

Mrs Dot Stumer's Memories

My memories of Community Supporting Police (CSP) start with the post Fitzgerald Forum at Roma St. Park where hundreds of Police and their families vented their anger at the way they were being treated by the press and public.

Fr. Wal Ogle, the then Senior Police Chaplain, gave a speech on how desperate and innocent police families were. Several police wives including myself spoke to him. He said to get together and form a group as more can be done that way.

Sgt. John O’Gorman approached Mr. Nev Warburton, Police Minister, who allocated us an unused police property at Rosalie and a grant of money to turn it into a residence for Police and their families in need from the country. It was to be used when a family member was being treated in Brisbane.

From early beginnings and with the help of the then Police Commissioner, Bob Atkinson, CSP now has 6 units near major hospitals in Brisbane.

An Interim committee was set up to eventually become CSP Inc with registration of Incorporation, bank account, insurance, etc. to become a fully registered organisation with monthly meetings of the committee. Country regions such as Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns and Toowoomba soon became branches of CSP and opened their own welfare houses. I made many firm friends as the years progressed. The many hours working to transform some of the accommodation was hard but very rewarding.

As coordinator of the Brisbane welfare houses/units, I saw so many miracles and sadness happen.

One was a little deaf boy receiving a cochlear implant. I was there when he heard for the first time. Just to see the expression on his face and his cry of happiness.

I will never forget a little boy dying on his first birthday. As his Mum from Rockhampton said “at least the family could all be together on that day”.

A lot of things like rules, cleaning and health and safety issues all were learnt by trial and error. I enjoyed the involvement, challenge and meeting so many people.

Fond Regards, Dot.



In 2019 Mrs Dorothy Stumer, was presented with an Honorary Life Membership of CSP in grateful acknowledgment of her authentic dedication and commitment to the organisation and to the “support of those who support us”. (photo left).



Vale Queensland Police Dog Rue

We are sad to report the passing of Police Dog (PD) Rue Wednesday, February 3 2021 in Rockhampton.

Unfortunately, she recently became unwell with an untreatable infection. Rue’s vet assisted her to pass away peacefully with her handler by her side on Wednesday, February 3.

Six-and-a-half-year-old PD Rue was a valued member of the Capricornia District Dog Squad, based in Rockhampton, where she nobly served the Capricornia District since June 2016.

According to Police Media Police Dog Rue, a yellow 23-month-old female Labrador, joined the Central Region Drug Detection Dog Team in 2016. The team comprised of handler Senior Constable Cameron O’Sullivan plus Police Dog Violet, a black 22-month-old female

Labrador.

Senior Constable Cameron O’Sullivan and Police Dogs ‘Rue’ and ‘Violet’ were strategically located in Rockhampton for deployment anywhere across the Central Region, or to support the state where required. Prior to their deployment the Central Region was reliant on specialist members travelling from Brisbane to assist with drug detections. Both Dogs were trained to distinguish individual scents even when the scents are combined or masked by other odours. Both dogs also provide a secondary search capability for the detection of firearms and ammunition.

Police Dogs ‘Rue’ and ‘Violet’ were used to “search vehicles, houses, business premises and can even be used at large public events such as music festivals or entertainment precincts”. In the few months following their reporting for duty, Police Dogs Rue and Violet had been deployed across a range of searches, with the location of an accumulated total of 78 MDMA tablets, 74 grams of amphetamine and 286 grams of cannabis. QPS Media on Nov 11, 2016 @ 4:19pm.

https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/dogsquad/files/2021/02/cam1_2021-02-05_09-58-31_8629680.jpg

**Rest in Peace PD Rue
Thank you for your honourable service.**

We hope you find this edition informative and interesting.

Thankyou to everyone,
who has taken the time to write articles,
send through recipes and made contributions to this edition.

If you want to share: stories, recipes please email the secretary at info@csp.asn.au



We sincerely thank you for your continued support of CSP.

**It’s important to tune into
your surroundings.**



Prevention Together
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(above) Commissioner Katarina Carroll with CSP President Mr Dan Mahon, Mark from Blue Hope, Inspector Michael Ede Police from Legacy and Blue Ribbon Committee Chair Mr Greg Early. The Blue Ribbon Committee donated \$3,000 to each organisation from money raised during 2020 and on National Police Remembrance Day 2020.

Tentative CSP Brisbane Meetings Dates 2021

Annual General Meeting: Wed 8th September 2021

General Meeting: Wed 10th November 2021

PLEASE NOTE: due to possible future COVID restrictions: the style & location of these meeting will be decided closer to their respective dates.



