




Speech By
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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE: ARNOLD, MR M; DARE, MR A; MCCROW, MS R

 **Mr KNUTH** (Hill—KAP) (12.02 pm): I rise to speak to the condolence motion on behalf of the members for Traeger and Hinchinbrook. Constable Rachel McCrow was only 29 years old and was sworn into the Queensland Police Service in June 2021. Constable Matthew Arnold was only 26 years old and was sworn into the QPS in March 2020. Both have been described as beautiful people.

I cannot even begin to fathom the heartbreak of Constable Rachel McCrow's and Constable Matthew Arnold's family, friends and fellow officers. I was deeply saddened upon hearing of the tragedy, as were all Queenslanders. I immediately contacted the acting officer in charge to express and pass on my condolences as I knew this would have a profound and devastating effect on all those in the service statewide. I would like to make mention of Constable Randall Kirk and Constable Keely Brough, both aged 28, who witnessed the terrible shooting that claimed the lives of their friends and colleagues. They will both need the love and friendship of their family, friends and colleagues to reconcile what they witnessed.

We also pay our respects to Alan Dare, who also tragically lost his life when he went out to investigate and offer aid to the officers. Alan has been described by his family as a loving father, husband and poppy.

Those who have dedicated their lives to and those who are just entering the Queensland Police Service must continue to be looked after and given every support possible to carry out their duties. We offer sincere and humble condolences to all those who have lost their lives and those who have been deeply affected by this tragedy. Rest in peace.