

# “Help find our missing people”

Do you have **new** information that could help find one of WA's 364 long-term missing persons?

Did you see something, did someone tell you something or do you know the whereabouts of one of those 364 long-term missing persons?

Do you want to tell someone about this information but want to remain anonymous?

Well, you can contact Crime Stoppers WA online at [www.crimestopperswa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperswa.com.au) or call 1800 333 000 to share your new information – you can remain anonymous unless you choose to provide your details.

Today, as part of the WA Police Force and State Government's commitment to finding missing persons and answers for their families, Crime Stoppers WA is launching a TV and social media campaign to help locate or find out what has happened to any of the 364 long-term missing persons in WA, some dating back more than seven decades.

The month-long, state-wide television and social media campaign appeals to anybody with new information about any of the 364 long-term missing persons to contact Crime Stoppers WA and share what they know.

Details about WA's long-term missing persons can be found at [https://www.missingpersons.gov.au/search-missing-persons?search\\_api\\_fulltext=&field\\_responsible\\_jurisdiction%5B%5D=22&postal\\_code=&field\\_last\\_seen=&field\\_height=&field\\_date\\_of\\_birth=](https://www.missingpersons.gov.au/search-missing-persons?search_api_fulltext=&field_responsible_jurisdiction%5B%5D=22&postal_code=&field_last_seen=&field_height=&field_date_of_birth=)

Crime Stoppers WA CEO Dr Vince Hughes said every long-term missing person had a life story that was abruptly interrupted, and the media campaign invited the public to help complete their untold stories.

“I can't imagine the pain and anguish the families of these missing persons must live with every day of their lives, not knowing what has happened to their loved ones,” Dr Hughes said.

“We want to help the families of these long-term missing persons to complete the untold stories of their loved ones.”

“We're asking the public to provide any new information they have about any of the 364 long-term missing persons to contact Crime Stoppers online or by calling 1800 333 000 and share that information.”

“All online reports and calls to Crime Stoppers WA are anonymous unless you choose to leave your details.”

The Crime Stoppers WA campaign is part of the WA Police Force and State Government's push to find answers for the families of long-term missing persons.

In December 2024, the State Government announced a new reward of up to \$500,000 for any information that solves long-term missing persons cases in WA. It is the first time in WA history a reward for long-term missing persons has been offered.

A long-term missing person is categorised as someone who has not been seen or heard from in more than 90 days and there is no indication of criminality. These cases are managed by the Missing Persons Team, which is part of the Major Crime Division.

A separate \$1 million reward is offered to help solve historical unsolved homicides and suspicious disappearances.

Acting Detective Superintendent David Gorton, of the Major Crime Division, says the significant reward reflects the WA Police Force and State Government's commitment to finding missing people and answers for their families.

"We want anyone with new information about the disappearance of any of our 364 long-term missing persons to contact Crime Stoppers WA to share their information with us, either by reporting online or calling 1800 333 000." Acting Det. Supt. Gorton said.

"Their information might just be the missing piece of the puzzle that helps us to find answers for families of a long-term missing person."

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**MEDIA NOTES:**

Campaign videos are available at <https://www.crimestopperswa.com.au/long-term-missing-persons-help-complete-their-story/>

Crime Stoppers WA can facilitate interviews with a family member/s of the following long-term missing persons. Please contact Peter Harris, from Crime Stoppers WA, on 0412 124 833 to request an interview.

<b>Kimberley District</b>	<b>Jacqueline Whisputt</b>
<b>Pilbara District</b>	<b>Wesley Lockyer, Clinton Lockyer</b>
<b>Goldfields District</b>	<b>Michael Graham, Simon Gurrier Jones, Josephine Jennings</b>
<b>South West District</b>	<b>Chantelle McDougall &amp; Leela McDougall</b>
<b>Great Southern District</b>	<b>Daniel O'Meara</b>
<b>Metropolitan District</b>	<b>Rigby Fielding, Troy Woods</b>
<b>Mid-West Gascoyne District</b>	<b>Brenton Shar</b>
<b>Wheatbelt District</b>	<b>Paul York, Barry Podmore</b>

**Long Term Missing Persons by WA Police district region in WA**

<b>Kimberley District</b>	54 long term missing persons between 1965 and 2004
<b>Pilbara District</b>	47 long term missing persons between 1969 and 2024
<b>Goldfields District</b>	26 long term missing persons between 1968 and 2021
<b>South West District</b>	23 long term missing persons between 1965 and 2022
<b>Great Southern District</b>	47 long term missing persons between 1968 and 2024
<b>Metropolitan District</b>	95 long term missing persons between 1953 and 2024
<b>Mid-West Gascoyne District</b>	57 long term missing persons between 1975 and 2024
<b>Wheatbelt District</b>	7 long term missing persons between 1977 and 1998
<b>Other</b>	8 long term missing persons between 1960 and 2013

**About Crime Stoppers**

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