## **Crime Stoppers Tasmania**

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# **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**

## FROM OUR CHAIR

Crime Stoppers Tasmania is celebrating 25 years of helping to create a safer Tasmania.

In August 1994 Crime Stoppers Tasmania was incorporated and a volunteer Board was established by Police, business and community volunteers.

I am proud to say that I have been involved since the inception of Crime Stoppers Tasmania, and been a part of the grand journey since I worked with a young Police Officer, who 25 years ago, architected Crime Stoppers Tasmania. That Officer is Police Commissioner Darren Hine, who still serves on the Crime Stoppers Board today.

25 years is a great milestone which Tasmanians have helped achieve. While Crime Stoppers Tasmania has been recognised both nationally and internationally for our leadership, collaborative partnership with Tasmania Police and for our stakeholder engagement; without support from community members using our service, we would not be the successful blue-chip organisation that we are today.

So on behalf of the Board and those involved with Crime Stoppers, thank you to the Tasmanians who have used our service in the past, as well as to those who will use it in the future to help create a safer Tasmania.

#### **David Daniels OAM**

Chair, Crime Stoppers Tasmania



The hon Mark Shelton MP, Minister for Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management and Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair David Daniels OAM

*Crime Stoppers - the trusted, independent link between police and the community.* 

CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000



"Congratulations to Crime Stoppers for 25 years of dedication to helping Tasmanians play their role in creating a safer Tasmania. By providing avenues for the community to anonymously report information about crime, Crime Stoppers provides an invaluable link between Police and people who may hold the key to solving crime.

Tasmania Police does an excellent job investigating crime and holding offenders to account. However, not everyone is comfortable dealing with Police, and Crime Stoppers' role, first and foremost, is to provide avenues for that section of the community that does not wish to engage with Police, to provide the information they hold.

Thank you to the Crime Stoppers Board for being so giving of your time and expertise and for ensuring that your organisation continues to focus on the important role of encouraging people to report what they know. Your work helps to make our state an even safer place for all Tasmanians."

The Hon Mark Shelton MP

Since inception Crime Stoppers Tasmania has:

- Received over 50,000 anonymous reports
- Assisted with more than 4,000 arrests and the recording of more than 17,000 offences
- Contributed to the seizure of over \$7.6 million in drugs
- Recovered in excess of
  \$5.1 million worth of stolen and damaged property

## **OUR IMPACT**

# Crime Stoppers is Australia's most recognised and trusted information reporting service.

The brand is associated with 'positive social behaviour' and it provides an avenue for people to take responsibility.

Crime Stoppers programs across Australia work collaboratively to create a powerful response to cross-border crimes, such as illicit drug manufacture, importation and distribution, wanted fugitives, illegal firearms and missing persons.

The Crime Stoppers Australia 2018 Impact Report confirmed that Crime Stoppers is 'people power in motion'.

Crime Stoppers encourages people to raise issues, which creates awareness; encouraging people to speak up and engage, knowing that their contribution is valued and welcomed.

In 2018, Crime Stoppers Australia commissioned a report on the Economic and Social Impact of Crime Stoppers in Australia.

The Impact Report found Crime Stoppers offers the following benefits:

Contributes to people feeling safer

82% of people feel safer because of Crime Stoppers



\$11.15 returned value for every \$1 invested in Crime Stoppers



- Builds civic responsibility by enabling people to be active and informed citizens
- Empowers people to participate through the provision of anonymity and independence from the Police
- Raises awareness of crime and crime prevention, thereby creating safer communities
- Provides a valuable service for people who are reluctant to interact with Police
- Creates a valuable source of information and enables a more efficient use of Police resources.

"Congratulations to Crime Stoppers for 25 years of serving the Tasmanian community.

Crime Stoppers is a trusted avenue for people to anonymously provide information about crime, and Tasmania Police is thankful for the valuable assistance in solving cases and helping to make our state a safe place to live.

After being involved in the creation of Crime Stoppers when I was a sergeant 25 years ago, I am impressed to see how it has grown and become an integral part of our community.

While Tasmania Police is privileged to be afforded high levels of community trust, the reality is that not everyone is comfortable contacting us directly. Crime Stoppers plays an important role in ensuring those people have an alternative option for providing what could be vital information to Police."

Commissioner Darren Hine, Tasmania Police

"Crime Stoppers has been an essential part of keeping our community safer and protected for the past 25 years. The community support it has garnered in that time speaks volumes for both the quality of its personnel and its astounding effectiveness."

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz



Crime Stoppers Tasmania Business Manager Nina Casimaty and Community Policing Coordinator Constable Marita Osborn

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### 1800 THANK YOU

A big shout out to the Call Centre team who answers the calls to 1800 333 000. This team does a great job of getting the details on crimes that are being reported, and calming callers when needed.

Questions will often prompt people to remember additional information that they may have overlooked or thought wasn't relevant.

Police thanked members of the public who have contacted Crime Stoppers recently regarding the alleged murder of Billy Ray Waters as well as a number of armed robberies in Northern Tasmania.

Reports to Crime Stoppers help solve crime!



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