

Commissioner's message



During 2018-19, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) continued to deliver world-class frontline policing services for the people of Queensland. I feel very proud of the QPS' ability to meet the many challenges and complexities of a constantly evolving policing environment. In 2018-19 we continued to pursue technologies, strategies and initiatives to support our ongoing commitment to keep communities safe.

Our success as an organisation is attributed to the hard work, skills, courage 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.

During 2018-19, the QPS had many achievements that showcase the outstanding work and dedication of our members. Highlights for the year included:

- the launch of a dedicated Major Events Planning Unit in Brisbane Region in May 2019 which provides planning support across the region with a strong focus on the City, Valley and Riverside patrol groups, delivering enhanced major event planning
- continuing to embrace technology advancements including a new laser scanner to record critical evidence and capture every aspect of a crime scene in accurate detail, trialling a Remotely Pilot Aircraft to map traffic scenes to reduce road closure times, and trialling on-water drug testing and enforcement to create a safer environment for Queensland waterways
- rolling out a fleet of new Kia Stingers across the state
- celebrating 125 years of photographic services in the QPS and the strong evolution of police photography since the nineteenth century
- unveiling a new permanent police memorial in Brisbane City Botanic Gardens which will serve as an important tribute to those QPS officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, and provide a solemn site for reflection and remembrance
- the Commonwealth Games Group receiving national accolades, including the Gold Award in the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management, for its handling of security, with all planned outcomes achieved on time and under budget, and a Collaboration Award for demonstrating effective integration across multiple agencies at all levels of government
- ongoing high visibility road safety operations, focussing on the 'Fatal Five' high risk road user behaviours to ensure the safety of all Queenslanders on our roads
- continuing to support inclusion and diversity through the Our People Matter Strategy, Senior Women's Collective group and participating in LGBTI activities.

We farewellled former Deputy Commissioner Bob Gee and Assistant Commissioner Paul Stewart. Former Deputy Commissioner Bob Gee was appointed as the Director-General for the newly created Department of Youth Justice, after a long and distinguished career in the QPS spanning more than 32 years. Former Assistant Commissioner Paul Stewart was appointed to the role of Deputy Commissioner in Queensland Corrective Services, after a long and distinguished career in the QPS spanning more than 35 years. Both officers have made significant contributions to the QPS and the Queensland community, and I wish both Bob and Paul well in their new roles.

I announced my retirement from the Service in February 2019, following a career spanning more than 45 years. I am honoured and privileged to have served as the Queensland Police Commissioner for the last six years. I wish my successor, Commissioner Carroll all the best for the future.

As always, I was honoured to lead the QPS during the year. I would like to thank the QPS Executive Leadership Team and our 15,000 members for their dedication to those we serve by delivering safe and secure communities across our great State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Stewart', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

IAN STEWART APM
COMMISSIONER