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Local Corrective Services officers recognised for keeping the community safe on National Corrections Day

The efforts of local Capricornia Correctional Centre officers will be recognised tomorrow (Friday) at a National Corrections Day event at a morning tea in Rockhampton.

The theme for this year's National Corrections Day is *Working Corrections* with local events held across Queensland this week to recognise the vital work QCS officers perform to keep our community safe.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga will thank officers for their role as front line public safety officers.

She said National Corrections Day provided an opportunity to acknowledge the important role QCS officers play.

"Every day, these officers manage some of the most challenging and complex people in our community to improve the safety of everybody."

The Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said about 5000 QCS officers provide a vital public service in managing nearly 30,000 prisoners and offenders across Queensland, using evidence-based approaches to rehabilitate and reduce recidivism.

"I visited the Capricornia Correctional Centre earlier this week to personally thank and congratulate the 309 officers for the important role they play in working to keep the community safe. It was a pleasure to meet so many staff at a special afternoon tea in their honour and to have the opportunity to speak with them about their commitment."

"I also look forward to meeting staff at the Rockhampton Corrections Centre to offer my thanks".

QCS Commissioner Peter Martin said all officers were positive agents of change.

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“These officers are on the front line of public safety, working in highly dynamic and challenging environments every day to give prisoners and offenders a chance at a more productive life when they leave our custody and supervision,” Commissioner Martin said.

“They do an outstanding job of improving the behaviour and attitudes of prisoners and offenders to reduce their chances of reoffending, and I thank them for their service.

The Story and Victoria bridges in Brisbane will also light up in blue and silver on Friday to commemorate National Corrections Day.

MEDIA ALERT

Date: Friday 18 January 2019

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Rockhampton Community Corrections
209 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton.

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