

Autumn 2022

Newsletter

Far North police legend pulls up stumps Sergeant Cary Coolican on Dec 1, 2021



Retired Inspector Russell Rhodes is your quintessential community cop and has continued to support both community and police throughout his entire career. Congratulations on a stellar career Sir.

Photo by A/SSgt Cary Coolican

Inspector Russell Rhodes' career spans more than four decades and has seen him posted to numerous stations across Queensland, with the majority of his service here in the far north.

As he bids farewell to the Queensland Police Service, (QPS) a quick look at his service history signifies the volume of work he's performed for each and every community he has served.

Russell started his career as a Cadet at the Oxley Police Academy in 1981 before working at Brisbane City Station, Brisbane Traffic Branch and Oxley Station.

In April, 1983, Russell transferred to Mareeba before serving communities in Georgetown, Malanda, Cairns, Mount Isa and Edmonton over the next 21 years.

On May 11, 1990, Russell was a Senior Constable based at Malanda Station when he attended a fatal plane crash that shook the far north to its core.

The Cessna crashed into Mount Emerald, just 15km shy of the Mareeba airport. Sadly, all 11 onboard the plane didn't survive the crash. Those lost

include the then Cairns Mayor Keith Goodwin, councillors, shire staff, a Sister of Mercy and the pilot.

Russell was promoted to the rank of Inspector in 2004 and since that time he performed duties in the Cairns and Far North District where it's believed he performed some of the most challenging tasks of his career.

May 7, 2005, saw 13 passengers and two crew board an Aerotropics flight in Bamaga, bound for Cairns with our very own Constable Sally Urquhart as one of those passengers heading to Townsville Police Academy for work.

Whilst enroute, their Metroliner crashed on 'South Pap' on the Iron Range about 11km from Lockhart River airstrip at about 11.44am.

Russell was the Forward Commander for Operation Delta Devlin, which was a protracted crash investigation and recovery operation, that saw crews on site for a week.

Whilst Russell had a very good team working with him, they were challenged by the tough terrain and poor weather conditions.

When he spoke of the operation, he stated "It was never about us, and no matter how hard it was going to be, we were always going to do whatever it took to help those families."

Russell was personally chosen by former Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson to be seconded to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority in Innisfail in 2011 for five months following the devastating flooding and severe tropical cyclone Yasi that battered the state in the summer of 2010-2011.

November 2011 saw Russell appointed as Queensland Police NQ Campus Inspector where he was responsible for training and recruit services for the next five years. (cont. pg 2)



Former Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson and Inspector Russell Rhodes

(cont pg 1) During this time, he oversaw 600+ Constables sworn into the QPS at Townsville, before he returned to the Far North District Tablelands Patrol Group in November 2018.

Russell performed a variety of roles, helped countless police and community members, and even managed to be tasked duties during the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Inspector Russell Rhodes is incredibly generous, with a heart as big as Phar Lap's. He's inspirational and always puts the interests of others ahead of his own.

Throughout his career, Russell was the local Adopt-a-Cop at the Mt Isa Respite Centre for children with disabilities as well as four local schools all while being the quintessential 'community copper'.



Inspector Rhodes at one of the many Academy ceremonies

He worked tirelessly to build and improve community relationships and raised over \$260k for local charities through police golf days.

He's been involved in 12 sporting clubs including footy and cricket, coached 20 junior sporting teams and helped other clubs such as the RSL and Lions.

He's always just been there at the ready. Notably helping families cope with tragic circumstances or significant incidents throughout his career.

Russell has also been an active member of the Community Supporting Police (CSP) for over 15 years, assisting both Far North Queensland (Cairns) and Northern (Townsville) Branches and over 100 police families in the face of emergencies during natural disasters, critical health or personal circumstances.

After a stellar policing career that's seen Russell posted to numerous stations around Queensland, with the majority of his service here in the Far North, he was this year awarded the QPS Meritorious Medal for his work forging significant relationships with Indigenous communities in Cape York and his tireless service to Queensland.

