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Department of Police and Emergency Management

10 years on  
1996-97 to 2006-07 REVIEW



# AN INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD McCREADIE

*Richard McCreadie AO APM OSTJ BA JP was appointed the Commissioner of Police in August 1996, and is the Secretary of the Department of Police and Emergency Management. He has presided over substantial change within the Department over this period.*



## How has policing changed over this 10-year period?

Policing has changed significantly. The performance of our members, our accountability and our corporate reporting are probably the most dramatic changes.

Police departments were not good at measuring their business. Our corporate reporting has enabled us to be accountable and to identify slippage in key areas in a much more timely way. We have been able to work with our partners to undertake a range of strategies to reduce crime, and work very effectively to improve crime and offence clearance rates.

The other aspect is the move towards the profession of policing. For a long time we have said that we are professional. I think we are now well placed to claim within the foreseeable future that we can, and should, be recognised as a profession in our own right.

## What factors have enabled the changes to occur?

Thinking differently about how we were to deliver our services. That led to the restructuring of the organisation so each District was comparable and each Command area had clearly established responsibilities and was accountable for every aspect of these. Following on that, we started measuring performance at a District level, Divisional level, large station, and then small station level.

We have now arrived at the Individual Assessment Model, which is going to provide the parameters for individuals so that they understand what is expected of them, and what is considered to be a fair day's work for very good remuneration.

We have also developed a very considerable range of legislation which the Government has embraced and enacted.

## What successes are you most proud of?

We are highly competitive in the national and international environment, and we lead the way on many initiatives. Our in-house DNA exclusion data bank is a first, the Tasmanian Institute of

Law Enforcement Studies is a first, tenure policy is a first, the extent of our performance management is a first, Inter-Agency Support Teams is a first, and so is the *Safe at Home* program. These are all new initiatives.

I am proud of the quality of the people in our organisation and their belief in themselves, and their understanding that, if you want to be recognised as Australia's Finest, then you have to deliver at the highest level.

We are, in essence, a very professional organisation that is highly accountable. We deliver a very high-quality service but still have a very strong people focus and people orientation that is reflected both internally and externally.

Indeed, we now welcome and encourage scrutiny at all levels. In the past it's perhaps fair to say that there was a tendency to avoid scrutiny wherever possible.

This has led to an enormous strengthening of the Government's trust and confidence in us as an organisation and that trust and confidence is reflected in the way we are viewed by our community.

## Are Tasmanians safer than 10 years ago?

Without doubt. The surveys tell us that Tasmanians have a belief that they feel safer, but when you look at the very dramatic crime reduction, and serious and fatal accident reduction, the crime clearance and the numbers of people who have a penchant to commit crime and who are now being dealt with by the justice system, then the inevitable consequence is that people in Tasmania are much safer. They can be much more confident in going about their business and their family life in what is essentially a very safe environment.

# 445

**fewer offences  
every week**

There are now 445 fewer offences per week in Tasmania than 10 years ago

# 77

**fewer homes  
burgled every week**

There are now 77 fewer home burglaries per week in Tasmania than 10 years ago

# 53

**fewer businesses  
burgled every week**

There are now 53 fewer business-related burglaries per week in Tasmania than 10 years ago

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### Commissioner's Comment

## TREMENDOUS RESULTS - CONGRATULATIONS!!

I have recently again had an opportunity to praise your hard work in a public forum.

These are opportunities that I take up without hesitation. The occasion was the release by the Minister for Police and Emergency Management, Mr David Llewellyn, of Tasmanian crime statistics.

Those statistics show that we are well on the way to achieving our Tasmania Together target of a 50% crime reduction by the year 2020.

From a total of 60,511 offences reported in 1999/2000, the figure dropped to 39,835 last financial year. Over a ten-year period, total offences have plummeted by 39.4%.

Mr Llewellyn was joined at a media conference by the Deputy Commissioner, Jack Johnston, and myself. The Minister's media release stated: "Tasmanians are enjoying impressive rates of crime-fighting success from their Police Service."



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## OUR ORGANISATION – OUR PEOPLE

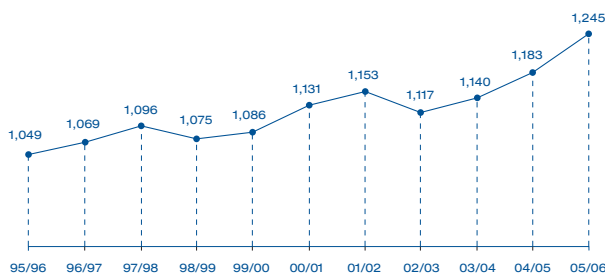
We continue to successfully recruit people of all ages, particularly young Tasmanians with exceptional qualities, with approximately 33% of successful applicants already tertiary qualified.