(Photo below) The April General Meeting was held at Yamanto Police Station: (left to right) Mr Bryan Brown, Ms Nadene Sander, Ms Colleen MacCarthy, Mrs Cecelia Serchen, Mr Victor Serchen, Acting Superintendent Leonie Fordyce, Mr Dan Mahon, Ms Deborah Nicholson and Sergeant Nadine Webster. Thanks to Inspector David Nevin for taking the photo to mark the occasion.



YOU CHOOSE
YOUTH ROAD SAFETY



OWN THE CHOICE - OWN THE OUTCOME

You Choose Youth Road Safety

By Peter McGuinness

Our son, Jordan, was an energetic, rambunctious kid. Prior to his early teens, it was challenging to shepherd his physicality and his instincts for taking short-cuts into positive behaviours. By his early teens, a profound love of

rugby, surfing, good friends and a developing sense of leadership was shaping him as a young man to be proud of.

He had kept the cheeky mischief of his childhood, but his values were good.

In 2012 he began his carpentry apprenticeship. And, as on the rugby field, he earned his reputation as a hard-worker, a quick learner and a valued team-player. He had his own share home up in Brisbane.

On the morning of December 8th 2012, my wife Melissa and I were sharing our routine morning tea and reflecting on how pleased we were with the man Jordan had become. Eighteen and a half, finding his place in life and making some mature plans for himself. We were expecting to catch up with him later that day, after his first ever work Christmas party the



Jordan's first day Year 12



night before.

The door buzzer interrupted our reverie. "Who could it be at this early hour?"

It was the Police.

Our beloved Jordan was dead.

He'd chosen to drive back to the Gold Coast late at night rather than to wait until the next day.

Jordan was speeding and under the influence of alcohol and cannabis when he collided with a stationary vehicle containing five other young adults. Four of the occupants of that car were killed by the impact, as was Jordan himself.

The first months and years were somewhat of a blur as we strove to simply be functional, invested and present for our daughters Kitty and Montana.

Naturally, people beyond our nuclear family did their best to facilitate some form of healing in us. Which is lovely, but of course there is no popular new age wisdom, nor any neat self-help

platititude that ties a neat bow around 'recovery'.

In 2017, our friend Senior Constable Tracey Clouston invited Melissa to speak to senior students from several schools at a SAVE DAY event on the Gold Coast.

Since then, support for what has become the YOU CHOOSE Youth Road Safety program from students, parents, teachers and especially Police has been both amazing and humbling.

YOU CHOOSE now engages with young people around Australia, facilitating a genuine youth-led mission to change driving culture, with highly relate-able messages about Love, Family and the Empowerment of Choice. (. cont pg 5)



Mary Mount College

YOU CHOOSE
YOUTH ROAD SAFETY



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Designed to culturally reinforce other awareness, compliance and driver education efforts, YOU CHOOSE

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Youth Road Safety first shows students the impacts that poor choices by a young person just like them has on Mums and Dads and brothers and sisters just like theirs. Then, they are challenged to personally own authentic accountability to protect their families and their communities from the preventable misery of youth road trauma.



Coombabah



Young drivers and passengers are uplifted as outspoken peer-to-peer advocates of the YOU CHOOSE mission. Most road trauma is caused by choice, *not* 'accidents'. No one intends to kill or maim anyone on the road. But a lack of intent doesn't make a crash caused by poor choices or careless behaviours an 'accident'. Bad Driving is *not* Bad Luck. So, the passivity of luck is rejected, and the empowerment of choice is embraced. As is the awesome opportunity they have, to be the first generation to change Australian driving culture.

Compared to the many other massive social causes teens take on-board so passionately...simply expecting acceptable driving choices of themselves, their friends and their families is surely amongst the most achievable of them all. And based on the leadership shown by tens of thousands of students and the growing demand for YOU CHOOSE around Australia, young passengers and drivers agree.

We treasure our friendships and collaborations with Police Officers throughout Queensland. It was an honour to assist the QPS on the 2020 Christmas Road Safety Campaign. Anything at all we can do to support community and road policing efforts in any region...we're delighted to help. www.youchooseyrs.org.au; [QPS 2020 Xmas Campaign](#)



Need support?

If you are a Queensland Police Service employee in need of support please contact your local QPS Chaplain or CSP Branch (contact details below)

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.

