for her commitment and dedication to duty.

Whilst moving through the ranks: from Probationary in 27 April 1987; attaining her Detective Appointment on 25 January 1995 to Inspector 31 October 2011, Deb has worked in a variety of roles at various establishments and stations across the state including: Traffic Branch; Crime Operations Task Force; Maryborough Criminal Investigation Branch; Regional Education and Training; Crime Operations Branch, State Crime Operations Branch; Fraud and Corporate Crime Group; Ethical Practice Branch Command, Strategy and Performance, Ethical Standards Command and Professional Practice State Co-ordinator, Ethical Standards Command.



Deb has also worked on various programs to enhance the role of women in Policing,

representing the QPS on the international stage in Cardiff and Calgary as a member of the International Association of Women in Policing. It was apparent from all who spoke at the function that Detective Inspector Nicholson's due diligence, professionalism, leadership and friendly manner has meant she will be sorely missed by her work colleagues & the Service itself.





During the course of the evening Detective Inspector Deborah Nicholson was presented with Honorary Life Membership of Community Supporting Police as a small token of our appreciation and recognition of her personal contribution, which has and continues to be exceptional.

Since joining CSP in 2005, Detective Inspector Deborah Nicholson: "Deb" to her friends and fellow members of CSP has displayed outstanding dedication, commitment and support to her fellow QPS members, through her due diligence, stalwart efforts and teamwork. Her voluntarily contribution has seen an enormous number of hours spent organising and supporting a range of activities, from large-scale public events to local community celebrations.

Behind the scenes, Deb has worked tirelessly to ensure CSP remained contemporary and operating at its best by providing strong leadership and guidance to the CSP committee. Deb's development of the CSP's Business Plan and Policies and Procedures Manual ensured that we as an organisation remained current with the changing QPS requirements and government regulations. Thus maintaining the invaluable working partnership between the QPS and CSP and ensuring members of the QPS family are able to access emergency accommodation, at no charge, in times of trauma, including medical, bereavement, recuperation and other family crisis.

Regardless whether her participation was part of her Liaison Officer's role, which she held for 10 years, or as a general CSP member, Deb has always been and still is one of the first to put up her hand to volunteer her time at events, regularly supporting: working bees, stock takes, unloading truck deliveries of CSP stock, sorting out stock at storage sheds and PHQ. She was instrumental in CSP introducing the Constable T. Bear to our collection in 2012 and 2014 and continues to maintain the CSP Facebook page: updating it regularly with photos and posts for which we, being less tech savvy, are truly grateful.

The members of CSP look forward to continue working with Deb to support those who support us.

Deb has been an active member of the Blue Ribbon Committee donating her time ensuring the ribbons are purchased, packaged and delivered to the Police Stations across the State, as well as assisting with the arrangements for the collection (ensuring QPS recruits and other volunteers are available at various locations) and banking the donations on National Police Remembrance Day.

Congratulations
&
Best Wishes





CSP members: Bryan Brown, Dan Mahon, Nadene Sander, Evan Newton, Peter & Fay Johnson, Trish Judd, Kerri Butler, Inspector Leonie Fordyce, Inspector Sharee Cumming, Victor & Cecelia Serchen; joined Commissioner Katarina Carroll, QPS members, family & friends at Police Headquarters on Friday 28th February to attend Detective Inspector Deborah Nicholson's farewell morning tea & retirement presentation. Following the proceedings Detective Inspector Nicholson, was piped out of the Queensland Police Headquarters building, waving farewell to those who formed a guard of honour as she stepped into a waiting car to start the next adventure.





Commissioner's Christmas Gift Drive

Members of CSP joined Commissioner Katarina Carroll (APM), Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services the Honourable Mark Ryan MP, the QPS Melody in Blue and police puppies as well as children and their families for the 27th annual Commissioner's Christmas Gift Drive presentation on Thursday 12th December 2019

More than 2,000 gifts, which were generously donated by QPS members and other individuals and agencies, were gifted to children who are in the care of the Department of Child Safety.

Commissioner Carroll said she was extremely proud of the QPS family for their generosity, spreading Christmas cheer and putting a smile on many young

faces.

The Commissioner's Christmas Committee would like to thank their generous sponsors including Road Runners Transport, Big W Chermside, Myer Chermside, QBANK, Variety, Country Women's Association and Community Supporting Police. <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/news/2019/12/13/commissioners-gift-drive-spreads-the-spirit-of-christmas/>



Minister Ryan and Commissioner Carroll with members of the Commissioner's Christmas Committee, Santa Claus and Rudolf Police Headquarters 12th December.

CSP members

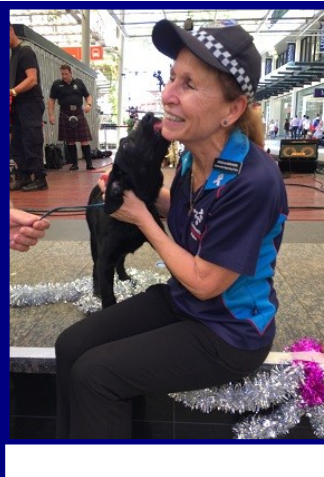
Out & About



CSP members Peggy Campbell (left) with Mary Ann Pratt and Lance Pratt at the Caboolture Disabilities Services Awareness Day on Saturday 4th December.



