



### **President's Message June 2022**

It has been a while since I have corresponded with Community Supporting Police (CSP) members and other recipients of our newsletter. Since December 2021, there have been storms, flooding, continuance of the COVID pandemic and now the flu virus. There has been a lot of pain and suffering within the Queensland community and other States and Territories through loss of life and significant property damage. I am happy to report that the CSP properties were not damaged however, the Brisbane properties were affected by flooding that caused building car parks to flood and lifts to be unserviceable. Slowly, the Brisbane units are returning to service and some upgrades have occurred in relation to white goods.

Since the passing of Donna Farkas, Administration Officer Queensland Police Service (QPS) Chaplaincy Service on 9 October 2021, Alayne Willcocks, Health and Safety Advisor for Safety and Wellbeing and Central Panels Division has been a tremendous help by assisting the Chaplaincy Unit and CSP to update policy and procedures in relation to the emergency welfare accommodation situated throughout the State. Heidi Somerville, Administration Officer for Chaplaincy Services commenced with the unit in April 2022 and is quickly familiarising herself with all the facets of her new role including the emergency welfare accommodation.

It is with sadness that CSP lost two close friends earlier in the year. Dr Glenda Adkins who passed away on 17 January 2022 and Barry Martin who passed away on 2 March 2022. Glenda had studied and received a Doctor of Philosophy (PH.D.) Economics and was a lecturer at the University of Southern Queensland. Glenda was the partner of former Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson and as such had extensive involvement with members of the QPS. One of her favourite interactions was as Patron of the Police Dog Squad. Popular CSP merchandise are the three toy Labradors and a German Shepherd. The dogs are named after QPS working dogs and hold particular significance for QPS members. CSP thanks Glenda and Bob for their support over many years.

After a stellar career in the military (Army) Barry Martin joined the QPS as a Protocol Officer in 2005 and coordinated various high-profile events, including 106 induction ceremonies at the both Oxley and Townsville academies. Barry was a true professional and supported CSP at all QPS events to assist us to sell merchandise through best site selection and rendering any assistance required. CSP thanks Barry for his support since 2005.

Due to the Federal Government and Queensland Governments relaxation of COVID restrictions, CSP is once again selling merchandise at the Brisbane Caravan and Camping Show to be held in June and the Royal National Show (RNA) in August 2022. Luckily, CSP has continued to sell merchandise on-line and received financial support from Blue Ribbon, QBANK and the Queensland Police Union of Employees that has enabled the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and CSP to provide emergency accommodation to members.

A number of projects were commenced during 2021, two of which are the update of the CSP website and the maintenance and refurbishment of five units in Brisbane. The website is well overdue to be modernised and this is occurring with the specialist input from Spyda Web Hosting and Management Committee members. Due to the unprecedented flooding in northern New South Wales where Spyda Web Hosting is situated, there has been a delay in updating the CSP website. It is expected that the new website will be released around July 2022. It is prudent not to rush the process and get it right to service CSP needs into the future.

In respect of the units in Brisbane, we have liaised with members of QPS Property and Facilities Management to progress urgent works, such as the installation of compliant smoke detectors and the cleaning of air-conditioning units for the health of residents. Property and Facilities are also assessing the repainting and reflooring of the units. White goods, bedding and older pieces of furniture are also being replaced. (cont. p2)

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In the spirit of CSP's Objective One "To foster partnership between the community, Police and their families" I joined the Valley Chamber of Commerce in 2021 to build relationships with community members whom represent businesses in the Fortitude Valley, Brisbane CBD and surrounding suburbs. I have attended a couple of networking events that has allowed me to get our message out to people and it is my intention to attend more events in 2022.

We are always looking for good people to join CSP and assist in any way they can to support members of the QPS. Please consider work colleagues, friends or family members who you think would like to join a great organisation and support our QPS.

Stay safe and well.

Dan Mahon APM  
President  
Community Supporting Police Inc.



The above photo was taken by Reverend Doug Foster (QPS Chaplain and CSP Chaplaincy Representative on the Management Committee and President of Far North Qld Branch), during one of his recent visits to Thursday Island, when he captured this beautiful sunrise.

The members of Community Supporting Police Inc are very appreciative of the opportunity to have a stand at the Caravan and Camping Supershow each year.

We wish to acknowledge the continued and generous support we receive from the Caravanning Queensland management and staff .