Cairns: Rev Doug Foster - Foster.dougn@police.qld.gov.au (Cairns & Tablelands)

Townsville: Inspector Joe Kitching - Kitching.JoeJ@police.qld.gov.au (Townsville)

Rockhampton: Sergeant Amanda Warby - Warby.AmandaC@police.qld.gov.au (Rockhampton)

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

Gold Coast: Linda Simpson - Simpson.LindaM@police.qld.gov.au (Logan & Gold Coast)

Brisbane: Cecelia Serchen - info@csp.asn.au (Brisbane Metropolitan).

Helping Hand is a charitable fund with Tax Deduction Status and is a sub-committee of CSP.

The fund provides financial assistance to members of the QPS family who are affected by serious illness or personal trauma and meet the necessitous circumstances criteria.

Financial support of HH is vital for the Fund to continue to support members of the Queensland Police Service family. Support can be provided through donations, sponsorship, payroll deductions and fund raising events.

Helping Hand Committee work voluntarily to ensure donations are maximised towards the cause.

A tax deductible donation, as little as \$2.00 per pay, through your QPS payroll. You can make difference. Members of the QPS can create a fortnightly donation through ESS (instructions can be found on the Helping Hand page on the QPS intranet).

Not a QPS employee and would like to donate?

Make a donation through our GiveNow page at the following link:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/organisation/public/5308>



Protect others and stop the spread <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

We can all help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Australia.

To protect others you must:

- * practise [good hygiene](#)
- * practise [physical distancing](#)
- * follow the [limits for public gatherings](#)
- * understand how to [self-isolate](#) if you need to.

National Coronavirus Helpline

Call this line if you are seeking information on Coronavirus (COVID-19) or help with the COVID Safe app.

The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you are having a medical emergency call 000.

Stay safe,
Stay strong
&
Stay healthy

About Pets in Crisis

<https://www.dvconnect.org/home/pets-in-crisis/#:>

The Pets In Crisis program provides safe accommodation, food and vet care to pets whose families have escaped domestic and family violence. The challenge for families with pets is that shelters/refuges do not allow pets. If accommodation cannot be found for the pet with family or friends, the abused often chooses to stay with their abuser for fear of what will happen to the pet if they leave without it.

The Facts about Pets In Crisis

*The Pets In Crisis program exists to care for pets whose families are escaping domestic and family violence.

* The majority of refuges/shelters in Queensland do not allow pets. This results in many people staying in abusive relationships because they are scared of what might happen to them if they are left with the abuser.

* The program was established in 2005 and is a collaboration between DVConnect and the RSPCA Queensland.

*Once admitted into the program, the RSPCA Queensland provides each pet with safe accommodation, healthy food daily, required vaccinations, microchipping and they are desexed. In many cases the pet is given additional veterinary care to help pre-existing conditions. These conditions may be a result of the abuser hurting the family pet, or not allowing finances to be spent on vital vaccinations or care it is sick/ injured.

*The program cares for almost 300 pets each year.

*Pets can stay in the program for up to 28 days but the average day the pets stayed in the program in 2018-19 was 34 days.

*Any type of pet is accepted, provided there is a suitable place for them to be cared for. This could mean a cat, dog, horse, goat, guinea pig etc.

The Pets In Crisis program is only accessible by calling the DVConnect Womensline on 1800 811 811, anytime 24/7, 365 days a year.

The link between domestic violence and pets

For any pet lover whose animal is part of the family the thought of leaving them behind in an emergency is unthinkable. Sadly pets are often abused as part of the spectrum of domestic and family violence. DVConnect counsellors regularly speak with people whose pets are beaten or tortured by abusive partners. The abuser does this to frighten and control the victim into staying in the violent relationship. RSPCA Queensland's Inspectorate frequently investigates animal cruelty cases of this nature.

Women, children and their beloved pets across Queensland are constrained in violent relationships because the practical challenges of leaving are too overwhelming. These women are torn between protecting themselves and their children and the increased risk for their pets if they leave them behind. This is where our Pets In Crisis program helps. Knowing their pets will be safe and that they'll be reunited once they can get back on their feet can be the catalyst for leaving abuse.

