

Crime Stoppers

MEDIA RELEASE

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The price of ice: the cost the community cannot afford.

The media is invited to a Crime Stoppers Week media event on illicit drugs, as part of Crime Stoppers Week (28 May to 3 June 2019):

WHEN:	Wednesday 29 May 2019
WHERE:	Launceston Police Station, Cimitiere St, Launceston
TIME:	11:00 - 11:30am
SPOKESPERSON:	Mr David Daniels, Chair, Crime Stoppers Tasmania Detective Inspector Gary Williams, Tasmania Police Dog Handlers Unit and drug detection dog will be in attendance

Tasmanian families and communities are paying a high price for ice abuse, but Crime Stoppers says that we all have the power to stop it.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair David Daniels said that reports from law enforcement agencies such as Australia's National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre link ice use to crime.

"Ice may cause users to become delusional about their ability to commit the crime or the justification for that crime. They may also be willing to be aggressive in the commission of the crime," said Mr Daniels.

Ice may cause users to experience paranoia and hallucinations resulting in violent behaviour. In addition, a person using illicit drugs may intentionally or unintentionally endanger or abuse close friends and family members. The actions of an ice user can be highly unpredictable.

"Everyone must take responsibility for a safer Tasmania, which includes reporting anything suspicious relating to the dealing of drugs to either the Police or Crime Stoppers," Mr Daniels said.

Stopping drugs from coming into Tasmania will greatly reduce their availability and devastating impact on families and communities.

The benefit in reporting through Crime Stoppers is that you can remain anonymous, which removes the fear of being identified, getting involved or of any reprisals.

"Anonymity and rewards are the true value of Crime Stoppers to the community," said Mr Daniels.

Much of the ice seized by Tasmania Police comes from interstate and overseas and enters the state by air, mail and sea.

Detective Inspector Gary Williams said:

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“We regularly conduct drug detection operations at the gateways into Tasmania to disrupt the supply of drugs like ice into the state.

“Intelligence-led investigations into drug importation have also netted significant seizures of ice and arrests of those involved.

“Anyone who has information about drug dealing or importation is asked to report it to Crime Stoppers and help keep our State free from the cycle of damage these drugs cause.”

Crime Stoppers Tasmania asks that the community support those affected by drug use and encourage them to seek the appropriate professional help.

If you know something that might assist Tasmanian Police to stop the illegal supply and distribution of illicit drugs, please contact Crime Stoppers now. Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to charges being laid.

If you know something, say something

Report anonymously: 1800 333 000 or www.crimestopperstas.com.au

For all emergencies call Triple Zero (000)

Media Enquiries

For media inquiries please contact CRIME STOPPERS TASMANIA Chair, Mr David Daniels, on 0400 118 666 or Mariae Leckie, Chief Executive Officer ceo@crimestopperstas.com.au.

Background - Crime Stoppers Tasmania

Crime Stoppers Tasmania 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.

By offering anonymity and rewards (for information leading to charges being laid) Crime Stoppers combats the three major problems faced by the police in generating crime-solving information:

- Fear of reprisal
- Apathy
- Reluctance to get involved



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