Queensland Police Service
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Directions 2015-2019

Our Vision is that members of the community work with the Queensland police to stop crime and make Queensland safer.
Our Mission is to stop crime, make the community safer, including reducing road trauma, and building relationships in the community.

QPS Values:

Courage: by always doing the right thing
Fairness: in themselves, the QPS, the work they do and the community they serve
Pride: in themselves, the QPS, the work they do and the community they serve

Influences:
The Queensland Police Service (QPS) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Directions and associated annual Action Plans complement and contribute to a range of national, state and local initiatives including the Australian Government’s Closing the Gap on Indigenous Disadvantage and Queensland Government strategies including the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), the response to the Crime and Misconduct Commission report: Restoring Order: Crime prevention, policing and local justice in Queensland’s Indigenous communities.
The QPS acknowledges the special place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders in this State. We are committed to promoting the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the provision of policing services.

QPS strategies/priorities

• Better manage QPS resources and enhance staff training, development and equipment.
• Deliver innovative, flexible and mobile policing services.
• Streamline business processes and enhance performance.
• Emphasise place and case management approaches that focus on people, places or issues.
• Use intelligence, specialist support and taskforces to target crime and road safety.
• Be more visible and accessible to the community.
• Foster relationships with our partners, stakeholders and the community, with a focus on enhancing client service.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander priorities

• Strengthen organisational capacity to respond to matters involving the Indigenous community through development of long term initiatives to improve relationships with Indigenous communities.
• Promote community understanding of police actions and activity through appropriate awareness campaigns.
• Strengthen engagement and support of Indigenous peoples and communities, through working in partnership to prevent crime and disorder using contemporary policing strategies, analysis and information systems.
• Increasing Indigenous employment.
• Increase the knowledge and skills of QPS employees in working with Indigenous people and communities.
• Reduce anti-social behaviour and youth violence – The Queensland Government will empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth through providing safe and secure environments for them to participate, learn and grow as active members of their community.
• Reduce the community impact of domestic and family violence - enhance the capacity of police to deal with domestic and family violence in a culturally appropriate way.
• Promote a coordinated, ‘all hazards’, all agency approach to managing disasters, major events and other incidents - ensure Indigenous communities are included in awareness strategies focussed on preparedness for disasters and major events.
• Report annually on QPS planning and progress against government and other Annual Action Plans.