

# Key achievements of the year 2008–09

Through its achievements in fighting major crime, promoting a trustworthy public sector and protecting witnesses, the CMC contributed to the Queensland Government's ambitions for Queensland – in particular, its ambition for a Queensland that is *Fair – Supporting safe and caring communities*.

## Prevent and combat crime

- All 17 organised crime and criminal paedophilia tactical investigations completed in the past year resulted in arrests and charges.
- We conducted investigative hearings over a record 157 days in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey Bay and Mackay. More than 174 witnesses were called to give evidence in relation to 31 major crime investigations.
- We were involved in a multi-agency operation which was successful in dismantling three separate organised criminal groups in Queensland with links to outlaw motorcycle gangs.
- Our proceeds of crime team obtained 78 restraining orders over property valued at \$24.374 million; finalised 23 matters resulting in the forfeiture of property valued at \$3.304 million; and obtained two proceeds assessment orders for the recovery of \$1.7 million of criminally derived proceeds.

## Promote high standards of integrity and reduce misconduct in the public sector

- Following a complex misconduct investigation by the CMC, former Queensland Government minister Gordon Nuttall and Queensland businessmen Kenneth Talbot and Harold Warner Shand were committed to stand trial.
- Based on CMC recommendations, the Queensland Government introduced a Queensland Contact with Lobbyists Code and a new Criminal Code offence of misconduct in public office.
- Over the course of Operation Capri, our investigation of police misconduct, some 25 police officers were referred to the QPS for disciplinary action.
- We finalised preparations to host the biennial Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference in Brisbane in July 2009.

## Provide an effective witness protection service

- We ensured that all of our protected witnesses were kept safe and were able to give evidence in court, maintaining this 100 per cent success rate for the twenty-first successive year.
- In May, the CMC hosted the annual Australasian Witness Protection Forum in Brisbane, which was attended by representatives from Australia-wide law enforcement agencies.

## Be an effective and productive organisation serving all Queenslanders

- A major review of the CMC's functions and strategic direction, supported by an independent facilitator, was concluded in the latter half of 2008 after wide consultation with the QPS, a selection of public sector agencies in Queensland, partner law enforcement agencies in other jurisdictions, community and civil liberties groups, and CMC staff.
- A range of workforce capability strategies was implemented, including a revamped performance management system and improved professional development options for staff.
- The relocation to Green Square North Tower was completed months ahead of the original schedule with very little interruption to CMC operations.

## Engage in public policy

- In August 2008, the Queensland Government announced its intention to implement the recommendations of the CMC report *Policing public order: a review of the public nuisance offence*. A new stand-alone offence of public urination commenced in 2009, and a 12-month trial of on-the-spot fines (that is, ticketing) for public nuisance offences commenced in Townsville and South Brisbane on 1 January 2009.
- In response to the 2006 CMC report, *Regulating outcall prostitution*, the government this year signalled its intention to introduce the changes we recommended to the *Prostitution Act 1999*.

## Financial summary

### Revenue

The major source of the CMC's revenue each year is the operating grant received from the state government. For the year ended 30 June 2009, this was \$41.652m (98.4% of revenue).

### Expenses

Most of the CMC's expenses for the period related to employee expenses (\$30.191m), supplies and services (\$10.605m) and depreciation (\$1.640m). Expenses totalled \$42.541m for the year ended 30 June 2009.

### Operating result

The CMC's financial result for 2008-09 was that expenses (\$42.541m) exceeded revenue (\$42.347m), resulting in an operating deficit of \$0.194m as detailed below:

For the year ended 30 June 2009	\$'000
Queensland Government grant	41 652
Other revenue	695
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>42 347</b>
Less Total Expenses	42 541
<b>Operating deficit</b>	<b>(194)</b>

### Assets

At 30 June 2009, the CMC's assets totalled \$21.002m.

### Liabilities

Total liabilities as at 30 June 2009 were \$6.557m. This included \$3.597m for the lease incentive liability for the Green Square premises, \$2.126m for accrued employee leave entitlements, and \$0.834m for accrued expenses and trade creditors.

### Equity

Therefore, at 30 June 2009, the CMC's equity was \$14.445m:

At year end — 30 June 2009	\$'000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>21 002</b>
Less Total Liabilities	6 557
<b>Equity</b>	<b>14 445</b>

## Outlook for 2009-10

In 2009-10, the CMC will focus on the following activities:

- Institute and develop a telecommunications interception capability.
- Enhance the CMC's crime-fighting function with regard to technical capability (intelligence, surveillance and forensic computing), coercive hearings capability and the use of criminal proceeds confiscation.
- Further devolve responsibility to public sector agencies to resolve complaints, subject to the CMC's ongoing oversight, and provide capacity-building support to agencies.
- Focus on significant misconduct issues such as conflicts of interest, involvement of police in illegal activities, inappropriate use of police powers and serious misconduct on the part of elected officials and senior public officers.
- Continue to maintain a highly effective witness protection program.
- Enhance the CMC's organisational capability through a range of workforce management initiatives aimed at improving the recruitment and retention of skilled personnel.