

Queensland Police Union – April 15 to 16 2021

National Youth Crime Symposium – Speakers and Presenters

Speakers



**Honourable Leanne Linard MP,
Minister for Children and Youth
Justice and Minister for Multicultural
Affairs**

Leanne Linard is the Member of Parliament for Nudgee on Brisbane's northside, and is the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

As the daughter of a RAAF pilot and engineer, Leanne spent her early years growing up in a Defence Force family and learned the values of community service.

Leanne has previously held community roles, including Co-Chair and Patron of Upbeat Arts, a member of the Australian Catholic University Brisbane Community Chapter and was a former board member with Bravehearts, Brisbane Roar FC and Nundah Activity Centre.

She was first elected as the Member for Nudgee in 2015 and appointed Minister for Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs in 2020. She served as Parliamentary Chair of the Health, Education and Child Safety portfolio committees between 2015-2020, and as a member of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee and Ethics Committees.

Prior to entering Parliament, Leanne worked as the Executive Officer of a Commonwealth Statutory Authority, as a senior policy advisor in the Queensland Government for Police, Corrective Services, Emergency Services and economic policy, and as a private sector manager. She holds a Bachelor of Business from Queensland University of Technology, a Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training and is currently undertaking further graduate law studies with a particular interest in criminal law and justice.



Ian Leavers APM

Ian has been General President & CEO of the Queensland Police Union since 2009 and is a currently serving police officer.

Ian joined the police force as it was then, in 1989 and has worked in the General Duties (Small and Large stations), Traffic Branch, Accident Investigation Squad, and in plain clothes in the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) and the Child Protection Investigation Unit (CPIU).

Ian heralded a new era for policing as president of the Queensland Police Union and this is demonstrated by his proactive approach to law and order policy development. He has redefined the role and involvement of police in public debate, discussion and

discourse.

Ian is a champion for providing a safe working environment for police and the community.

This can be seen in the Police Union's regular policy submissions to Parliamentary Committees, Royal Commissions and Taskforces, on a diverse range of topics, such as alcohol fuelled violence, domestic violence, government and legislative structures, child abuse, mental health funding and police discipline procedures.

Ian also serves on several boards including as a director of QBANK, (formerly the Queensland Police Credit Union), WorkCover Queensland, Vice-President of the Police Federation of Australia, and a previous member of the Queensland Government's Work Health and Safety Board.

On 8 June 2020, Ian was awarded the Australian Police Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Robert Atkinson AO, APM

Bob Atkinson served as the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service for 12 years from 2000 until his retirement in October 2012. In a 44-year career with the Queensland Police Service, he served throughout Queensland from Goondiwindi to Cairns. He was a detective for approximately 20 years and acted as the police prosecutor in various Magistrates Courts during this period.

Bob Atkinson oversaw reforms after the Fitzgerald inquiry from 1990 as well as the Public Sector Management Commission Review and Report Recommendations of the Queensland Police Service in 1993.

Bob Atkinson was sworn in as Constable on 30 October 1968 and began a 44-year career with the Queensland Police Service where he performed a wide range of operational and managerial roles. In 1989 he attended the three-month FBI National Academy Course at Quantico, Virginia USA. He again attended the FBI Academy during 2002 for the National Executive Institute Program.



Professor Lorraine Mazerolle, University of Queensland

Lorraine Mazerolle is an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow (2010–2015), a Professorial Research Fellow at the University of Queensland, and a Chief Investigator with the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course. Her research interests are in experimental criminology, policing, drug law enforcement, regulatory crime control, and crime prevention. She is the co-chair Crime and Justice Group, Campbell Collaboration, immediate past Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, past Chair of the

American Society of Criminology's (ASC) Division of Experimental Criminology, an elected Fellow and past president of the Academy of Experimental Criminology (AEC), and an elected fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences, Australia and the American Society of Criminology (ASC).

Professor Mazerolle is the recipient of the Distinguished Criminologist Award from the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (2020), Jerry Lee Lifetime Achievement Award from the ASC Division of Experimental Criminology (2019), Partners in Research Excellence Award from the University of Queensland (2019), Distinguished Achievement Award, Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy, George Mason University (2019), ASC Sellin-Glueck Award (2018), ASC Division of Policing Distinguished Scholar Award (2016), AEC Joan McCord Award (2013), and the ASC Division of International Criminology Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award (2010).

