

MEDIA EVENT
Friday 1 June 2018



Wrap Up of Crime Stoppers Week 2018 (including official launch of the Clarence Community Trailer)

Community groups, students, businesses and the public attended a formal wrap up event for Crime Stoppers Week in an official ceremony at Rosny, today.

Crime Stoppers Week is the major annual appeal for Tasmanians to play their part in creating safer communities by reporting information about crime.

This year the focus has been the manufacture, supply and distribution of illicit drugs, theft and shoplifting.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania, Chair David Daniels said “This year has been another example of how successful the Crime Stoppers program can be thanks to the wonderful support and engagement with community and business groups throughout the state.”

“This year, we have seen increased reporting of information across all three crime categories, with a 34% increase in the total volume of information reports received during the week, so far.”

“Consistent with usual trends, illicit drug related reports accounted for approximately 55% of the total reports received. Increased campaigning during Crime Stoppers Week has also resulted in an increase of drug-related reports in the order of 27% when compared with non-campaign periods.”

“This does not necessarily indicate that instances of crimes have increased but rather suggests that people are more consistently reporting information to Crime Stoppers. This is supported with findings that over the past year the proportion of inbound calls converted to viable information reports has increased significantly,” he said.

Mr Daniels also stated “Crime Stoppers expects to see continued activity in response to campaign efforts as members of the public remember their role when it comes to reporting information about crime.”

Over the past three years, Crime Stoppers Tasmania has gone from strength-to-strength having rolled out numerous community-based projects. Today’s wrap up event included launching the new Clarence Community trailer, which has been built by Rosny College students and supported by many Tasmanian businesses and community groups.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania CEO, Ron Franks, said, “Once again, Tasmania has shown the world that we can mix it with the best when it comes to successful community engagement. The Clarence Community Trailer is a great example and all Tasmanian’s can be proud of the role they have played in ensuring our state remains one the safest places to live and raise a family.”

The trailer will be owned by the local community and used to support meaningful initiatives including reducing the impacts of motorbike hooning in the Clarence region and providing riders with greater access to the Cambridge Motocross track.

“It’s great to be a part of a safe community and we encourage people to continue to be observant. If you see something suss, take the initiative and contact Crime Stoppers,” he said.

Anyone with information pertaining to crime should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000 or online at 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.

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

Crime Stoppers Week is the largest campaign run each year by Crime Stoppers Tasmania with this year’s event focusing on illicit drugs, theft and shoplifting.

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.

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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