



North and North West community urged to remain vigilant

Crime Stoppers Tasmania is urging residents to report information about suspicious activity as part of its 2018 Crime Stoppers Week campaign.

Crime Stoppers Week 2018 was launched on Monday with a focus on illicit drugs, theft and organised shoplifting.

“We are asking the public in the North and North West to remain vigilant and report information about any suspicious activity. You can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward,” said Crime Stoppers Tasmania Deputy Chair, Lynn Mason.

“Illicit drugs have no meaningful place in our community. The impact upon individuals and families can be devastating and it’s important that we all work together to minimise the societal damage caused by drugs.”

“Drug users are not our focus,” said Ms Mason.

“We encourage users to seek appropriate health and wellbeing solutions. Rather, our focus during Crime Stoppers Week is to source information that helps to disrupt activities in relation to manufacturing, supply and distribution.”

“No piece of information is too big or too small,” she said.

Theft and shoplifting, especially organised shoplifting is also in Crime Stoppers’ sights in 2018.

“Increased reporting from the public in relation to theft including shoplifting is encouraging and highlights that the message is getting through,” Ms Mason said.

“Whether its retail businesses counting the cost of shoplifting or tradesman seeking to recoup stolen tools, stealing costs us all. Retail loss alone costs the average Australian household in excess of \$420 per year and we all ultimately pay through higher prices for goods and services.”

“Crime Stoppers is proud to be working with communities in the North and North West and we urge all Tasmanians to report information anonymously,” said Ms Mason.

Board Chair, Mr David Daniels said “The past three years have been very successful for Crime Stoppers Tasmania and I would like to thank North and North West residents for their tremendous support. Crime Stoppers Week 2018 is shaping up to be another great example of how community working together can create a safer Tasmania.”

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.

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 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 information about crime.

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