Being a member of Tasmania Police provides the opportunity to develop a diverse range of skills in modern-day policing. Tasmania's 1,245 police officers, the State Emergency Service and Forensic Science Service Tasmania are ably supported in the performance of their duties by 482 dynamic, committed and well-educated State Servants.



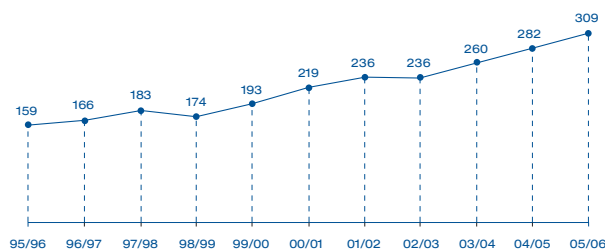
# 19%

increase in  
the number of  
police officers



# 94%

increase (almost  
doubling) in the  
number of female  
police officers

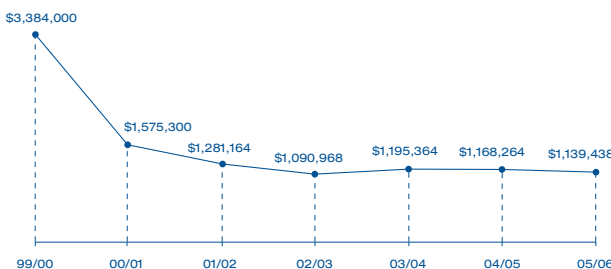
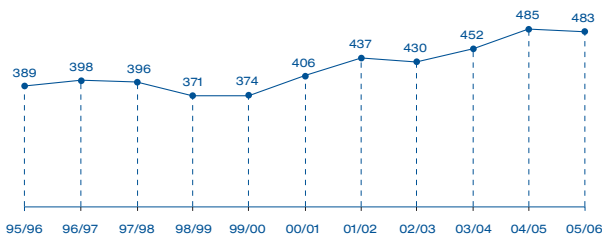


Tasmania Police officers and State Service employees have been continually encouraged and supported in gaining tertiary qualifications, enabling us to be more professional in how we deliver our services.

Flexible Employment is just one workplace initiative that has been introduced to support work/life balance needs in a changing workforce. A significantly higher percentage of our police

officers take advantage of part-time employment than in other police jurisdictions.

We also offer carers' leave, and there are child/infant feeding rooms at the Academy and live-in accommodation for families. Courses at the Academy now offer working-from-home components, particularly at the pre-course stage, to minimise time unnecessarily spent at the Academy.



“The professionalism and integrity displayed by members of the Service is the reason why Tasmanian police continue to receive widespread support and respect in the community.”

Hon David Llewellyn MHA  
Minister for Police and Emergency Management,  
The official journal of the Police Association of Tasmania, 'Association News', December 2006

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## OUR ORGANISATION – OUR PEOPLE (continued)

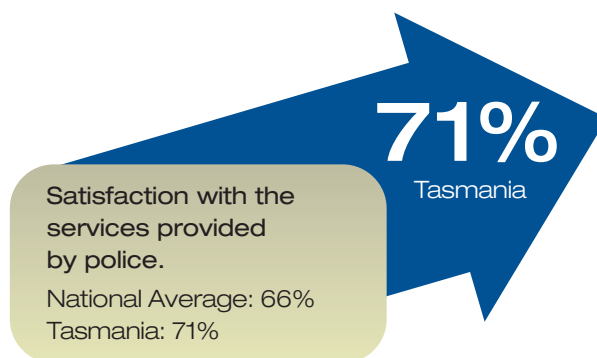
### Professional policing

A unique partnership between the University of Tasmania and the Department is recognised as a significant advance in the development of the policing profession. The Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES) has been established as a key contributor to national and international developments in research and practitioner partnerships.

Highly successful undergraduate and postgraduate courses have been created in policing studies. The Department's Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme helps members to study at University. Since inception in 2002, 31 people have won Departmental scholarships.