(Above) CSP members Peggy Campbell (left) and Evan Newton at the Commissioner's Carols in the Mall December 2019. (far left) Colleen MacCarthy & (left) Cecelia Serchen being greeted by two very friendly police puppies, who also enjoyed the Carols.



Two new vessels join Water Police fleet (myPolice Oct 18, 2019)

Commissioner Katarina Carroll (APM) joined Honourable Mark Ryan, Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services, family and friends of the two fallen officers at the commissioning of QPS vessels named in their honour.

Minister Ryan said this was a very special day for the family and friends of Constable Lena and Detective Sergeant Kerlin and for the QPS Water Police.

Detective Sergeant Stewart Kerlin was tragically killed on duty on November 11 2006. The 20 metre multiple vehicle high speed barge commissioned as Queensland Police Vessel (QPV) *Stewart Kerlin II* in honour of Detective Sergeant Kerlin, will service the Redlands and Moreton communities.



The 10 metre rigid inflatable monohull vessel commissioned as Queensland Police Vessel *Sondra Lena*, in honour of Constable Lena, will operate as a patrol vessel for the Water Police. Constable Sondra Lena who was tragically killed on duty on April 10 1992.

Commissioner Carroll said “these two vessels pay homage to Constable Lena and Detective Sergeant Kerlin and allow the Service to maintain their memory and recognise their service and sacrifice”. Both vessels will enhance the Queensland Water Police with

improved capabilities, assisting officers by providing them with up-to- date and advanced technical support to best service the community.

Since their fit-out and completion of sea trails both the QPV Stewart Kerlin and the QPV Sondra Lena have been out and about responding to the bush fires on Stradbroke Island, used extensively in response to recent search and rescue operations and major weather events, thus providing assistance to the Southern Moreton Bay Island police and community.

<https://northbrisbane.nhwq.org/2019/10/18/two-new-vessels-join-water-police-fleet-after-being-commissioned-in-honour-of-fallen-officers/>



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.

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.

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: Inspector Joe Kitching—Kitching.JoeJ@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)

CSP Brisbane Meetings Dates 2020

General Meeting: which was to be held at **Boondall Police Station: Wed 8th April 2020 7.00pm** has been **CANCELLED** due to COVID-19 (coronavirus). This meeting will be conducted electronically.

Annual General Meeting: Police Headquarters: Wed 16th September 2020 3.00pm

General Meeting: Wed 11th November 2020 7.00pm (Location to be advised).

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 throughout the State, to "support those who support 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.

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 (Ekka).

For this generosity we are extremely thankful.



Sue's Russian Caramel

Ingredients:

125 g butter
1 ¾ cups of brown sugar
1 tbs syrup
1 tin of condensed milk

Method:

Melt butter and sugar together
Stir until dissolved,
Add syrup and condensed milk.
Stir occasionally until it comes to the boil,
Continue to stir for about 15 mins or until it comes away from the side of saucepan.
Pour into slice tin lined with baking paper, cool in tray and cut when still slightly warm and set.

Enjoy
with a cuppa

CSP members Out & About



Geronimo



Containers for Change is the Queensland Container Refund Scheme and has been introduced to help reduce litter and recycle some of the 3 billion beverage containers (approx.) that are generated in our state each year. These containers are the second most littered items in Queensland. To help us all improve our recycling efforts and keep our beautiful environment litter-free, Queensland's Containers for Change scheme lets people receive 10-cent refund for each eligible container returned to a container refund point.

For more information regarding the Containers for Change Scheme please go to:

enquiries@containersforchange.com.au

For your information and consideration CPS has now registered as a Container Refund Scheme charity.

Our unique identification number is **C10018638**.

If you or your family or friends would like to donate your/their “Container for Change” **refunds donated to CSP**, all they need to do is use the reference ID number **C10018638**

When leaving their beverage containers at the container refund point, any deposits will be automatically directed into the nominated Community Supporting Police Bank Account.

The members of CSP sincerely thank you for considering our organisation as a recipient for this fund raising activity



CSP Junior Police Range

Plush Kangaroo
with Junior Police
bandana
\$12.00

Plush Emu with
Junior Police
bandana \$12.00



Junior Police Cap
adjustable
\$10.00



Junior Police Polo
slim fit children's size 2 to 12
\$30.00

Geronimo
named after
working Police Horse
\$12.00



Soft Toys



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

JP Teddy
\$15.00



Collectable

CONSTABLE T. BEAR
\$50.00



For full range of CSP merchandise
please visit
the CSP store: www.csp.asn.au
for prices, availability and
information about placing orders.

Iconic

Koala Cop
\$20.00



Other Items

Community
Supporting
Police Pen in a
Pouch
\$5.00



Drink Holders
\$5.00



QPS Lanyard
\$5.00