

Commissioner's message



In reflecting on the past year, I feel very proud of the Queensland Police Service's (QPS) ability to meet the many challenges and complexities of a constantly evolving policing environment. We continued to pursue strategies that underpin our organisation's ongoing improvement: pioneering cutting-edge initiatives and technology in delivering world-class frontline police services for the people of Queensland.

I know our success is because of the efforts, skills and commitment of our more than 15,000 members and I take this opportunity to thank each member for their service to the Queensland community.

Many of these members were again at the forefront of a large international event, ensuring the community remained safe and secure during the 2018 Commonwealth Games. With up to 3,700 QPS officers, and the

support of many others from partner agencies, we were well prepared to ensure the safety of more than 6,500 athletes involved in the Games as well as visitors and the public alike.

While delivering a safe and secure Games stands out as a significant success for the QPS, our people delivered many other achievements during the 2017-18 year. Highlights for the year include:

- conducting a number of successful policing operations targeting property crime, illegal firearms and illicit drugs, and reducing the crime rate overall; and undertaking road safety operations and campaigns which saw road crash fatalities reduce
- providing leadership and coordination during two severe weather-related events: Tropical Cyclone Nora and Iris
- leveraging technological advancements to enhance our frontline policing capability including a new world class use of force, weapons and counter-terrorism training facility (due for completion in 2020-21), the development of new functionalities within QLITE (mobile tablet devices) and rolling out a further 2,400 body-worn cameras
- becoming an accredited White Ribbon Workplace, signifying our support and commitment to a future free from any form of violence
- celebrating a wide range of pride events to affirm our support of LGBTI members as well as the LGBTI community
- unveiling an incredible indigenous artwork piece entitled Look to the Stars – a visual reminder of our past, our present, and our future engagements with all Indigenous communities throughout Queensland.

Furthermore, in 2017-18, we farewelled former Deputy Commissioner's Peter Martin and Brett Pointing. Former Deputy Commissioner Peter Martin was appointed to the role of Queensland Corrective Services Commissioner in December 2017, after a long and distinguished career in the QPS spanning 38 years. Former Deputy Commissioner Brett Pointing officially retired from the Service in March 2018, after a long and distinguished career spanning more than 40 years. Both officers have made significant contributions to the QPS and Queensland community, and I wish both Brett and Peter well in their future endeavours.

As always, I was honoured to lead the QPS during the year and remain committed to delivering safe and secure communities through innovation, collaborating and best practice.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Ian Stewart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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COMMISSIONER