

Year in Review

- The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), held at Coolumbah on the Sunshine Coast in March 2002, involved the largest security operation ever staged by the Queensland Police Service.

Following the postponement of the event in October 2001, CHOGM was the first major forum of international political leaders to be held after the events of September 11.

The Service had primary responsibility for the provision of a safe and secure environment for the CHOGM meeting, which was attended by about 1,500 delegates and 900 national and international media representatives.

More than 4,000 police and staff members from police regions throughout Queensland took part in the security operation. In preparation for the event, a total of 210,000 hours of training was completed by Service personnel.

Police officers performed roles including venue security, crowd management, close personal protection and motorcade duties on the Sunshine Coast and in Brisbane during the event. The operation involved complex logistics, including shuttle buses moving 5,400 Service personnel each day and more than 50,000 meals prepared during the event. In excess of 600 motorcades were coordinated to transport Commonwealth leaders and other CHOGM delegates between the meeting, accommodation venues and airports.



Her Majesty the Queen in Cairns, March 2002.

In the lead-up to the event, the Service was involved in an extensive mediation process with groups of people who had indicated an intention to demonstrate during CHOGM and the associated Royal visit. This approach was intended to facilitate arrangements for groups wanting to exercise their democratic right to freedom of speech, without adversely impinging on the security requirements for CHOGM. Mediation of this kind had never before been undertaken on such a scale and proved successful in developing constructive relationships between police and issue-motivated community groups. This process offers ongoing benefits to both police and the community.

CHOGM 2002 also provided the Service with an invaluable opportunity to build on existing strategic partnerships with numerous State and Federal agencies including the Australian Defence Force, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Australian Federal Police, and other State and Federal Government agencies.

The success of the CHOGM security operation can be attributed to the exhaustive preparation undertaken by the Service's CHOGM Planning Unit, extensive preparation and training of personnel throughout the State in the lead-up to the event, the commitment of Service personnel during the event, and the collaboration between State and Federal agencies.

- Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in Brisbane to conduct a Royal tour and open CHOGM. The tour involved travel to venues in Cairns, Roma and the Sunshine Coast over a three-day period. Coinciding with the Royal tour was a visit to Queensland by former United States President Bill Clinton.

- The Goodwill Games, which took place between 28 August and 9 September 2001, demonstrated the Service's ability to deliver first class security and policing services. During the Games, approximately 1,300 elite athletes competed in 14 sporting events utilising eight venues in Metropolitan South Region, Metropolitan North Region and South Eastern Region.



The Service had primary responsibility for providing a safe and secure environment during CHOGM.

- The *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001*, which commenced on 1 January 2002, redefined the responsibilities of the Service and the Crime and Misconduct Commission with respect to the management of complaints. In accordance with the Act, all matters of police misconduct (i.e. any matter not involving official misconduct) have been devolved to the Service for resolution. The Service's new complaints management system enables complaints to be resolved quickly and easily at managerial level, resulting in improved services for clients.

- The Weapons Licensing Branch embarked on a major firearms licensing renewal program involving the renewal of more than 180,000 firearms licences over the next three years. The program reflects amendments to the *Weapons Act 1990* and *Weapons Regulation 1996*, in response to the national firearms initiatives. The Regulation now requires all firearms licences to be renewed every five years.

- The Service's ability to effectively investigate crime was enhanced by the establishment of the national CrimTrac system. The system currently provides fingerprint and DNA searching capabilities, and will eventually provide links to national operational policing information.

- The State Government allocated \$1.9 million to support the continuing statewide implementation of DNA analysis. The emerging use of DNA testing has enhanced the effectiveness of criminal investigations with a direct impact on the speed with which major crimes are solved.

- The Service has continued its commitment to develop the technological and scientific infrastructure supporting police with the purchase of a second Scientific Major Incident Response Vehicle for use in the South Eastern Region. The vehicle has been used by the forensic support units when attending serious crimes and has allowed for forensic procedures to occur at the crime scene.

- The delivery of policing services has been further enhanced by the Desktop Replacement project, providing standardised, up to date personal computers for accessing corporate, regional and local information systems.

Staffing	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002
Police Officers	7,767	8,053
Police Recruits	315	315
Staff Members	2,981	3,142
Total Employees	11,063	11,510
Notes:		
1. Staffing numbers refer to actual employees, not 'full time equivalent' employees.		
2. 'Staff Members' refers to employees other than police officers or police recruits.		
3. All staffing numbers are as at 30 June of the year under review.		

Finance	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002
ASSETS		
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$651M	\$691M
KEY EXPENSES		
Employee Expenses	\$639M	\$687M
Supplies & Services	\$106M	\$115M
KEY REVENUES		
Output Revenue	\$783M	\$829M