



Formal Reception Monday 9 May to Launch Crime Stoppers Week 2016 Illicit Drugs and Community Safety

The media is invited to attend a formal reception to launch Crime Stoppers Week 2016.

WHEN: Monday 9 May, 2016
WHERE: Waterside Pavilion, Mawson Place, Hobart
TIME: 12:30-1:00pm
MEDIA LIAISON: Ron Franks, 0417 525 855

Guests from across the Tasmanian business, community, media and government sectors will join Crime Stoppers Tasmania as it launches Crime Stoppers Week for 2016.

This is the largest campaign run each year by Crime Stoppers Tasmania with this year's event focusing on illicit drugs and community safety.

Ron Franks, General Manager of Crime Stoppers Tasmania says "keeping our community safe is everyone's responsibility. By inspiring and empowering people to report crime we can help create a safer Tasmania for our children, for our families, for each other".

"Throughout the week, will be focusing on helping our communities become safer because of our collective effort. Illicit drugs remain a problem in both regional and metropolitan areas and this is not just an issue for police. The solution is outside law enforcement alone; every Tasmanian has a role to play," he said.

Crime Stoppers provides members of the community with an anonymous option for providing information on suspicious or criminal activity in their community.

"We encourage people to be observant in the community and if they see something suss, take the initiative and if they are in a position to act immediately call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000," said Mr Franks.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania wants members of the community to know that all information on criminal activity is of value in the crime solving process. A tiny detail may seem insignificant, but may just be the missing piece of the puzzle for those trying to solve a particular crime.

Crime Stoppers Week will be supported with a series of advertisements across television, radio and press which specifically highlight the target issues of illicit drugs and community safety.

"We hope to build on the success of past Crime Stoppers Week campaigns which traditionally show an increase in calls to the 1800 333 000 number" said Mr Franks.

The continuing provision of information, by community members assists police to solve crime and highlights that community safety is an ongoing concern.

Stoppers Tasmania operates as an independent non-profit, community organisation that supports crime solving through providing anonymous mechanisms for reporting crime.

Media Enquiries

For media inquiries and more information about Crime Stoppers Tasmania and Crime Stoppers Week 2016 (running from Monday 9th May to Monday 16th May), please contact Ron Franks, General Manager, CRIME STOPPERS TASMANIA on 0417 525 855 or Ron.Franks@police.tas.gov.au.

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Background – Crime Stoppers Tasmania

Crime Stoppers was introduced to Tasmania over twenty-two years ago. It operates as an independent non-profit, community organisation that supports crime solving through providing anonymous mechanisms for reporting crime.

It is part of an international program that has been in existence for over thirty years.

The mission of Crime Stoppers Tasmania is to operate as an independent, non-profit, community that assists and supports crime solving through the provision of safe, anonymous mechanisms for reporting crime.