She has won numerous US and Australian national competitive research grants on topics such as partnership policing, police engagement with high risk people and disadvantaged communities, community regulation, problem-oriented policing, police technologies, civil remedies, street-level drug enforcement and policing public housing sites.



Dr Molly McCarthy, Griffith University

Dr Molly McCarthy is a Griffith University Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Her research interests include exploration of the drivers and characteristics of chronic youth offending, variations in offending and policing responses across communities, and economic assessments of criminal justice system issues. Molly has a background in applied public health research and consulting, and brings a multidisciplinary approach to her work, with qualifications in psychology, public health and criminology.



Professor Ross Homel AO, Griffith University

Ross Homel has been Foundation Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith since 1992. He is a former Vice-President of the Council for Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, and is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology.

Professor Homel is a highly cited social scientist (with an h-index of 50), having published approximately 200 books, edited volumes, peer-reviewed papers, chapters, and high impact government reports. He has won many awards for his research on the prevention of crime, violence and injuries and the promotion of positive development and wellbeing for children and young people in socially disadvantaged communities. These include the Sellin-Glueck Award in 2010

from the American Society of Criminology “for criminological scholarship that considers problems of crime and justice as they are manifested outside the United States.”

In 2008 he was appointed an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) “for service to education, particularly in the field of criminology, through research into the causes of crime, early intervention and prevention methods.” In 2008 he was also honoured by the Queensland Premier as a ‘Queensland Great’, “for his contribution to Queensland’s reputation for research excellence, the development of social policy and justice reform and helping Queensland’s disadvantaged communities.” In 2018 he received the Distinguished Criminologist Award from the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology “for outstanding, significant and sustained contributions to Australian criminology.”



Professor John Scott, Queensland University of Technology

John Scott is a Professor and Head of the School of Justice, at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. He has written on a wide range of topics, including rural crime and drug supply. He is currently a member of the Australian Research Council College of Experts (Criminology/Sociology), co-edits the top Scimago ranking law ranking (Australia/Pacific) International Journal for Crime, Justice and the book series Social Democracy and Crime and Justice in Asia and the Global South (Routledge), and is Vice President of the Asian



Mr John Robertson, Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council Chair, Former District Court Judge

Mr Robertson retired from the District Court in 2018, after being the first solicitor to be appointed to that court in 1994. He initially served as the first resident judge in Ipswich, moving to Maroochydore in 2001. He was a judge of the Childrens Court of Queensland throughout his judicial career and President of that court between 1999 and 2002. He was Deputy President of the Queensland Community Corrections Board between 1991 and 1994. Judge Robertson was regional convenor (Queensland) of the National Judicial College of Australia between 2002 and 2007. As a solicitor, he established the Brisbane-based firm JM Robertson & Co in 1978, which changed its name to Robertson O'Gorman in 1981. Throughout his legal

career he has lectured and written extensively on criminal law issues including sentencing, juries, restorative justice and advocacy. In 2003 he was awarded an honorary doctorate of QUT for services to the law and legal education. Judge Robertson is the author of the Queensland Sentencing Manual, a practical resource designed for practitioners and students relating to sentencing principles in Queensland.



Mick Palmer AO, APM

Michael John (Mick) Palmer is a former barrister at law and 33 year career police officer. He has had an active interest in human rights, mental health and illicit drug reform for many years.

Mick joined the Northern Territory Police in 1963 and having progressed through the ranks, was appointed Commissioner in 1988. He served in that position until 1994 when he was appointed Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police (AFP), a position he held until his retirement in March 2001.

In 1982 and 1983, during a five years break in his police service, Mick graduated with honours from the Queensland Barristers Board and practised as a barrister at law on the Gold Coast in Queensland.

Since 2001 Mick has conducted a range of inquiries and reviews for the Australian Federal and State Governments, including the Cornelia RAU Inquiry and more recently, prison related inquiries into conditions in the maximum security prison at Risdon in Tasmania and a benchmark review of Victoria's corrections system following the death of Carl Williams at Barwon Prison on 19 April 2010.

From 2004 until 2012 Mick was the Federal Government's Inspector of Transport Security, with a brief to review air, sea and land transport and off shore critical infrastructure and

directly advise government on the efficiency and effectiveness of existing security arrangements.

In 2009 Mick was appointed as a member of the National Human Rights Consultation team of four people headed by Father Frank Brennan, to conduct public meetings across Australia on the issue of human rights and report to Government.

