



Team Member: Jo-Ann McConnell
Age: 37
Profession: Police Officer/Human Resources Manager
Employment: Police Constable
Queensland Police Service
Jimboomba, Queensland

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Personal Profile

Jo-Ann resides in Tamborine, Queensland, where she lives with her husband, Jeff and three daughters, Tiana-Lee (16), Casey-Ann (7) and Keira-Louise (3). Jo-Ann is the youngest of five children, her parents having migrated from Holland to Australia in 1960.

Jo-Ann started her professional career as a Human Resource (HR) Professional within the Finance and Banking Industry. The main focus of her role was the provision of generalist HR advice and relationship management.

Following the birth of her youngest child, ten years in the HR field and her husband's retirement from the Australian Armed Services, Jo-Ann embarked on a career change to satisfy a lifelong dream of being a Police Officer. At 34 years of age, with the support of her family, she trained as a Police Recruit at the Queensland Police Academy in 2006 and received a Commissioner's Award. For consistent performance at a high standard, Jo-Ann subsequently was awarded the First Year Constable Shield for the Logan Police District.

Jo-Ann currently performs first response general police duties at Jimboomba Police Station, Queensland. Since being appointed as a Police Constable, she has also completed training to perform duties as a Field Training Officer for First Year Constables and as a Peer Support Officer for colleagues during stressful events both professionally and personally.

Jo-Ann values her role as an "Adopt-a-Cop" for a local state primary school and for juvenile care facilities located within the Jimboomba Police Division. This provides her with an opportunity to encourage and foster trust with young children and positively influence their lives.

Personally, Jo-Ann, Jeff and the girls enjoy residing on acreage with their two chocolate Labrador dogs (King and Duke), two horses (Kedua and Couga), chickens and ducks. Jo-Ann plays social netball and softball and has a passion for polo, having played in Sydney for a number of years.