

Crime Stoppers

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ICE CAMPAIGN REACHES SOUTH

Crime Stoppers' Dob in a Dealer, campaign has moved South, having already proven successful in the state's North and North West.

The campaign will be targeting Southern Tasmania for two weeks from Wednesday 24 August to gather information about local drug dealing activity particularly those manufacturing and distributing crystal methylamphetamine ('ice') and other illicit drugs.

Tasmanians have sent a clear message to drug dealers that they are not welcome in their communities with a large number of anonymous reports already leading to multiple arrests and charges during the period the campaign has been operating.

"Crime Stoppers Tasmania is encouraged by the level of community involvement and the manner in which Tasmanians have engaged with this initiative," said Crime Stoppers Tasmania, General Manager, Ron Franks.

"The Tasmanian community has a valuable role to play in ensuring our communities are safe and drug free. We know that drugs like ICE are of serious concern in both small towns and our larger cities and putting a stop to the flow of drugs requires a whole-of-community response," said Mr Franks.

As an independent not-for-profit organisation, Crime Stoppers Tasmania is increasingly working with communities, community groups and local government across the state, on behalf of Tasmanians.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Deputy Chair, David Daniels says "Crime Stoppers has a long history of working with the community and Tasmania Police to assist with the reporting and solving of crime. One of the most important aspects of the Dob in a Dealer campaign is the continued collaboration with Tasmania Police in working with communities across the state."

"Our aim is to help empower Tasmanians to play a valuable role in keeping our children, families and each other safe, through anonymous reporting of crime.

"By reporting anonymously to Crime Stoppers all Tasmanians can be a part of the solution of helping to stem the manufacture, supply and distribution of illicit drugs and their flow-on effects. Information from the community can lead to arrests and real results when it comes to breaking the cycle of crime." said Mr Daniels.

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Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000 for further information.

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Crime Stoppers' 20 year involvement with the Tasmanian community has resulted in over 42,000 anonymous reports, assisted with the arrest of more than 3,500 persons, the recording of more than 16,000 offences, the seizure of more than \$7.5 million worth of drugs and the recovery of more than \$5 million worth of stolen and damaged property.

If you think you have information about someone in your community who is manufacturing or supplying illicit drugs, call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000.

If you or someone you know is affected by drug use or addiction, please contact support services such as Family Drug Help on 1300 660 068 or Youth Support and Advocacy Service on 1800 014 446.

*Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit community organisation, helping to keep families and communities safe. We work closely with police to provide valuable information from the public to help solve crime. Any information you provide is anonymous– so if you see something or you know something, **say something.***

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Crime Stoppers *Dob in a Dealer* Media Event details:

Date: 24 August 2016

Time: 11am

Venue: The Anfield Room, KGV Oval, 1A Anfield Street, Glenorchy

Media Enquiries: Ron Franks, General Manager Crime Stoppers Tasmania - 0417 525 855

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