He is a Director Emeritus and a former Deputy Chair of Australia 21, a member of the Noffs Foundation "Take Control" Campaign team and an Ambassador for Smart Recovery Australia.



Alan MacSporran QC

Alan MacSporran, QC was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law in 1978 and worked as a Crown Prosecutor until 1984 when he went to the private bar. He has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland. Mr MacSporran QC was appointed Senior Counsel in 2005 and Queens Counsel in 2013. He has developed a broad practice in criminal law with specific reference to fraud and like offences. He has prosecuted a range of matters on behalf of the Commonwealth Director of Prosecutions including large-, scale tax frauds, insider trading and corporate crimes. Mr MacSporran QC also has extensive experience in inquests and commissions of inquiry.



Associate Professor Michael Townsley

Associate Professor Townsley is Head of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University. Michael's research focuses on making crime more difficult to commit by removing or altering the opportunities to offend. As an environmental criminologist, his research focuses on the role that the immediate environment plays in the production of crime and demonstrates how careful analyses of these environmental influences are the key to the effective investigation, control, and prevention of crime.

He is co-editor of the influential book *Environmental Criminology and Crime Analysis* (Crime Science Series) which brings together leading theorists and practitioners to demonstrate how understanding crime events and analysing crime patterns can prevent and control crime.



Damien Atkinson QC

Damien has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Queensland, as well as a Master of Law with first class honours from the University of Cambridge. He has been practising at the private bar in Brisbane since 1995 and he was appointed silk in 2018. He specialises in commercial and medicolegal litigation, and he is engaged as both an advocate and a mediator.

Damien has a special passion for Youth Justice. For over 20 years, he has been the Chair of the Youth Advocacy Centre which provides front-line services and agitates for law reform, and he cycles regularly with Chain Reaction, raising money for young people in need. He is the Chair of the Bar Association's Human Rights Committee and a board member of the Medico-Legal Society of Queensland.

Damien was educated at Villanova College in Coorparoo, and he lives in West End with his wife, Marilyn Trad, and their children.



Dr Hayley Passmore, Telethon Kids

Dr Hayley Passmore is a child health researcher based at the Telethon Kids Institute in Perth. Hayley has qualifications in child health, criminology and psychology, and previous experience working with adult offenders and their families, and with vulnerable children and families across Western Australia.

In 2019, Hayley completed her PhD at The University of Western Australia Medical School (Paediatrics), focusing on the workforce development component of the internationally recognised Banksia Hill Detention Centre study; the first Australian study to explore the prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) among justice-involved young people.

Hayley was a Finalist in the 2019 WA Premier's Science Awards Student Scientist of the Year category for her development of Reframe Training, an evidence-based training program educating frontline staff in the management and support of young people with neurodisability.

In 2020, Hayley was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to explore international approaches to supporting young people with neurodisabilities who are in detention or secure care facilities. Hayley currently works in the Alcohol, Pregnancy and FASD research group at the Telethon Kids Institute and the FASD Research Australia Centre of Research Excellence.



Mr Nick Behrens, Director, Queensland Economic Advocacy Solutions

Queensland Economic Advocacy Solutions delivers services in economic analysis, research and advocacy in Australia and was set up by Nick Behrens following two decades of experience applying these skills in the real world for Australia's business community. More specifically QEAS provides:

- Economic Contribution and Valuation Analysis;
- Data Analysis, Market research and Economic Modelling;
- Stakeholder Consultation; and
- Government Relations and Submissions.

QEAS delivers services nationally to exemplary organisations including Queensland Police Union, Suncorp, Brisbane Airport Corporation, Port of Brisbane, Brisbane Economic Development Agency, the Property Council of Australia, the Queensland Resources Council, Master Builders Australia, AI Group, CCIQ, RACQ, VTA, Natroads, unions, local government authorities, the Commonwealth and State Governments and many others.

Across his professional career Nick has realised many outstanding outcomes to complex challenges for the business community. He possesses significant experience in gathering and presenting information, and leveraging that information to achieve results across a range of areas including economic, taxation, regulatory environment, workers compensation, employment legislation, population, infrastructure and planning issues. As Director of QEAS Nick provides:

- Exceptional understanding of social, political and economic issues impacting on business and the economy;
- Considerable real-world application of project, business and economic research and analysis;
- Significant expertise in advocacy, including government and stakeholder relations;
- In-depth and firsthand knowledge of the workings of Government; and
- Extensive networks in political, government, business and community sectors.