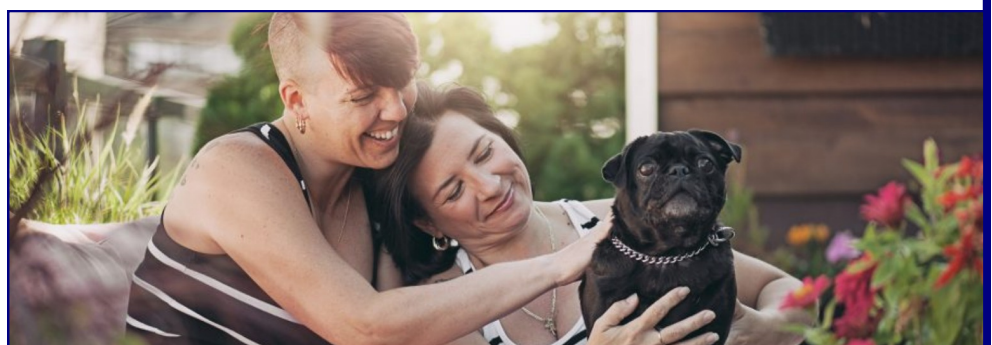
How you can help

Become a Foster Carer?

Check out all you need to know about becoming a foster carer.

Donate

A donation of any amount helps hugely. If you can donate, please do so here.



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 major events.

For this generosity
Community Supporting Police Inc
 is extremely thankful.

For information about **QBANK** and its services and products please go to:
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In this our 30th Year **QBANK**, together with the **Queensland Police Union of Employees** and the **Queensland Police Service**, is a major sponsor of **CSP's Biennial Conference**.



The members of **Community Supporting Police Inc** acknowledges the continued support provided by the **Queensland Union of Employees**, to **CSP** and the members of the **Queensland Police Service**
 We sincerely thank them for their generosity as a major supporter of the **CSP Biennial Conference**, held in Brisbane 21st to 23rd May.



The members of **Community Supporting Police Inc** gratefully acknowledges the **Queensland Police Service** for their ongoing support of **CSP** through our Patron Commissioner Katarina Carroll, officers and civilian staff members of the **Queensland Police Service**.
 We wish to thank them for their generosity as a major supporter of the **2021 CSP Biennial Conference**.



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Community Supporting Police Inc wishes to acknowledge **Brad and the team at HUNTER Promotional Products & Uniforms**, for their continued and valuable support of our organisation's mission to maintain emergency accommodation to members of the **QPS** and their families. In their time of need. **HUNTER Promotional Products & Uniforms** is also supporting **CSP's Biennial Conference**.



Disaster Management – A shared responsibility

A/Chief Superintendent Mel Adams (APM) District Officer Logan District

The Queensland Police Service plays a key role in the way we respond to Disasters in Queensland. The comprehensive, all hazard's approach involves all levels of Government, the community and businesses having plans for how to manage the impacts of the disasters that impact us all.

Under Queensland's disaster management arrangements there are three levels of escalation. Each level forms groups of stakeholders to provide coordinated activities across the prevention, preparedness, response and recovery phases of disasters.

The disaster management arrangements work from 'ground up', acknowledging people in local communities and their local councils have the greatest knowledge and understanding of risk and response priorities on their home ground. In the Logan Police District, two councils operate Local Disaster Management Groups (LDMGs) – Logan City Council and Scenic Rim Council. Both LDMGs feature multiple partner agencies as core members or associates, including QPS Liaison officers drawn from local stations in Crestmead, Logan Central, Jimboomba and Beaudesert respectively.

When the Local Group cannot meet the needs of the impacted community, they are supported by the State Government Agencies, coordinated through the District Disaster Management Group (DDMG). This Group is Chaired by the QPS District Officer (or Assistant Commissioner in Brisbane) and is responsible for supporting all of the Local Governments across their District.

In Logan Police District, the Chief Superintendent (District Officer) holds the District Disaster Coordinator role, assisting in coordination with LDMGs and the Superintendent Assistant District Officer is the Deputy DDC. Acting Chief Superintendent Melissa Adams is currently the Chair of the Group and holds the DDC position.

A vital, key position to assisting the DDC in the day to day activities of the DDMG is the "Executive Officer" or XO of the group. In Logan this position is held by Senior Sergeant Mike House. The XO is responsible for ensuring that all the governance activities required of the DDMG are undertaken as well as being an advisor on the all things disaster management to both the district and local level groups especially in times of disaster. The XO position is the only full time disaster management position in Logan District police roles and Senior Sergeant House has a level of expertise in management that is constantly drawn upon by senior emergency managers and local disaster groups alike. He is a constant conduit between the DDMG activities in support of the DDMGs.