On the last Saturday in November 2021 Commissioner Katarina Carroll, a number of the QPS Executive Leadership Team, Commissioned Officers, colleagues, friends, family and special guest, Mr Wayne Bennett, all gathered in Mareeba to farewell our Tablelands Patrol Group Inspector, Russell Rhodes.

Inspector Rhodes was presented with his QPS Police Certificate of Service, commemorative memorabilia frame and a letter from The Honourable Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, thanking Russell for his 42-years of commitment and dedicated service as a Queensland Police Officer.

Guest speakers spoke of Inspector Rhodes' significant career achievements and the way in which he took care of his family, colleagues and the community.

Mr Bennett lightened the scene by recounting memories of Russell's sporting prowess at the Police Academy in the early 80's, their friendship and congratulating him on his policing career.

The Far North wishes Inspector Rhodes and his family, good health and happiness for a future filled with many Harley rides with mates. (cont pg 3)

Congratulations on a stellar policing Career Rhodesy and thank you for your service!



Doug Foster Chair CSP Far North Queensland Branch & Russell Rolf Straatemeier CSP member & Former Tablelands Superintendent Wayne Bennett Russell's PE trainer when he was at the Academy

Commissioner Katarina Carroll with Russell & Wayne

Commissioner Carroll presenting Russell with his certificates

(cont. pg 2) Community Supporting Police (CSP) members Queensland Police Chaplain and Chair of CSP's Far North Branch (Cairns and Mareeba) Reverend Doug Foster; Manager - State Education & Training Recruiting and Constable Training and Chair of CSP Townsville (Northern Branch) Inspector Joe Kitching, Inspector Mareeba Rolf Straatemeier Retired, Mr Victor Serchen and Mrs Cecelia Serchen enjoyed sharing this very special occasion with Russell, his family, friends and colleagues. Community Supporting Police also acknowledges Russell's on going commitment to CSP and members of the QPS family, sincerely thank him for his dedication and wonderful fundraising initiatives and efforts which have allowed both Northern Branch and Far North Branch to continue to maintain emergency accommodation for QPS members in their time of need.

A Huge Thank you Russell and family for your service to both the QPS and to CSP!!!



Inspector

Joe Kitching

Victor Serchen, Russell Rhodes & Cecelia Serchen Victor Serchen Wayne Bennett

Barbara Foster
Doug Foster &
Cecelia Serchen

Russell & Maree cutting the Cake

Congratulations on a wonderful career Russell Thank you for your dedicated service

Community Supporting Police Inc acknowledges our wonderful sponsors and supporting businesses.

QBANK, our major supporter, for their ongoing financial and promotional support and the provision of staff to assist in the selling of CSP merchandise at major events.

The Queensland Union of Employees, through their sponsorship of our 2021 Biennial Conference.

The Queensland Police Service

for their ongoing support through our Patron Commissioner Katarina Carroll, officers and civilian staff members of the Queensland Police Service for their guidance and assistance.

Brad and the team at HUNTER Promotional Products & Uniforms, for their continued and valuable support of our organisation.

For this generosity
Community Supporting Police Inc
is extremely thankful.









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For half a century, we all know they've been there
The club no one wants to join, and we offer a silent prayer
For those who left us early, who's kids are left alone
And we thank God for Legacy, giving those kids a better home.

Policing is difficult and the life can take its toll

Seeing misery, mayhem and murder, that tears at your soul

Our families feel it too, as they witness all the pain

Caring, sharing and supporting, and never laying the blame.

Some never made it home, in their fight for right
A kiss goodbye, a final glance, before walking into the night
A shattered child with a cuddled toy, who's world has disappeared
Tear soaked pillows in her empty bed, what she always feared.

She has so many questions, and the answers never come
Why him, why then, why was he so brave and dumb?
She packs her kids off to school, and listens to his favourite song
She wonders how doing so much right, can seem to be so wrong.

Illness can strike some early, insidious and slow
Consuming and vile, stealing life blow by blow
They watch her fight it bravely, until she's carried away
Her Police hat on her coffin, faces bowed and grey.

