



Rock group Band of Blue, comprising operational police officers, entertain the crowd between demonstrations.



Accomplished didgeridoo player Senior Constable Matthew Bond provides a stirring musical accompaniment.



Members of the Explosive Ordnance Response Team demonstrate their response to a suspect package. The Firearms and Explosives Detection dog picks up the scent of plastic explosives from nine identical boxes, and sits passively to alert the handler. A bomb technician protected by a 45kg Med-Eng Bomb Suit x-rays the box to determine its contents. Using remote control, the team then deploys a Teodor robot to render the device safe.



The Public Safety Response Team, decked out in full personal protective equipment, demonstrate basic shield commands and movements and stage the subduing of a mock violent offender. The equipment consists of a helmet, flash hood or balaclava, chest, arm and leg protection as well as gloves and gas masks. The officers are also wearing fire retardant uniforms and carry a riot shield to provide protection from any missile that may be thrown at them.



As well as adding a more formal element to the parade, members of the Mounted Unit make friends with the many horse lovers in the crowd.

# Police make a spectacular contribution to Q150 celebrations

The best and brightest of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) were on show at the Police Induction Spectacular, held at the Oxley Police Academy, Brisbane, on June 12.

The event was part of Queensland's official Q150 celebrations, and included live demonstrations, static displays, food, music and fireworks.

More than 30 QPS units were on display during the event, which culminated in an official

induction ceremony for around 150 proud police recruits.

There were active demonstrations from the Dog Squad, who brought along their drug dogs, as well as the popular cute puppies in training. The Mounted Unit was also a hit with the crowd, particularly when many spectators had the chance to get up close and personal with the highly-trained horses.

Some excitement for the crowd was provided by demonstrations from the Public Safety Response Team

in their full riot gear, as well as the Explosive Ordnance Response Team and their bomb disposal robot. The Water Police provided a rolling display of watercraft along with a demonstration from the Special Emergency Response Team, something rarely seen by the public.

The static displays on show included the Forensic Crash Unit and stalls with information about recruiting and the 40 plus careers available within the Service.

The Queensland Police Museum staged a tribute to the history of the QPS uniform, with police recruits modelling a succession of uniforms worn over the past 145 years.

The crowds were entertained by music from the award winning Queensland Police Pipes & Drums, rock group Band of Blue, and the volunteer choir Melody in Blue. The event was topped off with a spectacular fireworks display.

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Community members take the opportunity for an informal chat with police officers.



Queensland Water Police join a rolling parade of vessels, vehicles and customised vans.



The Special Emergency Response Team adds a dramatic element to the proceedings by playing out a scenario in which hostages are rescued and the offenders arrested. A fuel air display (*above*) and a demonstration of roping capabilities from a helicopter (*below*) are part of the script.



Puppies in training prove popular with young and old.



Queensland Police Pipes & Drums add a traditional element to the festivities.



A drug detection dog correctly identifies which item contains the illicit drug by scratching at it, and is in turn rewarded by the handler.





Fireworks draw a fitting conclusion to a day of spectacle, entertainment and positive interaction.



Having completed many months of education and training, more than 150 police recruits proudly line up to begin their careers as sworn members of the Queensland Police Service.

# Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums

Developing youth through music



Following in the rich tradition of the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums, the award-winning Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums add a dramatic edge to ANZAC ceremonies, marches, concerts, fundraisers and other public events.

Band members range in age from 8-17 years and meet for practice from 4-7pm on Thursday afternoons at the Old Museum Building at Bowen Hills, Brisbane.

The juvenile pipers and drummers receive free tuition from their mentors, the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums. They not only gain valuable skills and experience as musicians but also develop life skills, discipline, respect, commitment, teamwork skills, and a sense of achievement.

If you would like to join one of Australia's most successful juvenile pipe bands, please contact the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums by email at [Pipes&Drums@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Pipes&Drums@police.qld.gov.au) or telephone 3253 3800.