



Continually striving to achieve our best

Dangerous Liaisons

The recent report arising from a CMC investigation into allegations of police misconduct—*Operation Capri*—has significantly damaged the reputation of the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

The investigation found a deliberate misuse of policing powers and disregard for existing policies and procedures by a few officers. This requires the rest of us to work harder to regain the community's confidence in what we do.

Although the QPS has already acted to address many of the issues identified through *Operation Capri*, the Service has also implemented a range of actions to ensure the messages in the report are disseminated and clearly understood by all its members. I encourage all members of the Service to view the report.

As a professional police service, we must all continually strive to improve our performance. Ethical standards is an area we must

commit significant time and effort to, and we must remain constantly vigilant to inappropriate or unethical practices.

Bridge to Brisbane

This was the ninth year the QPS entered a corporate team into the Bridge to Brisbane fun run. It would not have been possible without the support of team sponsors Queensland Police Credit Union, Fujitsu, Queensland Police Health & Recreation Association, and the Organisational Safety & Wellbeing Branch. I'd like to acknowledge the sponsors' commitment to supporting QPS participants in the Bridge to Brisbane.

The organising team is looking forward to next year's Bridge to Brisbane and hopes to have even more QPS members involved. We are working towards a corporate team of 1,000 competitors in 2010.

Hooning laws

More than 12,000 vehicles have been impounded in Queensland since anti-

hooning laws came into effect in 2002. Recidivism rates are plummeting and it is clear the crackdown on hooning is sending a strong message to repeat offenders. Driving a car is a privilege, not a right, and irresponsible drivers are learning if they don't want to follow the rules, they risk losing the wheels from underneath them.

Of those 12,000 impoundments, 7,297 were 'Type 2' impoundments, incorporating offences such as unlicensed or drink driving, as opposed to 'Type 1' impoundments which relate more specifically to hooning behaviour such as speed trials. Type 2 confiscations have been just as successful as their Type 1 counterparts at impressing upon drivers there is no room for reckless behaviour on Queensland's roads.

Our anti-hooping laws are considered the toughest in Australia, with 69 Queenslanders having permanently lost their vehicles in the last year alone.

As a police officer, I cannot tolerate poor driver behaviour and I will continue to support the efforts of QPS members who crack down on drivers putting lives at risk on Queensland's roads.