His loneliness is crippling, as he finally puts his kids to bed His breathing echoes in the hall, his heart has bled and bled He hears her voice, her laughter, sees her photo on the wall He's lost his love, his future, his history, he feels he's lost it all.

The phone rings, and a friendly voice is on the line "We're here to help, don't worry, everything will be fine We're from Legacy and we will pay for your kids' education We'll support you, you'll have holidays, no catch or obligation."

Through the tears and the fears, the darkness and despair

Comes a ray of hope, a sliver of joy, recently so rare

The kindness of strangers, and new friends going through the same

Laughter and enjoying life, without guilt or shame.

The legacy of Legacy is giving laughter and hope
Removing worry about the future, and how you will cope
They've done it for 50 years and they'll keep doing it forever
Always there when you're your cupboard's bare, the noblest endeavour.

Senior Sergeant Tim Beard

Congratulations Wayne Thank you for your Service



Inspector Wayne Rasmussen APM

(photo left) Community Supporting Police Southern Region member and Toowoomba Branch's Southern Region Promotions and Marketing Officer, Inspector Wayne Rasmussen receives his 35 Year clasp from Southern West District Superintendent Gareth Channells.

During his 35 Years of dedicated service to Queensland Police Service and his commitment to the wider community, Inspector Rasmussen has served in multiple areas including: General Duties, Crime Prevention, Road Policing, Cultural Engagement and is currently the Inspector of the

Charleville Patrol Group

Inspector Rasmussen's commitment to making Queensland a safer place to live has been achieved through various cultural and faith-based engagements as well as the establishment of proactive policing initiatives, including Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, Community Policing Boards, and the Queensland Police Artwork 'Look to the Stars'. This artwork which has been incorporated into the QPS through strategies aimed to build organisational cultural capability that will remain as a legacy for generations that follow.

Inspector Rasmussen's leadership and innovation in the development and implementation of the Look to the Stars artwork as an effective engagement strategy aimed at reconciliation, and the formation of better relationships with First Nations Peoples built on trust and respect was recognised in 2020 when he was awarded the Australia Police Medal.

Inspector Rasmussen enthusiasm and commitment to build and strengthen relationships within Queensland communities continues with his involvement and leadership with11 remote police stations covering an expansive area to the New South Wales and South Australian borders.

https://mypolice.gld.gov.au/news/2020/06/08/gps-officers-receive-national-recognition-for-outstanding-efforts/

Further to these achievements Inspector Rasmussen's commitment to his fellow QPS family is also exemplified by his involvement with CPS's Southern Region/Toowoomba Branch through his local promotion of CSP and its objectives to provide emergency welfare accommodation for members of the QPS family in their time of need or crisis, and his assistance in maintaining Shaunagh House.



The Poem "The Legacy of Legacy" on the previous page was written by Senior Sergeant Tim Beard from Pine Rivers Patrol Group in response to a request from the Retired Police Association who asked Senior Sergeant Beard to write a poem about Police Legacy. We sincerely thank Senior Sergeant beard for this continued support and dedication to his fellow officers and for sharing his poetry with our readers.

Vale PD Brett





The Queensland Police Service advised that serving Police Dog Bert, who was attached to Brisbane Dog Squad, succumbed to his battle with cancer in November 2021.

PD Bert was the first springer spaniel to work with the Queensland Police Service and paved the way for other springer breeds.

Commencing his Policing career in 2013 with the NSW Police Dog Squad where he completed a basic Human Remains Detection Course PD Brett later transferred to Brisbane where he undertook further training in detecting human remains.

PD Brett applied his invaluable skills to a number of crime scenes and natural disasters across Queensland and Australia, during his career.

PD Brett has left a legacy, with two of his offspring currently serving as members of the QPS, PD Wendy and PD Kevin. Although it is not unusual for PD families to be working with in the service PD Wendy and PD Kevin are the prodigies of a search across Australia which resulted in PD Bert being selected to breed with a Labrador hence the introduction of Springadors to Australian law enforcement.