**Thank you**

  
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CSP's new Police Liaison Officer Inspector Jason Overland is the Central Patrol Inspector, Sunshine Coast District. It is here where he manages the delivery of policing services to Mooloolaba, Maroochydore, Sippy Downs, Nambour and Palmwoods. Born and raised on the Sunshine Coast, Jason commence his policing career in 1984 after he had graduated from Caloundra State High School.

Jason has spent the majority of his service as a Detective in specialist and covert units and on external secondments to other agencies such as the (then) Criminal Justice Commission, Queensland Crime Commission and the Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission. He was an investigator at Ethical Standards Command before being appointed to his current role in

2013. Jason has undergraduate (Bachelor Degrees) in Justice (QUT) and Business, has postgraduate qualifications in finance and leadership, and is currently putting the finishing touches on his MBA at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Jason is married to the love of his life, has three adult children and a groodle; and when he is not working he likes to keep fit, play with race cars, surf and play music with his friends in their little 80s cover band 'The Flying Pigs'.

Jason has a strong belief that policing needs to move into the prevention space to be most effective and he feels that as a community we need to invest in our young people and any investment we make in this area will be repaid many times over. Jason's passion to invest in young people is exemplified through his work as an ambassador for Inclusive Kids.

The Inclusive Kids Fund aims to provide much needed funds that will create better inclusion into community life for children that would otherwise be isolated through poverty, family breakdown, disability or severe illness. This fund targets young individuals aged 0-18 years; fast tracking immediate financial support not covered by other forms of funding.

The Inclusive Kids Fund is a non-perpetuity funds program that distributes 100% of money raised directly to the individuals living within the regions where the funding has been raised. This means that ALL allied costs associated with administering this fund are completely covered by the fund's host, IFYS Ltd. Consequently, over \$480,000 has been directly given back to Sunshine Coast children in need since 2010. The majority of funds raised come directly from our donation boxes that are placed on the counters of over 300 cafés, bakeries, eateries and newsagents on the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Region. Your loose change can make a difference in the lives of literally hundreds of needy children and young people across the region.

For more information about Inclusive Kids please go to: <https://www.inclusivekids.com.au/>

**CSP Brisbane Meetings Dates 2022**

**Annual General Meeting:** Wed 14th September 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.





(Photo left)

Mr Bryan Brown AM (Vice President CSP), Ms Colleen MacCarthy (Merchandise Officer) and Ms Debbie Nicholson APM (Marketing and Promotions Officer) sharing the photo after a busy day manoeuvring, cleaning and installing of new shelving and cabinets at the Windsor Hut in March.

Having this new storage system will ensure CSP stock, merchandise, linen and other items are secure, more accessible and convenient for CSP volunteers and members to access when collecting and or returning stock, merchandise/ and other items for events and also for the replenishment of the welfare unit items.

Huge thank you goes out to these three musketeers for their efforts

**Thank you**

**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,** for their continued support.

**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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**Thank you**





## *Congratulations & Thank you for your dedicated service*

The members of Community Supporting Police wish to sincerely congratulate the Queensland Officers who were awarded the Australian Police Medal (APM) on Australia Day 2022 .

### **Assistant Commissioner Brian Desmond CONNORS**

Assistant Commissioner Connors who has provided dedicated and exemplary service to the Queensland Police Service and to the community, throughout his career extending over 35 years. During the summer of 2010-11, Assistant Commissioner Connors built community resilience and directly supported the people of Far North Queensland to prevent, respond to and recover from significant, community wide disaster disruption due to tropical cyclones Oswald and Yasi. In 2017 as the Superintendent, Service Improvement, Organisational Capability Command, he undertook planning and procurement activities to provide direct support, efficiencies, and benefits to the Queensland Police Service frontline.

**Inspector Michael William DOWIE** who has demonstrated superior dedication and commitment to QPS throughout his extensive policing career, and his achievements in establishing mutually productive working relationships with leaders of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, has been outstanding over the past 40 years.

### **Assistant Commissioner Katherine Louise INNES**

Assistant Commissioner Innes' 29 years of dedicated service to the QPS and the community has been exemplified through her personal drive and wealth of experience in both the crime and intelligence sectors. Resultantly, Assistant Commissioner Innes has been the leader of a number of broad, strategic outcomes, including various service delivery enhancements which have been of assistance to frontline police.