QPS members step up to roles in managing liaison with LDMGs, 24/7 in times of disaster, in running the DDMG and liaison with the State level disaster management construct – the State Disaster Coordination Centre. In Logan ongoing training is supporting our liaison officers and importantly our front line officers stepping into longer term disaster roles such as being present in Fire Service Incident Command centres to coordinate activities with other emergency services often in fraught decision making with critical time frames. Good communication is vital in that regard.

Logan District is also served well in Disaster management with experienced Police Forward Commanders and front line staff. During the 2019 fires which devastated the Scenic Rim, Senior Sergeant Peter Waugh (then OIC Beaudesert Station), District Duty Officer Ben Reeve and Inspector Tracy Dale were among those critical to Police Forward command activities whilst on road on road commanders such as Sgt Rob Duncan from Jimboomba went forward into isolated, high threat situations where fire threatened homes, evacuation was necessary and crews ran the risk of being cut off from escape routes. Clear heads, strong training in risk assessment and communication and collaborative coordination of service across agencies is vital in disaster management.

The 2019 Bushfires through Canungra, Sarabah and further west in Scenic Rim, Halloween hailstorm in 2020 and numerous flooding events of varying impacts have kept the Logan and Scenic Rim LDMGs and the District Disaster group busy. COVID responses also fell to these groups to coordinate community safety activities. (cont. Pg 10)

Disaster Management – A shared responsibility (cont. Pg 9)

Ensuring that Logan City Council and Scenic Rim Regional Council and lead agencies such as Qld Fire and Rescue Service have been well supported through not only the intense “Response” phase of operations, but also through the longer and just important “Recovery” phase, where the community lead activities are undertaken with an ultimate goal of building more resilient community.

As a community it is important that you understand the risks relevant to your community, that you have a plan for you and your family in the event of disaster and that you stay informed whenever disaster looms. If you would like to know more about how to prepare for a disaster check out the resources at the following locations;

<https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/disaster-and-emergencies>

<https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/council-services/disaster-management>

<https://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums

Developing youth through music



Following in the rich tradition of the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums, the award-winning Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums add a dramatic edge to ANZAC ceremonies, marches, concerts, fundraisers and other public events.

Band members range in age from 8-17 years and meet for practice from 4-7pm Thursday afternoons at the Old Museum Building at Bowen Hills, Brisbane.

The juvenile pipers and drummers receive free tuition from their mentors, the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums. They not only gain valuable skills and experience as musicians but also develop life skills, discipline, respect, commitment, teamwork skills, and a sense of achievement.

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

Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums article provided by Drum Sergeant Yvonne Coustley & Senior Sergeant Neil MacMillan. Officer in Charge Queensland Police Service Pipes and Drums. Photos of the band members see page 13.

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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 raise 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 tax deductible donations to Helping Hand through their payroll

**(instructions can be found on the
Helping Hand page on the QPS internet)**

For more information about
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email info@csp.asn.au.

Beef Curry (crock pot or slow cooker)**Ingredients:**

1kg blade or chuck steak
 3 tablespoons plain flour
 3 tablespoons curry powder
 2 tablespoons oil
 1 large onion, chopped
 4 cloves crushed garlic (1 dessertspoon)
 1 piece fresh ginger (grated) (optional)
 couple of pinches of salt
 1/2 cup water.

Method:

1. Cut steak into cubes, toss in combined flour and curry powder
2. Brown lightly in oil
3. Add Onion to pan
4. Place meat and onion into crock pot and add remaining ingredients
5. Cover and cook on low for 8 — 9 hours or High 4 hours
6. Serve with boiled or steamed rice and your choice of vegetables

Tip: This curry can be done without sautéing the meat and onions first.
 For extra flavour add a desired amount of red curry paste 1/2 an hour before serving.

Enjoy on a cold night !!!

Joan's Fluffy Ginger Pudding**Ingredients:**

1 tablespoon butter
 1/2 cup warm milk
 2 tablespoons golden syrup
 1/2 teaspoon bi-carbonate soda
 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 1 cup of self-Raising Flour

Method:

1. Beat butter and golden syrup to a cream
2. Add milk in which bi-carbonate soda has been dissolved
3. Stir in sifter flour
4. Steam in greased pudding mould for 1 and 1/4 hours
5. Serve with your choice of sauce or custard or ice cream.

Tip: Ginger maybe omitted

Yummy!!!



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 TO THIEVES**



Photos above and left are of the members of the Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums, from article pg 10.



(Above) A "reminder of days less complicated!!!" Thanks to Sergeant Tony Rehn Toowoomba Crime Prevention Darling Downs District.



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