PD Bert's Senior Constable Adam Reid described his bond with PD Bert as inseparable. "Together we assisted many investigations and brought closure to a lot of families across Australia." he said.

"It has been a difficult time for my family and I after learning of Bert's illness. In his final weeks, we ate steak, took plenty of swims and cherished him the best we could.

"Bert was one of the hardest working, most loyal and nicest police dogs I will ever have the privilege of working with.

"It was a pleasure to be his handler."

PD Bert – withttps://mypolice.qld.gov.au/centenary/2021/11/23/death-of-serving-police-dog-brisbane/h honour you served and it was our honour to serve with you. myPolice on Nov 23, 2021 @ 9:27am

Rest in Peace PD Brett
Thank you for your honourable service.

You have an extraordinary job, You need an extraordinary bank

- We understand our Members and their jobs.
- Your job is to look after Queensland, our job is to look after you.
- Your family is our family, Member benefits extend to your family too.







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.

<u>Cairns:</u> Rev Doug Foster - Foster.DougN@police.qld.gov.au (Cairns & Tablelands)

<u>Townsville:</u> Inspector Joe Kitching - Kitching.JoeJ@police.qld.gov.au (Townsville)

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

<u>Toowoomba:</u> Inspector Paul McCusker — McCuskerPF@police.qld.gov.au (Toowoomba)

<u>Police Liaison Officer:</u> Inspector Jason Overland — Overland.JasonP@police.qld.gov.au (State wide)



Helping Hand is a charitable fund with Tax Deductibility 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.

The Helping Hand Committee work voluntarily to ensure donations are maximised towards providing financial assistance to all paid members of the QPS family in their time of need.

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



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- * when required wear a face mask.

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thttps://www.health.gov.au/news/healthalerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncovhealth-alert

If you are having a medical emergency call 000.

Congratulations



(Above) CSP Toowoomba Branch merchandise office Mrs Pamela Pollock receiving her 10 year Service Certificate and Badge from Inspector Paul McCusker Toowoomba Branch President.



Queensland Police Service branded Corporate Pen in Presentation box, \$12.00

Box can be engraved great for graduation gift



Queensland Police Service branded Key Ring \$5.00.

(suitable for engraving) great for graduation gift)



CSP Brisbane Meetings Dates 2022

General Meeting:

Wed 13th April 2022

Annual General Meeting:

Wed 14th November 2022

General Meeting:

Wed 9th November 2022

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to possible future COVID restrictions: the style & location of these meetings will be decided closer to their respective dates. We thank you for your understanding.



QPS Lanyard \$5.00



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We sincerely thank you for purchasing CSP merchandise as it provides CSP the funding required to maintain emergency welfare accommodation for Police Service members and their immediate families in times of trauma and / or crisis

More items can be viewed on page 15.

Our full catalogue is available online at csp.asn.au

Products are available for purchase through the CSP online store www.csp.asn.au

&

at Police Headquarters Store Roma Street



Santa had a special friend to help deliver these precious gifts to the children

On Friday 17 December 2021 CSP Vice President
Mr Bryan Brown AM joined Deputy Commissioner
Tracy Linford at the annual Queensland Police
Service (QPS) Commissioner's Christmas Committee
gift drive to donate gifts to the Department of
Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

The Gift Drive, which has been running for 29 years, has continued the Queensland Police Services' goal to bring Christmas joy and happiness to children in care of the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (CYJMA) in south-east Queensland.

The Committee's aim is to provide quality and

thoughtful gifts to children identified by CYJMA who may otherwise go without a Christmas gift. The gift drive has increased in size from 1,700 gifts in 2020 to an incredible 2,653 donated gifts this year.

The majority of funds used to purchase Christmas gifts comes from internal raffle proceeds and other QPS Fundraisers. Members also donate new toys through collection points set up in Stations throughout Queensland.

Deputy Commissioner Linford said she was honoured to attend the gift drive, which was celebrating its 29th year. "It is pleasing to see the generosity which has been displayed by so many people," Deputy Commissioner Linford said. "I give my personal thanks to everyone involved.

