

## Drugs, theft and shoplifting the target in 2018

The media is invited to the official launch of Crime Stoppers Week, 2018.

**WHEN:** Monday 28 May 2018  
**WHERE:** Tasmania Police Media Room  
Police Headquarters, 47 Liverpool St  
**TIME:** 11:00am  
**MEDIA LIAISON:** Ron Franks, 0417 525 855

Illicit drugs, theft and shoplifting are the targets in Crime Stoppers Week commencing Monday 28 May.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair, David Daniels said "This year we are focussing on the manufacture, supply and distribution of illicit drugs, theft and organised shoplifting. These are insidious crimes that impact the whole community and we ask the Tasmanian public to play their role for a safer Tasmania"

"By asking the community to get involved and report information about these crimes we can continue to ensure great outcomes for Tasmanians" Mr Daniels said.

"It is important to note that Crime Stoppers Tasmania is not targeting users of illicit drugs and we ask that those affected by drug use seek the appropriate health solutions. Information about the supply, manufacture and distribution of drugs is our target and no piece of information is too big or too small." said Mr Daniels.

This year, theft and shoplifting, particularly organised shoplifting will also be targeted.

Information reports relayed to Crime Stoppers Tasmania concerning stealing including shoplifting have increased by approximately 52% for the first 4 months of 2018 when compared to the same period last year.

"Many people often overlook shoplifting as a 'small' crime, however, some evidence suggests retail loss costs the average Australian household more than \$424 per year with total cost to Australian retailers at approximately \$2.7 billion per year." Mr Daniels said.

"We all pay a price for shoplifting through increased cost-of-goods sold, insurance premiums and public services. As such, we can benefit from a reduction in this crime and it is pleasing to see the Tasmanian public playing their part, with our collective efforts making an impact."

Theft can also significantly impact small business when thieves target tradespersons tools of trade.

Mr Daniels said, "It is important for small business owners to keep tools and valuable objects well secured and readily identifiable. Don't make it easy for thieves and remember to remain vigilant."

"We look forward to continuing to work with the Tasmanian community and businesses during the week and will be reminding all Tasmanians that they can provide information anonymously," said Mr Daniels.

Anyone with information pertaining to illicit drugs, theft or shoplifting should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000 or online at [crimestopperstas.com.au](http://crimestopperstas.com.au)

If the information relates to an incident in progress, it is important to call Tasmania Police directly on triple zero (000) for an emergency and 131 444 for the Police Assistance Line.

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## **Media Enquiries**

For media inquiries and more information about Crime Stoppers Tasmania and Crime Stoppers Week 2018 (running from Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June), please contact Ron Franks, CEO, Crime Stoppers Tasmania on 0417 525 855 or [ceo@crimestopperstas.com.au](mailto:ceo@crimestopperstas.com.au).

## **Background - Crime Stoppers Tasmania**

Crime Stoppers was introduced to Tasmania over twenty-three 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 forty 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 information about crime.

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