

# Crime Stoppers

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### **CRIME SOLVING IN THE HANDS OF ALL TASMANIANS**

#### **Crime Stoppers new Online Reporting Capability**

#### **Formal Launch Reception Thursday 2 May**

The media is invited to attend a formal reception to launch Crime Stoppers Tasmania's new Online Reporting function.

**1:30 - 2:00pm, Thursday 2 March, 2017**

**Long Room, Parliament House, Hobart**

**Media Liaison: Ron Franks, 0417 525 855**

Today sees the official launch of online crime reporting throughout Tasmania.

Available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, Crime Stoppers' new online reporting tool available at [crimestopperstas.com.au](http://crimestopperstas.com.au) helps Tasmanians play their part in solving crime, anywhere in the State.

Amanda Castray, Chair of Crime Stoppers Tasmania says that this new innovation in crime reporting will increase the opportunities for Tasmanians to play an active role in helping to keep their communities safe.

"Online reporting enables efficient and effective information capture in a timely manner that can best support Tasmania Police in their investigations," said Ms Castray.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania is placing an increased emphasis on online services and digital channels to meet the needs of the public.

"The web interface for reporting crime is interactive to assist the public in providing valuable information. It is well designed, effective and engaging," said Ms Castray.

The system has been based on successful online reporting capabilities in other Australian States and Territories. Since the introducing of online reporting in other jurisdictions, Crime Stoppers has reported a significant increase in usage and quality of reports. This trend is expected to be replicated in Tasmania.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania is a not for profit organisation. Help us keep your family and community safe.

Report crime anonymously - [www.crimestopperstas.com.au](http://www.crimestopperstas.com.au) or 1800 333 000.

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“Tasmania is one of the greatest places to live and raise a family. We are proud to be offering this service for the benefit of our State, where we believe in creating a safer Tasmania for our children, for our families and for each other, said Ms Castray.

“Information and data provided to Crime Stoppers is safe and secure, and we have interrogated our work practices and software systems and infrastructure around this new feature.” She said.

Police Commissioner Mr Darren Hine, said “the introduction of online reporting in Tasmania is a welcome addition”.

Crime Stoppers provides the anonymous information it receives to Tasmania Police for use in its investigations.

“Everyone has a role to play in keeping our communities safe and Tasmania Police is proud to be working closely with Crime Stoppers Tasmania in relation to this important initiative”. Mr Hine said.

The public now has more choices in how they can report crime, they will continue to be able to report by phoning 1800 333 000, as well as via the website.

All Tasmanians will benefit from this project, which was funded by a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF).

“We are pleased that the TCF could see the worthiness of this program and demonstrating a whole-of-community benefit was a major factor in our gaining funding support,” Ms Castray said.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania has literally put community safety into the hands of the public by simply visiting [www.crimestopperstas.com.au](http://www.crimestopperstas.com.au)

### Media Enquiries

For media inquiries please contact Ron Franks, General Manager, CRIME STOPPERS TASMANIA on 0417 525 855 or [Ron.Franks@police.tas.gov.au](mailto:Ron.Franks@police.tas.gov.au).

### Tasmanian Community Fund

The independent community funding body, the Tasmanian Community Fund was established following the sale of the Trust Bank in 1999 to give back to the community proceeds from the sale of a community asset. Since that time the TCF has allocated approximately \$58.6 million to approximately 1700 state-wide projects.



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