

## Year In Review

- The Service was provided with additional funding to increase police numbers. In 2005-06, police numbers were increased to a funded strength of 9,378 officers. This represents an overall increase of 2.3%, a police to population ratio of 1:438, which is above the national average.
- The Service implemented LiveScan technology which allows suspects and offenders to be electronically fingerprinted. Prints can be matched in real time against Queensland and national databases allowing police to confirm a person's identity within an hour.
- Five Neighbourhood Police Beats were established during the reporting period at Burpengary, Tewantin, Seaforth, Mooroolbool, and Yorkeys Knob. Two Police Beat Shopfronts became operational at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and the Grand Central Shopping Centre, Toowoomba.
- Throughout 2005-06 the Counter Terrorism Coordination Unit conducted an examination of critical infrastructure, working with businesses and Government departments to develop appropriate counter terrorism strategies.
- By enacting the forensic procedures provisions of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*, the Service has set the benchmark for inter-jurisdictional DNA matching legislation. Queensland was the first State to go live on the national DNA database and is matching with Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Negotiations are ongoing with the remaining States, the ACT and the Commonwealth to further expand this matching.
- DNA matching has allowed the Service to solve numerous crimes and identify persons of interest in unsolved "cold" cases.
- QPRIME is a new computer system supporting the needs of operational police. QPRIME will replace a multitude of existing police computer systems, linking all occurrences involving a particular individual, location or vehicle. QPRIME is a major step forward for criminal intelligence gathering and profiling and implementation commenced in 2005-06.
- The Police Liaison Officer (PLO) scheme has grown to incorporate over 140 officers representing Indigenous and multicultural communities. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Samoan, Sudanese, Muslim, Chinese, Vietnamese, Fijian-Indian, Maori, Filipino, Australian South Sea Islander and South American cultures are represented in the program.
- As part of the Government's *Tough on Drugs* strategy, the Service has trained drug detection dogs for use in public places, including special events and night clubs. These dogs are trained in passive detection techniques and are able to quickly identify suspects who may be in possession of illicit drugs.
- The Service continued to implement recommendations of two Crime and Misconduct Commission reports, *Seeking Justice* and *Protecting Children*. A Child Safety Director, located within the Child Safety and Sexual Crime Group, has been appointed and has assisted in the statewide development and implementation of a rejuvenated Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) model. The Service now has 19 SCAN representatives, reflecting the Service's commitment to SCAN as an integral component of Queensland's child protection system.

- The Service managed public safety aspects of major events, including Anzac Day, schoolies celebrations, New Year's Eve, the Brisbane Riverfire Festival, the Gympie Muster, the Woodford Folk Festival, the Gold Coast Indy and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay.
- Cyclone Larry crossed the Queensland coast on 20 March 2006. The Service assisted in the recovery efforts as part of the Whole-of-Government response.
- A Mental Health Crisis Intervention Project involving police, ambulance officers and Queensland Health was established to de-escalate situations involving people with a mental disorder. To date, 285 police officers have received specialised training in preparation for their roles in the project.
- Ten Queensland Police Service officers deployed, with the support of the Queensland Government, to the Solomon Islands as part of the Australian Federal Police International Deployment Group.