**Senior Sergeant Peter Calvin McFARLANE** has demonstrated throughout his career that he is an exemplary leader of not only frontline police, but of whole of government agencies to produce outstanding service delivery to the community for over 30 years

**Senior Sergeant Craig James SHEPHERD** has demonstrated exemplary with his involvement in the preparation and response during disaster events, including severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie in 2017, operational challenges and critical incidents and has worked through a vast range of policing areas encompassing operational and corporate roles, demonstrating his deep commitment to the QPS and the community of Queensland during his 31 years of service.

**Senior Sergeant Heather Anne WALLACE** has over 24 years of service during which time she has made a significant contribution to the Gulf community bringing positive police and community engagement where there was once significant unrest. She has been instrumental and influential in creating and fostering a range of programs to enhance law enforcement, community engagement, acceptance of diversity and inclusiveness of all members of the Gulf community.

### **Senior Sergeant James Charles WHITEHEAD**

Senior Sergeant James Whitehead commenced with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in 1982 and was sworn in as a Constable in 1983. He has over 39 years of service and is currently serving as the State Search and Rescue Coordinator and Training Officer (SSARCTO) at the Water Police Group in Brisbane. Senior Sergeant Whitehead has served as a General Duties Officer in Southport, Inala and Rathdowney and in remote areas of Queensland including in Longreach and Julia Creek. Throughout his service, working in Search and Rescue (SAR) positions, Senior Sergeant Whitehead has personally coordinated and/or provided advice in over 15,000 SAR incidents, resulting in the recovery of over 22,000 people reported as lost or missing. In addition, he developed the Queensland SAR System, created national training packages for SAR Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses and facilitated training for numerous SAR courses within Australia and Internationally. Senior Sergeant Whitehead developed, wrote and implemented the OPS Advance SAR Advanced Diploma Course, which now stands as the only available Police SAR Advanced Diploma course in Australia. He researched and wrote the National Land Search Operations Manual which was implemented by all Australian Jurisdictions in 2010. In 2019 he combined this document with the existing National Search and Rescue Manual (Marine & Aviation), and it was later released nationally and published by AMSA on behalf of the Australian National Search and Rescue Council. He created the Australian Lost Person Behaviour Database (online) which captures the statistical data from all Australian jurisdictions. (cont. p6)

Senior Sergeant James Whitehead (cont.p5)

The data provides real world information to the Australian Search Coordinators and in turn provides better success rates for search and rescue incidents. His involvement in major SAR incidents include providing advice for the MH370 plane crash, the Daniel Morcombe search, and the 2010/11 Queensland flood events. He is continually contributing to the SAR system by completing peer reviews for incidents on a national level and his insight and opinion is held in high regard by these authorities and their respective Coroners. Senior Sergeant Whitehead has made a significant contribution to the Queensland Police Service in his over 39 years of service, particularly in the field of search and rescue.



<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/94306> & <https://www.gg.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-02>

The CSP members and guests who attended our 2021 Annual General Meeting were privileged to have Senior Sergeant Whitehead present an insight into the role and the work done by the wonderful members of the Search and Rescue team. To do this Senior Sergeant Whitehead unpacked two (2) two very different scenarios: one involving the search and location of an elderly lady living in Central Queensland the other involved a young woman who perished from dehydration and heat stroke while trying to walk home after her car broke down. Both case studies highlighted the dedication of the SAR team to bring lost persons home and to provide answers for families of missing persons. Photo left Senior Sergeant Whitehead receiving a CT.Bear from CSP President Mr Dan Mahon as a thank you for his presentation.

Pawsome Adopt-A-Cop visit at Aspley Special School

On Monday May 6 Aspley Special School's Adopt-A-Cop, Sergeant Jodie Murray and her four-legged friend Charlie joined the students in a discussion about "how to identify a police officer" and to re-iterate the police officer's "number one job is to keep everyone safe".



Charlie is Sergeant Jodie's own one year old Golden Retriever and has been accompanying Sergeant Murray to work, usually one day a week, since he was three months old. (see photo left)

Charlie seems to enjoy the pats he received during the presentations, from the students and they lap up the attention Charlie gives them in return. Sergeant Murray said "Charlie is a really great barrier breaker".



Sergeant Jodie Murray enjoys being an Adopt-A-Cop at Aspley Special

School as it is very rewarding and helps to foster strong positive relationships between police, students and members of the school community at Aspley Special School.