A big thank you to all involved, including Country Women's Association Pine Rivers Branch, Community Supporting Police and QBANK. myPolice on Dec 23, 2021 @ 10:57am



Santa makes his way to Caboolture by Senior Constable Jo Arthur mypolice Dec 23 2021 @ 12.39pm

Each year the Caboolture Police escort Santa to different areas to deliver presents to local kids. Sergeant John Dunbar from Bribie Island Station started the tradition a few years ago when working at Caboolture Station and he continues to assist each year ensuring Santa has this date in his diary.

According to Senior Constable Arthur

"This year Santa also tried out the Bribie Island ATV just in case he ever wants to trade in the reindeer".

The local Caboolture Police and the Moreton District Officer, Superintendent John Hallam would like to put out a big thank you to Denise Glasgow and Cassidy Weight. Your dedication to this fantastic

cause year after year is truly commendable.



Your commitment to your community is outstanding and your presents bring so many smiles to so many faces. We hope you know that you do make a difference. The various Men's Shed groups, you never cease to amaze us by your craftmanship of wooden toys that are always a huge hit with the kids. This year they crafted prime movers, planes, cars, old fashioned cars, trucks, trains, ironing boards, dolls cradles and chairs.





(Above left) CSP President Mr Dan Mahon APM, CSP member Mr Geoff Orman and CSP life member Mr Peter Johnson attending the Queensland Police Headquarters Christmas Stand held on Wednesday 1st December. (Above right) President Mr Dan Mahon and Treasurer Mr Victor Serchen attending the CSP merchandise stand in the Queens Street Mall as part of the Commissioners Carrols on Friday 3rd December.



(photo left) CSP members Fay and Peter Johnson attending the National police Remembrance Day Stand at Garden City shopping centre Mt Gravatt on 29th September 2021. Both Fay and Peter annually attend and collect donations last year they were joined by their son Senior Sergeant Matt Johnson. In previous years Matt would have been riding with his colleagues as part of the annual Wall to Wall pilgrimage to Canberra, however due to COVID restrictions Matt was unable to make this journey and decided to assist his mum and dad hand out blue ribbons and engage with the shoppers about the work police do.

Like many of the volunteers manning donation locations on this particular day the Johnsons found

those who stopped for a chat, were wanting to discuss the recent death of Senior Constable Dave Masters and the impact this tragedy had on members of the service.



Blue HOPE is the third recipient of the Blue Ribbon funds for 2021.

Commencing in September 2014, Blue HOPE Support Services Ltd is a unique registered charity that provides much needed mental health support to current and former Police Officers and their families. After identifying distinctive gaps within existing internal support strategies, Blue HOPE was built specifically 'by cops for cops' with a view to filling said void.

Very often reluctant to speak out in terms of their mental health owing to a perceived stigma attached to those who put their hand up, Police Officers by and large simply remain silent, allowing diagnosed conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depression and Anxiety to manifest themselves until such time as the cup inevitably flows over, very often with catastrophic results.

To that end, Blue HOPE was designed with a view to providing completely external, tailor made support to those Officers who for whatever reason, find themselves in tough times. Not withholding to any Law Enforcement Agency, Blue HOPE provides anonymous real time, tangible support to cops in crisis. As earlier stated, we are a registered charity with Deductible Gift Recipient status.

Since 2014, Blue HOPE has undertaken over 3000 engagements, ranging from a simple coffee meeting right up to arranging and assisting with hospital admission in cases requiring acute care. It must be stated that dealing with suicidal Police Officers is a very confronting situation, one which Blue HOPE is strongly equipped to deal with based on our own significant Policing experiences.

Blue HOPE Support Services Ltd. 3/929 Kingsford Smith Drive, Eagle Farm, Q. 4009 ABN: 81604985533 ACN: 604985533

Local Volunteer in Policing is awarded Moreton Citizen of the Year

by Senior Constable Jo Arthur



(Above left to right) Senior Constable Jo Arthur, Mr Graham Gibb and Sergeant Mel Bicanic

As part of their Australia Day celebrations the Moreton Bay Regional Council announced Volunteer in Policing (ViP) Mr Graham Gibb, (photo left) as the Moreton Citizen of the Year.

