

## profile



- Queensland covers approximately 1.7 million square kilometres, representing 25 percent of Australia's land mass.
- Queensland's population is approaching 4 million.
- The Service was established in 1864 pursuant to the *Police Act 1863* (Qld).
- The Service consists of 8,434 police officers and 3,257 staff members operating under the legislative framework established by the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* (Qld) and the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* (Qld).
- The functions of the Service, outlined in s.2.3 of the *Police Service Administration Act*, are to preserve peace and good order; protect the community; prevent crime; detect offenders; uphold the law; ensure the fair and efficient administration of law; and provide services in emergency situations.
- The Service expended \$ 917M in the 2002–03 financial year across its seven outputs: Proactive, Problem-Oriented Policing; Crime Detection, Investigation and Prosecution; Preservation of Public Safety; Combating Organised and Major Crime; Traffic Policing, Speed Management and Camera Operations; Ethical Standards and Public Accountability; and Corporate Support.
- These outputs represent the core activities of the Service and are strategically aligned to the whole-of-government priorities including Safer and More Supportive Communities.
- There are two specialist units and one command that report directly to the Commissioner: the Office of the Commissioner; Media and Public Relations Branch; and the Ethical Standards Command.
- To facilitate policing at a local level, the Service is divided into eight geographical regions. In addition, there are two functional commands, established centrally, to provide specialist support as required.
- Each of these regions and commands is managed by an Assistant Commissioner who reports to the Deputy Commissioner, Deputy Chief Executive (Operations).
- There are four divisions that collectively deliver the corporate support functions of the Service. Each division is managed by a Director who reports to the Deputy Chief Executive (Resource Management).
- The organisational chart on page 13 depicts these organisational units and reporting relationships.
- The regionalised structure of the Service with specific information provided in respect of each region is shown on pages 14 to 16.