Both Sergeant Jodie and Charlie will be making another visit to see the students and teachers soon

<https://www.nhwq.org/strathpine/2022/05/06/pawsome-adopt-a-cop-visit-at-aspley-special-school/>



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# Congratulations & Thank you Happy Retirement



(Above & Below) Mr Dan Mahon APM CSP President presenting Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon BM APM BM with a Life Membership of CSP in acknowledgment of his valued service and commitment to the CSP helping Hand Fund and his fellow members of the QPS

The included photos were taken by Natalie Bennett: Nat Benn Photography – Facebook

Assistant Commissioner Michael Condon was farewelled from the Queensland Police Service on 29 April, 2022 after a long and stellar career. Amongst many of the responsibilities held by AC Condon as an Executive member of the QPS, was as Chair of the Community Supporting Police Inc., Helping Hand Fund.

This was a role he enjoyed and took extreme pride in. His contribution to the leadership of a small team of members of the Helping Hand Committee ensured the governance, financial management and support given to QPS members was exceptional.

The guidelines governing the Helping Hand Fund which provides financial support to all members in times of severe illness, trauma or hardship suffered from the effects of natural disasters are set in place today through the exceptional management of AC Condon and the Helping Hand Fund. His ability to understand and set in place the requirements of the Australian Charities & Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC), allowed the Helping Hand Fund to maintain tax-deductibility status for those QPS members making payroll deductions.

The Helping Hand Fund is unique in this regard. AC Condon has represented CSP Patron Commissioner Carroll and previous QPS Commissioner Ian Stewart at many CSP events, including AGMs, fund raising and community events. His genuine appreciation of the work done by Community Supporting Police Inc. to support QPS members has been shown through his ongoing support.

CSP President Dan Mahon and CSP members Debbie Nicholson and Sharee Cumming were present at his retirement function. President Dan Mahon had great pleasure in presenting AC Condon with a Life membership award

to our organization. CSP is appreciative of the wonderful support given, but more importantly the friendship and genuine interest shown by AC Condon in our organization.



Above Ms Debbie Nicholson APM and Assistant Commissioner Condon at Michael's farewell



## Enjoy your retirement Michael.

# 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: Inspector Paul McCusker — McCuskerPF@police.qld.gov.au (Toowoomba)**

**Police Liaison Officer: 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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**Stay safe,  
Stay strong  
&  
Stay healthy**



# QBANK EVERYDAY *Heroes* AWARDS

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!



Each year the QBANK Everyday Heroes Awards puts the spotlight on the hard work, dedication, and exceptional service of those who protect, serve and heal our communities. 2022 marks the eighth year QBANK will host its flagship awards event, which aims to encourage the Queensland community to nominate our unsung heroes for their outstanding contributions and service.

Although going above and beyond is business as usual for frontline workers and first responders, the awards program aims to recognise and reward their vital role within our community and is a chance to thank them for everything they do.

This year's awards are set to acknowledge those who have continued to go above and beyond despite it all – from the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, through to continuing floods, fires, and extreme weather. *“From police officers making the dreams of two terminally ill children come true, a Rural Fire Service volunteer who fought a SEQ blaze for 70 days straight, through to the nurse unit manager of the COVID-19 vaccine centres across the Gold Coast, there is no shortage of incredible acts of service. It has truly been remarkable to witness the Queensland community unite with our dedicated frontline and public service workers leading the charge in building our community back up,”* - QBANK CEO Mike Currie  
Award

recipients, who are selected by seven highly respected judges have proven track records of professional commitment and community dedication, commonly through fundraising and charity work, supporting the vulnerable or disadvantaged, mentoring and leadership or spreading community awareness.

The six award categories include Achievement, Ownership, Dedication, Working Together, Excellence, and the Young Everyday Hero Award. The six category award recipients will each receive a \$1,000 cash deposit and \$1,000 donated to their charity of choice.

Anyone in the community can nominate a local hero for a QBANK Everyday Heroes Award. The nominated person must be over 18 and a government employee (Local/State/Federal) residing in Queensland and be employed in a job that is principally concerned with the administration of justice and protection of life/property. To be eligible for the Young Everyday Hero Award, the nominee must be aged 12 to 17 and reside in Queensland.

In 2021, QBANK received over 160 nominations detailing outstanding accounts of people going above and beyond for their community.

Nominations for the 2022 QBANK Everyday Heroes Awards are now open:  
[www.qbank.com.au/everydayheroes](http://www.qbank.com.au/everydayheroes)



(Above) Ms Debbie Nicholson APM, (CSP Marketing & Promotions Officer) Ms Colleen MacCarthy (CSP Merchandise Officer and Mr Peter Johnson (CSP Life Member) at the Academy in March.