Mr Graham Gibb of Bribie Island, is a dedicated and widely respected member of the community, his community is at the heart of everything Graham does, whether it be on land and at sea.

Graham has been a volunteer with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) for nearly nine years, clocking up over 2500 hours. This role sees him act as a 'buffer' between police and the community, offering understanding and assistance during what can be a daunting time. Some of the activities which Graham has assisted the Bribie Island police for many years include 'Coffee with a Cop' and 'Turning the Screws on Crime' events at the local shopping centre.

Not only does Graham volunteer for QPS but he also works for the Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) service on Bribie Island and it is in this capacity that Community Supporting Police (CSP) has come to know Graham's passion for the Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR), through our involvement with the annual Bribie Island Emergency Services Day.

This event, which Graham established and continues to lead 10 years later, is one of the biggest of its kind in Australia and attracts over 3000 visitors to the Island each October. What makes this Emergency Services Expo so different is the live demonstrations of land and water rescues, fires and many exhibitors with great interactive displays, which brings together the various emergency services, local schools and community organisations to highlight to the local community their various roles within the wider community.

During his decade long service Graham has served as the Senior Radio Officer with Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island which has not only seen him play a vital role in protecting those enjoying Moreton Bay and supporting the crews on the water, but also helps ensure the future of the organisation.

Graham also plays an instrumental part in the Young Emergency Services Ambassador program, which inspires future generations to join the emergency services and Defence Force.

Graham is a truly deserving winner, he is always humble, and says he couldn't do the work he does without the support of others, and even though he's officially retired, has no plans to slow down when it comes to volunteering. A dedicated and widely respected member of the community,

https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/News/Media/Stories-of-selflessness-and-mateship-at-2022-Australia-Day-Awards

If you think you might like to be a Volunteer in Policing you will find more information and an application form https://www.police.qld.gov.au/careers-with-the-qps/volunteers-in-policing

Congratulations & Thank you Graham

Thankyou to everyone, who has written articles, sent 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.



Queensland police officers running PCYC Logan, south of Brisbane, started classes in rebuilding old bicycles bound for the dump as a way to help get some of the state's youngest offenders back on the straight and narrow.

The Pedalz Up program is the brainchild of Sergeant Mick Newell, an avid cyclist who also runs the Logan Police-Citizens Youth Club.

Over eight weeks, four to five young youths work alongside police officers to restore and refurbish recycled bicycles that have been seized by Logan police

and have not been claimed from the property lock-up.

Sergeant Newell said the program is targeted towards offenders aged from 11 to 14 years old.

"These kids are what they call tertiary offenders, so they're in the youth justice system, they have committed offences, they have been to the court system and some of them have been to juvie," Sergeant Newell said.

Working in such a small group you have the ability to really get to know and understand these young people, the extensive time with them personally also allows you to understand some of the issues they've got and help them to work through these.

The group meets once a week to strip bikes back and rebuild them so they look and feel brand new. Detective Senior Sergeant Ralston said he believed Pedalz Up to be the only program of its type anywhere in Queensland.

"It's been really successful, because we've actually got more young people lined up to do the program through the people that have attended," he said.

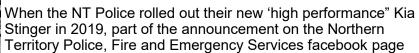
"A positive message is getting out and now there are other young people who might be disengaged or starting to offend and the word is getting out that this program is really good.

Detective Senior Sergeant Ralston said the program acknowledges there is good in everyone. "You've just got to reach in and find it," he said.

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-04-13/qld-logan-cops-engaging-youth-offenders/100062970

On a recent visit to Darwin a CSP member noticed this interesting number plate "Myisonu" on one of the Northern Territory's Police (NT) vehicles (photo below left). When making enquiries they discovered

apparently this is not the only Police vehicle with a sense of humour.



read, "IT'S STINGER SEASON. Don't get stung by new police vehicles."

