

Crime Stoppers Tasmania

A safer Tasmania

Newsletter
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1994 - 2019
Celebrating
25
years in Tasmania



Chairman's Message

Thank you Tasmanians for making 2019 Crime Stoppers Tasmania's biggest and most successful year to date.

Last year marked the 25th year of operations in Tasmania, delivering many community campaigns,

including the most successful annual Crime Stoppers Week to date.

Thanks to the public for supporting a safer Tasmania and using our services.



David Daniels OAM
Chair, Crime Stoppers Tasmania

Crime Stoppers reports hit all-time-high

Tasmanians are increasingly using Crime Stoppers services to give information about crime. The number of reports more than doubled in the last five years to 2019. Crime Stoppers provides a safe way for people to provide information discreetly, remain nameless, and not deal directly with Police.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania has also experienced a huge increase in online crime reporting, with over two thirds of reports being submitted through the Crime Stoppers website.

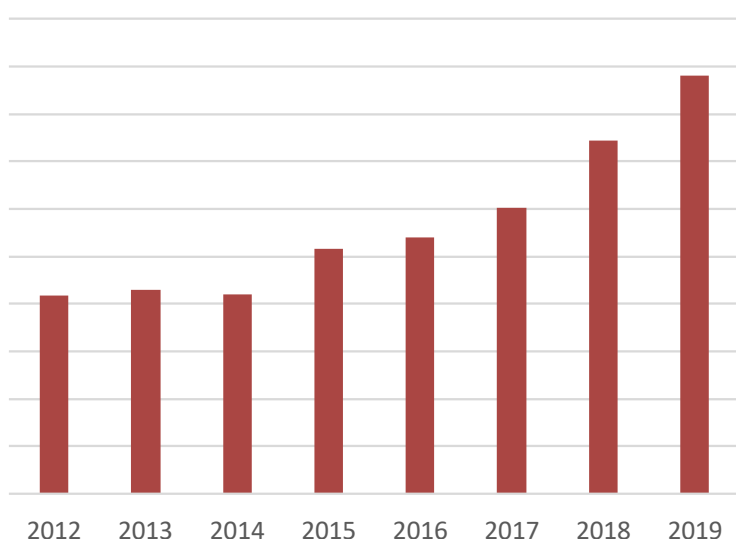
"The statistics tell us that our range of campaigns on crime is relevant to the community, and there is a growing awareness of Crime Stoppers as a confidential and anonymous reporting system for crime," said Mr David Daniels OAM Chair of Crime Stoppers Tasmania.

"Most tips relate to drugs, but other serious criminal offences such as wanted persons, firearms, murder, theft, sex offences, and even road offences are also reported," added Mr Daniels.

In 2019, reports to Crime Stoppers provided key information for police investigations. Some major investigations included:

- Information regarding a murder in northern Tasmania, which led investigators to change their search location, finding the deceased in bushland. This led to the arrest of a number of individuals.
- Recovery of stolen goods in bushland as a result of a report to Crime Stoppers. The goods were valued at over \$100,000, and had been missing for a number of months, with no significant leads as to their location.

Total Reports by Year



- Information about a false report to Police where a serious crime had been committed. As a result, Police changed the direction of their investigation and were able to charge the offenders involved.

Crime Stoppers has been working hard to increase public awareness of its 100% private community service as an alternative option to report information on crime and criminals without revealing their identity.

"There is also an increasing understanding that the community can itself play an effective role in keeping Tasmania safe. Increasingly, criminals don't have friends in Tasmania," said Mr Daniels.

Crime Stoppers assists in solving crime somewhere in the world every 14 minutes

Illegal Riding Awareness

We are proud to work with the Clarence City Council to promote how to ride trail bikes and quad bikes legally to care for riders, the local community and our environment.

Recreational vehicles can be fun but there are rules and regulations to keep everyone safe and minimise impacts on our community and environment.

Recreational riding on private land can create unwelcome noise for nearby residents. Riders must consider their

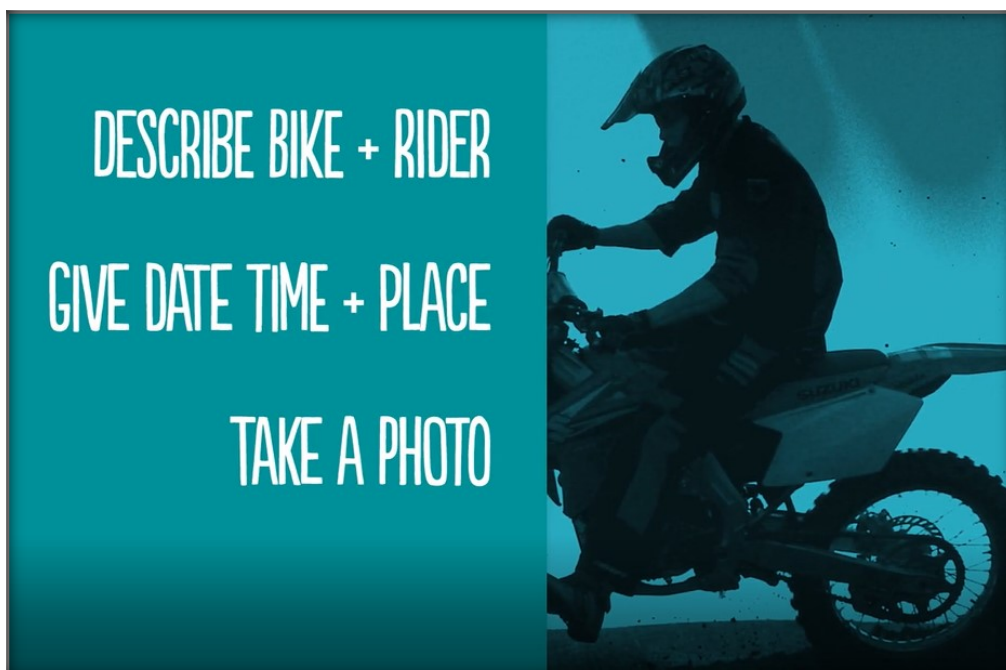
neighbours and ensure they do not create nuisance noise.

Riding unregistered motorbikes or quad bikes anywhere in public is illegal. This includes roads, public land, public places, parks, reserves and footpaths. Illegal riders are a danger to other people. Illegal riding in parks and reserves also causes erosion and damage to vegetation.

What does legal and illegal trail bike riding look like?

- Riders must ALWAYS wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.
- Riders on Tasmanian roads must hold a current Motorcycle Licence.
- It is legal for riders of all ages to ride on private land but only with permission of the landowner.
- Riders on private land must stay at least 500 metres away from neighbours' residences.
- Recreational dirt bike facilities are safe, legal places for riders.

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Water for a safer Tasmania!

Thank you to Tasmania Mountain Waters (TMW); donating to Crime Stoppers Tasmania with every cask sold. Great to have them part of our family!



Pictured: Crime Stoppers Tasmania CEO Mariae Leckie, Constable Marita Osborn, TMWs Mr John Fleming and Mrs Jan Fleming



Safer Internet Day 2020 - 11 February

Top tips for online safety

1. Think of others' feelings
2. Ask for permission
3. Be an upstander

4. Use privacy and screen time settings
5. Ask for help

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