### Queensland Police Academy 50th Anniversary

More than 120 police recruits graduated, at the Queensland Police Oxley Academy, on Thursday 24th March 2022, as the Academy celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk joined Governor Jeannette Young, Police Minister Mark Ryan and Commissioner Katarina Carroll at the induction ceremony welcoming these 120 recruits into the Queensland Police Service.

In acknowledging the significance of this anniversary event, Premier Palaszczuk mentioned the Academy's growth and development over the years, and the changing of police training and police operations which have evolved with the needs of policing the community in the modern era.

"Commissioner Carroll welcomed the recruits into the service, acknowledging that their unique backgrounds combined with their training at the academy have built the perfect foundation for a rich policing career".

# Congratulations Recruits

"Today, you should all be exceptionally proud to graduate from this great facility, just like many who have gone before you.

The graduating class who have spent the past six months at the academy will now undertake a further 12 months of station-based training as First Year Constables (FYCs), which sees them assessed on their management of a range of real-world policing scenarios.

The opening of the Oxley Academy in 1972 revolutionised the police training delivered to recruits. Since then it has been at the forefront of police methods, using technology for applied learning in real world scenarios, and focusing on help for victims, professional service and values.



# Happy Anniversary QPS Academy

The Queensland Police Service are looking for applicants that seek purpose, direction and meaning from their careers in a different way than they have before.

Visit [policerecruit.com.au](http://policerecruit.com.au) to take the eligibility quiz and see if you've got what it takes to become a police officer. myPolice on Mar 24, 2022





Crime Stoppers Queensland has partnered with Australia Zoo and the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors to provide rewards for information that leads to arrests or charges for crimes against Australia’s wild life.

This partnership is an Australian-first, and is aimed at helping protect native wildlife from unlawful criminal activity.

The new state-wide campaign was prompted by the recent discovery of a crocodile that had been illegally shot in the Wenlock River, in Cape York Peninsula, and by several other abusive acts towards Australian native wildlife from the past.

Wildlife Warriors, Australia Zoo and Crime Stoppers Queensland will offer a significant reward, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, for anyone providing information leading to the prosecution of criminals responsible for wildlife abuse.

Founder of Wildlife Warriors, Terri Irwin, said “We are proud of this partnership with Crime Stoppers Queensland and Australia Zoo as we join forces to protect native wildlife across Queensland, and bring justice to animals who are wrongfully injured by humans.”

Former Crime Stoppers Queensland CEO, Carmen Jenkinson, said “Australia Zoo is sponsoring a reward of up to \$10,000 via Crime Stoppers Queensland for information leading to an arrest in relation to the crocodile that was found shot in Far North Queensland”.

“We hope the campaign gives the community the confidence to report wildlife abuse to Crime Stoppers Queensland and stay anonymous.”

Wildlife Warriors continues to protect wildlife and wild places, helping to achieve a world where wildlife and humans live harmoniously alongside each other. The public is encouraged to support this important initiative, and report any information on criminal activities against animals.

<https://www.crimestoppersqld.com.au/initiatives/report-wildlife-crime/>

If you have any information about crimes against wildlife, please contact Crime Stoppers Queensland on 1800 333 000 or [www.crimestoppersqld.com.au/make-a-report](http://www.crimestoppersqld.com.au/make-a-report) and remain anonymous.

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(Above) Members of Community Supporting Police joined Police from the Pine Rivers District, Senior Constable Tammy White (Pine Rivers Prevention) and Senior Constable Gemma Bruce (Caboolture Prevention) at The Pit Stop Café on Sunday 15th May to highlight National Road Safety Week. Although the weather was not the best the officers managed to chat about safer driving or riding tips with those: cyclists, motor cyclists and motorists who called in to this popular pit stop on Mt Mee Road for a coffee, breakfast etc. JP Teddy and his friends also made an appearance and some decided to return home with the new friends they had made.

**Get home safe this National Road Safety Week** Senior Constable Kerrin Sheedy

May 15 to 22 is National Road Safety Week (NRSW), which is now in its 10th year, and is an annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group in partnership with road safety organisations and government.

This year's overarching theme for NRSW is *Everyone has a right to get home safe*, supported by the ongoing key message, *Drive so others survive*.

The Ipswich Road Safety committee, including the Queensland Police Service Ipswich District Crime Prevention, Department of Transport and Main Roads, Ipswich City Council, Ipswich PCYC, Motorcycle Queensland, and Queensland Motorcycle council are supporting [National Road Safety Week](#) by lighting up the Ipswich City Council building as well as the Robelle Domain stage and arena in yellow to raise awareness around road safety.

