

# Year In Review

- The Service coordinated the implementation of the National Child Protection Offender Registration Scheme in Queensland which commenced in January 2005.
- The Service continued to implement recommendations in the Crime and Misconduct Commission's *Seeking Justice* and *Protecting Children* reports through the appointment of a Child Safety Director, located within the Sexual Crime Investigation Group. The Child Safety Director assisted in the statewide development and implementation of a rejuvenated Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) model.
- The Government provided funding for an additional 50 Juvenile Aid Bureau officers.
- The Counter Terrorism Coordination Unit provided significant support to national counter-terrorism exercises, including Exercise Linebreaker and Exercise Mercury 2004.
- The Operational Performance Review Unit reviewed the Human Resource Management Division for the first time, Information Management Division for a second time and the 29 police districts throughout the State twice each during 2004-05. Performance reviews were also conducted of State Crime Operations Command and Operations Support Command.
- Neighbourhood Police Beats at Highfields (Toowoomba), Elanora (Gold Coast) and Kawana Waters (Sunshine Coast) became operational.
- A School Based Police Officer training course was conducted in April 2005 and the Service allocated eight School Based Police Officers in line with the Government's commitment to provide 16 new officers over three years.
- The engagement of an additional 17 Police Liaison Officers from Sudanese, Muslim, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.
- The Service carried out its role of ensuring the safety of Queenslanders and visitors at a number of major events, including ANZAC Day, Schoolies' Celebrations, New Year's Eve, Brisbane River Festival and Gold Coast Indy.
- A third general firearms amnesty was conducted from 1 July to 31 December 2004, which enabled members of the public to surrender or register unlicensed firearms. The amnesty resulted in 10,539 previously unlicensed firearms being recorded on the Service's weapons system.
- Two relocatable forensic facilities, at Maryborough and Nerang, were officially opened and along with 31 other forensic facilities maintained by the Service throughout Queensland, received National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accreditation.



- The Seniors Task Force launched a seniors safety handbook, entitled "*Confident, Safe & Secure Living in Queensland. A Handbook on Safety for Seniors*". The handbook provides practical advice for seniors about keeping safe both inside and outside the home.
- During 2004-05, the U-Turn program for young car theft offenders was established to provide a ten week courses for young offenders, and those at risk of offending, to reduce the rate of repeat offending.
- A civilian illicit laboratory investigation team was established in the State Drug Investigation Group to enable police officers previously used for this purpose to focus on proactive investigations.
- During the 2004-05 reporting period, 640 police recruits were appointed to the Police Recruit Operational Vocational Education Program.
- The Service continued to progress the Indigenous Driver's Licensing Program in remote and isolated communities and issued or renewed in excess of 1,500 driver's licences.