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Chairman's Message

Thanks to funding from the Federal Government Crime Stoppers across the country has been rolling out a National Firearms Amnesty Campaign.

Sincere thanks to Tasmania Police for working with us to deliver amnesty events and other initiatives to combat illegal firearms.

An unregistered firearm might seem safe enough, but in the wrong hands it can be anything but. The National Firearms Amnesty means people can hand them in, without penalty or judgement.

If you have an unregistered or unwanted firearm, do the right thing, hand it in.

I am very proud that our great connection with Motorola Solutions Australia is now even stronger.

I welcome them as our new major partner, sitting alongside Federal Group, who have supported us since inception; and Tasmania Police, whose support is vital to enable us to provide our important community service.

The team at Motorola has shown a strong commitment to supporting our activities for a safer Tasmania and I'm confident that great opportunities will arise from this relationship.



David Daniels OAM
Chairman

Partnering with Motorola Solutions Australia

Crime Stoppers Tasmania is pleased to welcome a new major partner, Motorola Solutions Australia!

Motorola Solutions has been sponsoring Crime Stoppers Week for a many years, as we combat local crime issues during our major annual campaign. Extending on our existing strong relationship, Motorola Solutions is strengthening its commitment to keep Tasmanians safe and growing presence and investments in Tasmania.

This year Motorola Solutions officially opened a new office in Hobart.

They have welcoming a local team of experts to design, build, operate and maintain Tasmania's Government Radio Network (TasGRN) to provide enhanced digital communication and vastly improved radio network coverage for Tasmania's public safety and essential services personnel throughout the state.

Thank you to the team at Motorola Solutions. We look forward to working with you to create a safer Tasmania for our communities, for our children and for each other!



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Pictured: Motorola Solutions Australia Senior Account Manager Andrew Soderstrom, Tasmania Police Commissioner Darren Hine, The Honourable Minister Michael Ferguson MP, Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chairman David Daniels OAM, Motorola Solutions Australia Regional Vice President - Asia Pacific Steve Crutchfield

"Motorola Solutions is pleased to join Crime Stoppers Tasmania (CST) as a new major partner. By extending our existing strong relationship with CST and our involvement in delivering the Tasmania Government Radio Network (TasGRN) demonstrates our commitment to ensuring the highest levels of safety for communities and the emergency responders. We look forward to working with CST for a safer Tasmania."

Con Balaskas, MSSSI Vice President Motorola Solutions Australia and New Zealand

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National Firearms Amnesty

To help reduce the number of unwanted, unregistered, or illicit firearms in the community, Crime Stoppers Tasmania is urging Tasmanians to take advantage of a national amnesty and surrender unwanted firearms, without fear of penalty.

To help spread the word, Crime Stoppers is partnering with Tasmania Police to help promote the amnesty, answer questions from the community and explain how and where to safely dispose of a firearm.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair, David Daniels, said an estimated 250,000 long arm and 10,000 handguns were believed to be in Australia which are either unregistered or unable to be registered, as well as prohibited accessories such as silencers and ammunition.

Grey market firearms - those that should have already been handed in or registered - are not typically kept by people with any criminal intent, but the concern with these firearms is that they can end up in the hands of people who plan to use them for criminal purposes.

The amnesty also provides opportunity for people to register their firearm or apply for an appropriate licence.

As part of this campaign, Tasmania Police and Crime Stoppers Tasmania have been encouraging people to hand in unwanted or illegal firearms at an amnesty in events in Southern Tasmania.

Following on from Tasmania Police's successful amnesty events in the north and west; southern events have been held in Bridgewater, Huonville and Sorell.



The Tasmanian launch of the National Firearms Amnesty Campaign - Pictured: Senator Eric Abetz, Tasmania Police Commander Tony Ceritelli, Sergeant Paul Devine, Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chairman David Daniels OAM

Crime Stoppers participated in a national firearm amnesty in 2017, which saw 57,324 firearms handed in along with 2,432 parts and accessories and more than 80,000 rounds of ammunition. During that campaign a number of machine guns were handed in, including a WWII Sten and a Russian-made sub-machine gun, as well as a flare gun converted to shoot 12-gauge ammunition, rocket launcher and an anti-tank bolt action rifle.