With approximately 1,200 people killed and another 44,000 seriously injured on Australian roads each year, NRSW raises road safety awareness and highlights the impact of road trauma in the hopes of saving lives and preventing serious injuries.

Make road safety the priority, for you and your fellow road users by making your [road safety pledge](#) online.

Show your support by wearing a yellow ribbon or display a [vehicle sticker](#) and promote NRSW on social media using #NRSW or #DriveSOS with a photo of you wearing yellow. <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/ipswich/2022/05/13/get-home-safe-this-national-road-safety-week-may-15-22/>



**Two Tribes helps young asylum seekers and refugees to tell their story**

Celebrating 10 years of supporting young asylum seekers and refugees that are having difficulty in assimilating to the Australian culture, PCYC Beenleigh's Two Tribes program (Together We Obtain Trust, Respect, Inspiration, Belief, Enthusiasm and Support) supported a new cohort of vulnerable young people to tell their story. Teaching self-belief through art workshops and encouraging a trusting relationship with the police, PCYC Beenleigh club manager Sergeant Mark Haestier continues to be justifiably proud of the program he started in 2011.

“It is incredibly emotional the process these young people go through. Being part of their journeys and seeing them emerge with confidence, ready to engage with their peers and proud of their refugee heritage is so special,” said Sergeant Haestier.

“Senior Constable Bob Caunt and I both feel extremely privileged to deliver this program, and in the current circumstances couldn't have selected a more deserving cohort of young people.”

PCYC Beenleigh's six-week Two Tribes program begins with a team building exercise to build trust between students and police, as for many of these young people, police and uniforms are identified with corruption.



The following six sessions involve art therapy, where each person creates a torso which resembles themselves, upon which they illustrate their journey from country of origin to Australia.

Sergeant Haestier said, “These torsos are used to visually articulate and describe their emotion, distress, heartbreak, and the sense of freedom felt on their arrival in this country. The process is designed to help participants express who they are, break down their fears and their struggles, and to help them see clearly who they are and to build a sense of pride and confidence.”

Lastly, the program concludes with an excursion to QPS Headquarters and State Parliament, to further illustrate that Australia is a democratic nation, where police are trusted, and government representatives are elected by the people.

Macey participated in Two Tribes in 2012 cannot speak highly enough of PCYC Queensland.

“When I came here, the culture was so different. Everything was literally different to how I was brought up in the Philippines. So, when I started the Two Tribes program I started being a bit more comfortable and a bit more outgoing,” she said.

Through her journey with PCYC Queensland, Macey became a valued member of the Youth Management Team, completing her Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards, all three levels of the PCYC State Youth Leadership Program (SYLP) and achieving her licence through Braking the Cycle.

“Two Tribes enables young people to tell their own individual stories within a supportive, positive environment. I felt I could share my experiences without being judged.”

Now a fully qualified nurse and midwife, Macey says, “PCYC has just given me so much experience and so much opportunity that no one can get in their lifetime. For me, PCYC feels like home.”

The above article “Two Tribes helps young asylum seekers and refugees to tell their story was taken from the PCYC Queensland Team Connect magazine [https://issuu.com/pcycqueensland/docs/annual\\_report\\_2020\\_21/30](https://issuu.com/pcycqueensland/docs/annual_report_2020_21/30)

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

**We sincerely thank you for your continued support of CSP.**

# 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)**

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Maroons!!!!

**Ingredients:**

- 500gms mince
- 1/2 cup diced green pepper
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 2 onions (sliced)
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup olives (if desired)
- 2 cups diced egg-plant
- 2 tablespoons parsley (fresh or dried)
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 2/3 cups or 148mls of tomato sauce
- 2 stock cubes
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup grated cheese
- 2 tablespoons melted butter



**Method:**

1. Cook onion in a little olive oil until tender.
2. Brown mince and drain off any excessive fat.
3. Add green pepper, celery and garlic.
4. Saute until tender.
5. Stir in salt, pepper, egg-plant, parsley, rice, oregano, stock cubes, tomato sauce and water.
6. Bring to boil, then cover and simmer for 20minutes.
7. Pour into greased baking dish.
8. Mix cheese, breadcrumbs and melted butter.
9. Sprinkle breadcrumb mixture over dish adding the olives.
10. Bake at 450 for 15 minutes.

Serves 8

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