Nick's representations are based on extensive research and his preferred approach to economic analysis, research and advocacy is to achieve results by working with stakeholders behind the scenes to secure positive and lasting outcomes. He places much emphasis on having a thorough and convincing evidence that is readily understood and in turn leads to real world application and solutions.



Lemm Ex, Office of the Queensland Information Commissioner

Lemm Ex is Principal Privacy Officer in the Queensland Office of the Information Commissioner. Lemm has worked as a government lawyer for over 22 years in the fields of discrimination, human rights, privacy and child safety. Lemm also has worked extensively in the area of privacy starting out with the Commonwealth Office of the Privacy Commissioner before

moving onto various senior privacy positions in Queensland State Government.

Presenters and Panellists

Brendon McMahon, APM, Retired Senior Sergeant Queensland Police Service

Brendon McMahon is a former Police officer with 35 years' experience having retired from the Queensland Police Service in December 2018. Brendon was in the Victoria Police Force for 13 years and the Queensland Police Service for 22 years (retired at rank of Senior Sergeant). Brendon was a member of the Special Operations Group in Victoria Police for 6 years. Brendon has been deployed overseas as part of Australia's Peace Keeping Force attached to the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in East Timor. Brendon McMahon has lived and worked in many remote indigenous communities in Queensland. Brendon is a previous Officer in Charge of Aurukun Police Station. Brendon also undertook the role as Senior Government Coordinator of all Government Agencies and NGOs in Aurukun.



Marni Manning, Director Intelligence, Queensland Police Service

Marni has over 25 years experience in policing and criminal justice agencies across state, national and international jurisdictions. Marni was appointed as Director, Intelligence in March 2019 after working with the Griffith Criminology Institute assisting with research on the national integrity model. Prior to this position Marni was with the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council, Department of Justice and Attorney General, and assumed a key role in delivering two major terms of reference: *Classification of Child Exploitation Material for Sentencing Purposes* and *Sentencing for Child Homicide*. Before this position, Marni assumed various roles, including time at The

Hague working on post-conflict re- building of criminal justice agencies; the North Pacific working on marine and environmental protection enforcement; Alice Springs (NT) on Community Patrols; and the State's north, including Cape York communities, on juvenile-related issues. Marni holds a Bachelor of International Business Relations; a Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Leadership; a Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice and is currently completing her PhD focused on policing and investigative environments.



Matthew Noffs, CEO Ted Noffs Foundation

Matt Noffs is the co-founder, alongside his wife Naomi, of the Street Universities and CEO of Ted Noffs Foundation, Australia's largest drug and alcohol treatment service provider for young people under 25.

Ted Noffs Foundation works with young people for up to 5 years after leaving treatment.

Young people's drug use dropped by over 50% – that's for all drugs – after finishing treatment.

Criminal activity also dropped by over 60%.

Where 1 in 2 young people were in experiencing suicidal ideation on entering the program, only 1 in 10 still felt suicidal on leaving.

The Street Universities focus on issues related to drugs, mental health, employment, education and crime. Over 10,000 young people frequent the Street Universities every year and there is currently 7 around Australia.

In 2011 the Federal Government wrote to Noffs Foundation stating that the Liverpool Street University had significantly contributed to crime reduction in the Liverpool/Fairfield areas.

Matt is also the bestselling co-author of the books "Breaking the Ice" and "Addicted?" published by HarperCollins.

The Sydney Morning Herald listed Matt as one of the Most Influential Sydneysiders in 2009. The Australian named Matt as one the Next 100 leaders in the same year.

Matt currently serves on the Advisory Council for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of UNSW.



Cr Jacinta Price, Deputy Mayor Alice Springs Town Council

Jacinta Nampijinpa Price is a Warlpiri-Celtic woman, Director of Indigenous Research at the Centre for Independent Studies, a spokesperson for Advance Australia, a Sky News Political Commentator, contribute to The Australian and the Daily Telegraph and serves as Deputy Mayor on the Alice Springs Town Council. She has for years advocated against domestic violence, child sexual abuse and the need for positive cultural change for Indigenous Australians.