Being caught with an unregistered or illegal firearm outside amnesty conditions could result in a fine of up to \$280,000, up to 14 years in jail, and a criminal record.

Tasmania has a permanent firearms amnesty where people can voluntarily surrender firearms to police. The permanent amnesty enables people to hand in firearms, unregistered or otherwise, without being charged in relation to the firearm possession.



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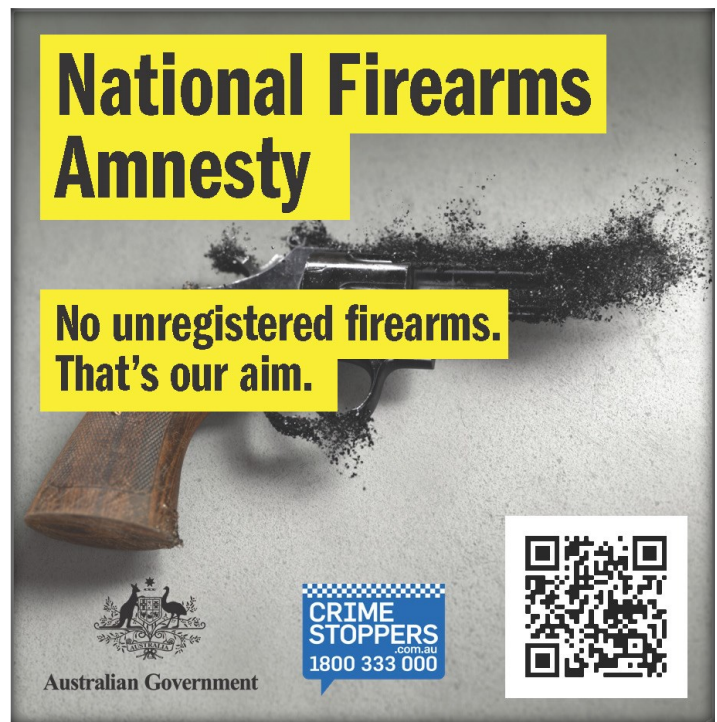
Unlawfully possessed firearms, unwanted firearms, unregistered firearms, firearm parts and ammunition can be surrendered without penalty during the National Firearms Amnesty.

WHERE

In Tasmania, you can surrender a firearm at your nearest Police Station or participating licensed firearm dealer.

HOW

When surrendering a firearm to a participating licensed dealer or to a police station, make sure the firearm is unloaded and where possible, remove the bolt or other method to render the firearm safe. Your firearm should be placed in a gun bag or be wrapped in a blanket. Ammunition can be taken to a participating licensed dealer or to a police station at the same time as your firearm but should be in a separate bag, box or container.



#stopthestigma

It's time to talk about child sexual exploitation - breaking down stigma around child abuse (both online and contact offences) within the Australian community.

ACCCE research has shown that child sexual abuse and online sexual exploitation is a stigmatised topic and not well understood.

By opening discussion, we reduce the stigma and build awareness. Survivors are more likely to seek support. Perpetrators will find it harder to hide. This is vital for preventing this crime from happening to our children.

There are a range of support services available to those affected by child sexual abuse, visit www.accce.gov.au/support.

Arson costs everyone

Another of Tasmania's social housing properties has been destroyed by deliberately lit fire. The fire at 5 Laurence Place Gagebrook is being investigated by police.

Arson is a crime that costs everyone in the community in some way. This is especially true during a housing crisis, where every lost house is one less home for a family who doesn't have anywhere to live. The cost of repairing or rebuilding also means less money is available to provide upgrades to existing houses.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania is proud to work with Housing Tasmania, offering a reward of up to \$10,000 if information leads to a conviction for this crime.

When you contact Crime Stoppers there is no call display or call tracing on any telephones, calls are not recorded, and IP addresses of computers are not traced for online reports.

