

Does my information make a difference?



We all like to see results from our actions and efforts, so if you take the trouble to share information with us, you want to know that it does make a positive difference.

Around half of the information in the police intelligence database comes from the public, which tells you how significant your contribution is. There's no way that police could be in every corner of our state and community, knowing what you know and seeing what you see.

What you tell us helps police investigators put together a more comprehensive picture and could lead to arrests, charges, seizure of drugs, weapons and stolen property.

Even if you don't see results straight away, please know that your information may be helping to form part of an investigation and police may be watching and waiting for more details before making a move.

Twice a week, we publish Open Cases on our website and Facebook page and your information helps police identify those people whose image has been caught on CCTV.

In 2023, the results were impressive. 63% of these persons of interest were identified and 42% were identified & charged. 70% of those cases relate to stealing offences, with the other main crime types being assault, burglary, damage and fraud.

Here are a just a few other examples which prove the value of information you share with us:

- Information was received during the Illegal Drugs & Organised Crime campaign in 2023 about outlaw motorcycle gang infiltration into the Perth tow truck industry. This community information assisted in a multi-agency investigation that led to the seizure of seven trucks, 18 drivers testing positive for drug use and multiple charges being laid relating to various offences.
- During our National Illegal Firearms Campaign, over 81,000 rounds of ammunition were surrendered or handed in around WA and over 3,200 firearms & parts. That equates to a significant reduction in the risk of guns falling into the wrong hands.
- Beach assault case – an appeal from Mandurah Detectives to their local community to assist with an investigation was shared widely via social media and the arrest was a direct result of information members of the community provided to Crime Stoppers.
- In a 2023 drug bust by Cannington Detectives, the operation started after a call to Crime Stoppers, showcasing the impact of community engagement.

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- And who could forget the Cleo Smith case where Crime Stoppers WA received thousands of pieces of information from the public which assisted WA Police with their tireless investigation and amazing find.
- A simple serial number search on [Bikelinc](#) can make a cyclist very happy by reuniting them with their stolen bike. It also saves police resources when the community uses the platform to arrange a return.

It is said that every major criminal investigation has been assisted by information from the community via Crime Stoppers.

A common complaint we hear is “I made a report, but nothing happened,” and there may be several reasons for this. Find out more in our article ‘[What happens after I make a report](#)’.

You can make a difference. Sharing what you know could add valuable pieces to the puzzles that police and other law enforcement agencies are trying to solve, giving them more clues to complete the picture.