Warren Mundine, AO, Chairman and Managing Director Nyungga Black Group Pty Ltd,

Writer, media commentator, event speaker, highly respected and influential businessman, political strategist and advocate for Australian economic reform and growth, the empowering of Australia's First Nations to build businesses and sustainable economies. Life and career shaped by a personal commitment to regional and Indigenous economic development. Over 40 years' experience working in the media, the public, business, policy, arts and community sectors. Unparalleled commitment to economic development for Indigenous people and communities through home ownership, jobs and private sector business.



Mr Mick Barnes

Mick is a veteran of 25 years operational policing experience within the Queensland Police Service serving in 1 and 2 officer stations in rural Queensland as well as at major 24/7 stations in SEQ. During this time Mick was the Metro North Executive Member of the Queensland Police Union for 13 years before resigning from the QPS to take up the elected position of General Secretary of the QPUE, a position he has held for 13 years.

Mick has held a number of Board positions whilst completing business studies and now provides oversight as a Board Member for Workplace Health & Safety Queensland, Queensland Council of Unions, and Union Shopper. Mick has gone onto study conflict management and resolution and become a nationally accredited Mediator.

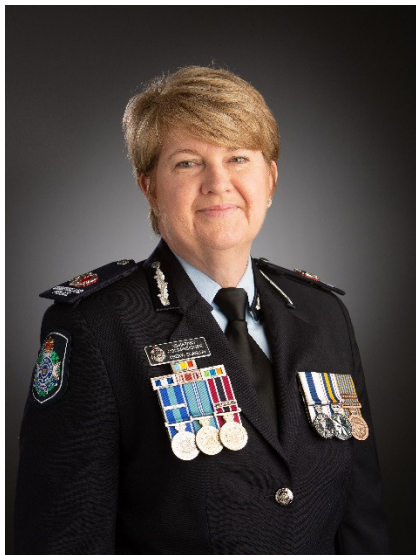
Mick has a focus on safety and wellbeing as well an emphasis on resolving conflict within the workplace.



Deputy Commissioner Paul Taylor, APM, Regional Queensland, Queensland Police

With over 40 years policing experience in Queensland, Deputy Commissioner Paul Taylor has been a Commissioned Officer with the Queensland Police Service since 1997 – relieving in such positions since 1992. Mr. Taylor is currently serving as the Deputy Commissioner, Regional Queensland, responsible for the efficient and effective engagement of over 6000 employees in delivering safety and security outcomes to Regional Queensland communities. He has made significant contributions to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) as an Executive Officer since 2007 through both Regional Stewardships and as a member of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT). Deputy Commissioner Taylor was awarded the prestigious Australian Police Medal (APM) in 2001 for his demonstrated leadership capabilities within the Queensland Police Service.

Deputy Commissioner Taylor has extensive, high level experience in negotiating successful outcomes across government and non-government agencies - aligning culture, finance and resources to deliver safe and secure communities through crime prevention



Assistant Commissioner Cheryl Scanlon, APM

Cheryl Scanlon APM was appointed to Assistant Commissioner effective on 28 February 2020. To date she has led the Security and Counter Terrorism Command and on 18th December 2020 was appointed to Assistant Commissioner, Ethical Standards Command.

Prior to her appointment, Assistant Commissioner Scanlon has held Director and Executive Director level positions as Detective Chief Superintendent, Executive Director, Operations Support, Crime and Corruption Commission (2019-2021) and Operations Commander (QPS Child Safety Director) Child Safety and Sexual Crime Group, State Crime Command (2016-2018).

Cheryl has been a police officer for over 33 years and held commissioned rank since 2007. She has served 26 years as an investigator in various parts of the State holding positions as Officer in Charge of a Child Protection Investigation Unit, Projects Inspector, District Detective Inspector, Divisional Inspector, Regional Crime Coordinator, Operations Commander, and Detective Chief Superintendent prior to her current role.

Cheryl holds a Bachelor of Adult and Vocational Teaching, a Graduate Certificate in Applied Management (Policing and Emergency Services), is a member of the AICD, and is a

graduate of the 249th Session with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy.

Cheryl has been awarded the Australian Police Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Exemplary Conduct Medal (Leadership clasp) during her career for her contribution to criminal investigation in Queensland.

Cheryl served in Northern Region from 2000 to 2015 and prior to her return to Brisbane she was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International for her services to the North Queensland community.

In June 2018 Cheryl was appointed to the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council.



