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National Police Memorial dedication takes its place in history

In 2001, the Australasian Police Ministers' Council resolved that a National Police Memorial be established in the nation's capital as a collaborative effort between the Australian Federal Police, state and territory police jurisdictions, and Australia's police associations/unions through the Police Federation of Australia.

As a result a steering committee was formed which brought the project to fruition, overseeing every aspect from site selection, to design, construction and the dedication. The efforts of the steering committee have resulted in a memorial of which they, the policing community and all Australians can be justly proud.

The National Police Memorial commemorates all those police officers who have been killed on duty or who have died as a result of their duties, totalling more than 700 officers since the first recorded death in 1803.

The memorial symbolically represents the range of essential attributes needed for effective policing: courage, duty and integrity, strength, unity and

common purpose, determination to serve the community, and commitment to all aspects of the job from local to international.

The ceremony to dedicate the National Police Memorial was the culmination of the largest multi-jurisdictional law enforcement response to a single event in Australia's history.

The official Queensland Police Service (QPS) contribution to this operation was 94 people, representing approximately 1% of the total number of the state's police officers.

In addition, the QPS also helped to coordinate the movements of additional police, staff and family members who travelled to Canberra for the dedication in their own time or as part of an organised visit with the Queensland Police Legacy Scheme.

The logistics of moving several hundred people to and from various locations throughout the city while meeting tight deadlines presented a challenge which was successfully met by the planning team in Canberra.

The QPS contribution consisted of a 66-person march contingent, colour party, catafalque party, mounted police and members of the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums who all worked together in a short timeframe to present a professional and positive contribution to the march and make the dedication ceremony worthy of its place in Australia's policing history.

I wish to thank all those who were involved in making the National Police Memorial and the dedication ceremony such a success. I would also like to encourage all members, their families and the community to visit the memorial should they have the opportunity.

QPRIME

The Queensland Police Service is currently undertaking the Queensland Police Records and Information Management Exchange (QPRIME) program (see page 34 for more details).

The introduction of QPRIME represents one of the most significant changes in the past decade to technology used by QPS members.

The new system means police will be able to log into one computerised system to record and manage all police incidents and will become the single source of information related to an incident, location, vehicle or person.

An integrated technology system will provide police with a more effective way to quickly and reliably retrieve information. Police will have immediate access to more than 350,000 mug shots, 470,000 offender entries, digital boundary maps and advanced Information Analysis and Geographical Information Systems.

Current systems require police officers to enter the same information regarding an incident into a number of separate databases. This makes it time consuming for police to access the information they require to help solve crime and investigate incidents.

QPRIME will reduce the administrative burden on police, improve the effectiveness and efficiency of operational policing and enhance the targeting of police time and resources. ■