



## **SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE SOUTH BANK PARKLANDS**

### **STATEMENT**

The South Bank Business Association, the peak organisation acting on behalf of the diverse range of businesses, institutions and organisations in the South Bank Precinct area has been monitoring safety and security in the Precinct.

As with any growing City, increased urbanization brings with it increased activity. South Bank has gone through a tremendous growth over the past five years.

South Bank Precinct is now a thriving part of the CBD and as seen in areas such as the Valley and New Farm there are increased safety consequences as a result of this growth.

### **SAFETY & SECURITY IS A KEY ISSUE FOR THE ASSOCIATION**

The Board and Members of the SBBA have identified safety and security as a key issue to be monitored and addressed by the SBBA.

With that in mind a number of initiatives have been progressed by the SBBA since January 2005.

### **ADDRESSING SAFETY ISSUES**

- The SBBA has been monitoring safety issues and this is a standard agenda item of the bi-monthly SBBA Board Meetings
- In March 2005 members attended a presentation by Qld Police Service on how businesses can introduce precautionary measures to reduce the opportunity for security incidents.
- In April 2005 members were encouraged to take on the Qld Police Service's Bizsafe program and conduct a safety audit of their businesses (Bizsafe is a new program introduced by Qld Police Service to assist businesses to identify safety and security weaknesses and introduce changes) Members were also encouraged to contact Qld Police Service directly to discuss specific issues of concern
- In April 2005 CEO's and General Manager's in the Precinct met with Qld Police Service to also discuss issues related to safety and security in the Precinct.
- Reports from Precinct Police Meetings are reported to the SBBA Board
- At the October 2005 Board Meeting the SBBA decided to take firmer action on two key areas of concern:
  - Lobby Qld Police Service for a 24-7 Police Station in a more visible location in the South Bank Precinct
  - Lobby Qld Rail to staff the South Bank Rail Station 7 days a week up to the last train running
- Meetings with both organisations have been held and the SBBA is working closely with South Bank Corporation on both of these very important initiatives