There were mixed responses from the locals were not so much

related to the new model or the different decals but rather the number plate which read "WATCHNU" (photo right) caught most people's eye.



https://www.news.com.au/technology/innovation/motoring/on-the-road/new-northern-territory-police-cars-cause-a-stir-online



DON'T GIFT YOUR KEYS TO THIEVES

Babka Wielkanocna: Easy Polish Easter Babka By <u>Barbara Rolek</u> https://www.thespruceeats.com/easter-babka-recipe-polish-wielkanocna-

Ingredients

For the Cake:

1x 114 gm packet (2 1/4 teaspoons) active dry yeast

1/4 cup warm water, no hotter than 110 F}|

170 gm (12 tablespoons) salted butter, chilled

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup milk, scalded

1 teaspoon vanilla

3 large eggs, at room temperature, beaten

4 1/4 cups plain flour

2 tablespoons lemon zest, optional

1/2 to 1 cup raisins, light or dark

1 cup confectioners' sugar, optional

Method

In a small bowl, dissolve the yeast in warm water and set aside. If the mixture doesn't look bubbly after 15 minutes, it could mean your yeast is old. Start again with fresh yeast before proceeding to the next step.

Place butter, sugar, and salt in a large bowl or stand mixer, and pour the scalded milk over it. Using the paddle attachment, mix until the butter has melted and the milk has cooled to 110 F or below. Mix in the vanilla and eggs. Add yeast and mix until well combined.

Add the flour, lemon zest (if using), and raisins and mix thoroughly. The dough will be of a thick cake batter consistency.

Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly coat a 10-inch babka pan, kugelhopf pan, Turk's head pan (turban pan), Bundt pan, or tube pan with cooking spray.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and cover lightly with greased plastic wrap. Let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk or until dough reaches the top of the pan but no higher.

Bake about 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the centre comes out clean, or until an instant-read thermometer registers 190 F.

Cool completely on a wire rack and dust with confectioners' sugar before serving or, immediately after cooling, with the optional icing.

Make the Optional Icing:

In a small bowl, whisk together 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar, lemon juice, and boiling water until smooth.

Drizzle over cooled cake.

Tips

Store cooled babka in an airtight cake saver at room temperature for up to one week.

Alternatively, the babka can be frozen by wrapping it in plastic wrap and placing it in a plastic freezer bag for up to six months.

For your information

<u>Babka</u> is a sweet Polish yeast bread, similar to Italian *panettone*, that can be made with rum-soaked raisins and iced or left plain. It's an Easter favourite

<u>Traditional babka</u> is made with a staggering number of egg yolks and requires two or more yeast risings. This recipe is lighter on the cholesterol load, requires no kneading, and only takes one rise.

Babka, which literally means "grandmother" in Polish, probably got the name because its shape is reminiscent of an old woman's wide, swirling skirts. Yet others say it is named after the top knot or bun often worn by elderly ladies in Polish villages years ago.

Interestingly enough, <u>babkas in the Jewish tradition</u> are baked in loaf pans, so it appears the name's origin and the pan it is made in are up for debate.

For the Optional Icing:

2/3 cup confectioners' sugar 2 tablespoons lemon juice 1 tablespoon boiling water



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 Queensland Police families in times of crisis and or trauma.

Since its inception in 1991, CSP has continued to raise funds to provide emergency accommodation to hundreds of QPS families who have required assistance. Requests for assistance are made through the Police Chaplaincy Unit 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 families 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 intranet)

For more information about Community Supporting Police visit www.csp.asn.au or email info@csp.asn.au

To make a donation or purchase check-out www.csp.asn.au or email info@csp.asn.au



CSP Junior Police Range

Junior Police Cap adjustable \$10.00





Plush Kangaroo with Junior Police bandana \$12.00



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

Did you see Constable T. Bear and his friend popping up any where?

Keep an eye out!!! He'll be making an appearance every now and then!!!

These pictures are provided from the CSP "2022 Most Wanted" Calendar.



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