

Committed to providing a safer community for all Queenslanders

Recently the Queensland Police Service (QPS) hosted the 2005 Conference of Commissioners of Police of Australasia and the South West Pacific Region in Brisbane. While a range of issues were addressed the main theme was performance management.

Queensland Police provide for the safety and security of our community. Maintaining the high level of service and performance in terms of community expectations in that regard is a day to day challenge for police in all jurisdictions in an environment of growing demand for services.

Performance management embraces every facet of a contemporary policing agency.

The key note speaker at the 2005 Police Commissioners' Conference was Mr William (Bill) J Bratton, Chief of Police, Los Angeles Police Department and the former Chief of the New York and Boston Police Departments.

It was a pleasure to host Chief Bratton, while he was in Brisbane. He oversees the operations of one of the largest municipal law enforcement agencies in the United States of America.

During his address to the Conference, it was reassuring to hear Mr Bratton provide positive feedback on policing in Queensland. Mr Bratton confirms the comments we have received from our community and the visitors to Queensland over recent months.

Queensland police officers have a demanding role in the community. This issue of the *Police Bulletin* showcases some of the challenges faced by our police officers on a daily basis and the positive programs established to look at preventing crime and promoting community safety.

Two recent examples of significant community interest involve police officers from the Sexual Crimes Investigation Unit and Brisbane Central Police District. Through work such as child abduction alerts, protective behaviours, the crack

down on internet paedophiles and proactive strategies implemented in Brisbane's CBD these officers are further enhancing community safety and crime prevention.

This issue of the *Police Bulletin* also provides you with an insight into initiatives developed to further increase community safety throughout Queensland.

Some of the good work currently being undertaken by QPS members includes programs such as: the U-turn program which aims to reduce motor vehicle theft and provides young offenders with a chance to turn their lives around; Project Kit which addresses volatile substance abuse in suburban Cairns and was the 2004 QPS Gold Award for Excellence in Crime Prevention; and Healthier Lifestyles Project which targets adolescent drug use in Toowoomba and won the 2004 QPS Silver Award for Excellence in Crime Prevention.

This issue of the *Police Bulletin* further demonstrates the commitment and professionalism of QPS members in providing a safer community for all Queenslanders.

Initiatives such as these embrace the concepts of working in partnership, problem solving and preventing crime.

We appreciate and value greatly the continued support of the community and should strive to further develop productive partnerships and engage the community in problem solving processes.

While the performance of QPS members in recent years has in my view been outstanding, existing challenges and emerging ones mean that we will need to expand our efforts. I am confident that the three part approach of: decisive reactive investigative policing that is based on good intelligence analysis; prevention and problem solving is working for us and will continue to be the basis for our efforts in the future.