**Michael Drane, Senior Executive Director,
Department of Children, Youth Justice and
Multicultural Affairs**

Michael Drane has recently been appointed as the Senior Executive Director, Youth Detention Operations and Reform within the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs. In this role Michael leads and facilitates reforms to improve the youth justice system and enhance operations at the state's three youth detention centres.

Having served as Executive Director of Brisbane Youth Detention Centre since 2018, Michael is an experienced senior executive with extensive knowledge and practice experience in the youth justice sector. He started out as a youth worker with the former Department of Communities in 2003 and has since completed a Bachelor of Justice, majoring in Criminology and Public Administration and a Bachelor of Laws. In 2013, Michael was admitted as a legal practitioner in the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Michael has since had various roles in youth detention and youth justice practice areas and played a part in the Independent Review into Queensland Youth Detention conducted in 2016

Queensland Privacy Commissioner Philip Green



Appointed as the Queensland Privacy Commissioner in December 2015, Philip Green has an extensive career in the private and public sectors. Mr Green's legal career at Allens included commercial banking and finance/insolvency. He has extensive central and agency experience in criminal justice, legal and economic policy at the Department of the Premier and Cabinet in Queensland and a stint in the UK. He has a keen interest in innovation and technology law, and was instrumental in establishing Queensland's first administrative privacy regime. Since then he has been a keen advocate for privacy law reform to place Queensland in a leadership role in the Asia Pacific region.



Rebecca Lang

Rebecca Lang is the CEO of the Qld Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA), the peak body for the non-government AOD treatment and harm reduction sector in Qld and a member of the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and other Drugs (ANACAD), the principal advisory body to the Australian Government.



Dr Cheneal Puljovic

Dr Cheneal Puljević is the Research Operations Manager for the Centre for Research Excellence on Achieving the Tobacco Endgame and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Health Services Research at The University of Queensland. She completed her PhD at Griffith Criminology Institute in 2018. She conducts and manages a number of research projects aiming to reduce risky substance use, such as the evaluation of Queensland's Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Policy, and the Global Drug Survey, the world's biggest online survey of drug use.



Minister Mark Ryan MP

Mark was first elected as the State Member for Morayfield at the 2009 State Election and he currently serves as Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services in the Palaszczuk Government.

Mark is a long-term resident of the Caboolture-Morayfield area, having grown up in Burpengary. Mark has qualifications in law and arts with majors in international

relations and economics.



Dale Last MP

Dale was born and educated in Bundaberg, Queensland.

After 25 years as a Police Officer at stations throughout regional Queensland, in December 2000 Dale was appointed to the role of Officer in Charge, Townsville Police Station.

In 1988, Dale was awarded the National Police Medal *“for diligent long service to the community in hazardous circumstances”*.

After leaving the Queensland Police Service, Dale was elected to Townsville City Council and served as Councillor and Deputy Mayor from 2008 to 2012.

In addition to roles with Emergency Management Queensland and the employment services sector, Dale has also operated his own small business. Prior to being elected to the Queensland Parliament Dale was responsible for the delivery of the Remote Jobs & Communities Program and Remote School Attendance Strategy on Palm Island.

As a member of groups such as Townsville Enterprise, Bowen/Collinsville Enterprise and both the Ayr & Home Hill Chambers of Commerce, Dale fully supports small business in our community. Dale is also a member of the Mistake Creek Progress Association and the Clermont Rodeo and Show Society.

Dale was elected as Member for Burdekin on January 31st and was sworn in on March 24th, 2015.

Since being elected, Dale has been a member of the Crime and Corruption Committee and the Utilities, Science and Innovation Committee as well as being Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Shadow Minister for Natural Resources and Mines and Shadow Minister for Northern Queensland.

Dale is currently the Shadow Minister for Police and Corrective Services, Shadow Minister for Fire and Emergency Services and Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Affairs.



Senator Pauline Hanson

Senator Pauline Hanson was born and bred in Brisbane, and is the daughter of parents who owned a successful small business in Woolloongabba. She entered Australian politics when she won the Federal seat of Oxley in 1996.

In 2016 Pauline was elected as a One Nation Senator to represent the people of Queensland in the Federal Senate. Over the past 4 and half years Senator Hanson has been successful in gaining a Joint Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Australia's Family Law System and stopping compulsory farming land acquisitions in Central Queensland, along with many other achievements that ensure the interests of hardworking everyday Australians are upheld.

Senator Hanson is openly passionate about the needs of Queenslanders and their right to be safe both inside and outside their homes.