*National surveys indicate that the Tasmanian public hold us in high regard.*

*When compared to other police jurisdictions, Tasmania Police rated better than the national average again in 2006/07.*



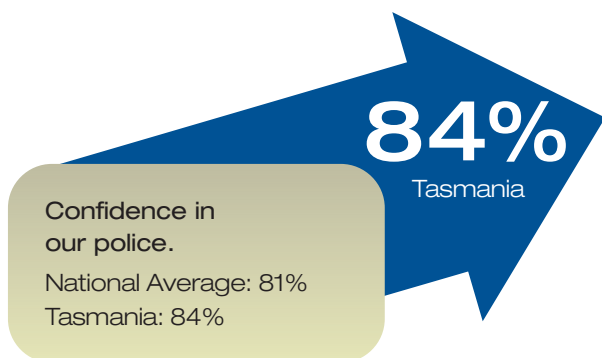
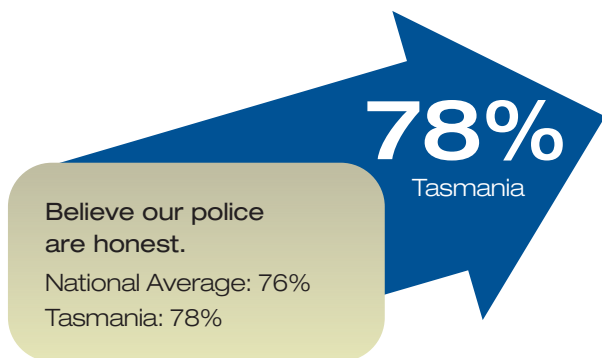
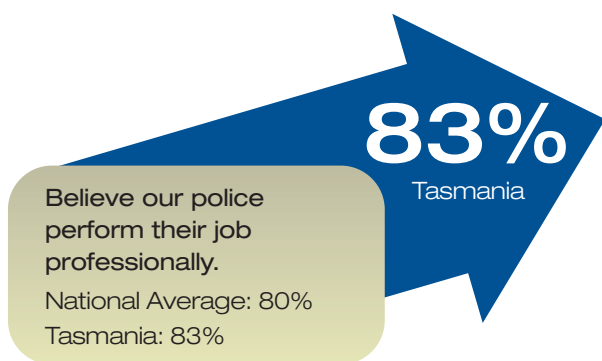
The Department is accountable, focused and performance driven.

A performance accountability process was introduced in the late 1990s to measure all facets of activity throughout the organisation. While it is not claimed that this process has been solely responsible for the improved figures, there is no doubt that it has been the catalyst for increased performance levels and a high-level work ethic throughout our service.

The Department continues to use new technology in all areas to serve the community better.

The increased use of computers has assisted in the improvement of the intelligence-led policing model and the more effective management of crime.

Since 2001, the Department has spent approximately \$9.5 million purchasing equipment to support forensic scientists and police in solving crime, countering terrorism, gathering intelligence, search and rescue and other policing activities.



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## OUR ORGANISATION – OUR ASSETS

With the improvements in technology it requires a substantial financial commitment to enable the organisation to provide its members with the best equipment and tools to do their job. As new versions of hand-held speed detection devices or breath-screening equipment are developed, they are brought into service by the Department to deliver better policing outcomes.

*“All of this equipment we [the Government] have now provided is aimed at ensuring that the members of Tasmania Police are as well equipped as they can be to do their difficult job as safely as possible, and to enforce the laws of this State as efficiently as they can.”*

Hon David Llewellyn MHA  
Minister for Police  
and Emergency Management





Among the organisation's principal physical assets are boats and buildings. There are 38 vessels in the fleet, with PV *Van Diemen* providing the major off-shore capability. This capability will be significantly boosted by the new PV *Freycinet* replacement.

Launceston Police Station has been refurbished, as have the Police Academy and the old city police station in Hobart, while further work is planned for Bellerive, Devonport and Glenorchy police stations, and police residences. The Department can boast the highest ratio of vehicles per police officer of any police service, and arguably the most modern police vehicle capability, in the country.



MERCURY

September 26, 2006

# War on drink, drug driving ramped up

HEATHER LOW CHOY  
Police reporter

TASMANIANS who drive drunk or while on drugs are more likely than ever to get caught. Police have just started using an arsenal of new equipment to help them bust dangerous drivers and reduce the road toll...

"This equipment will be used throughout the state on everything from major highways to country roads."

"If you speed, or drive while affected by alcohol or drugs, you will be caught"

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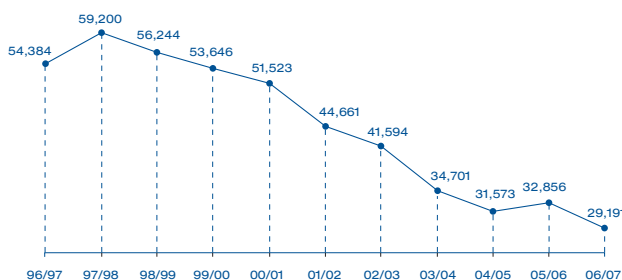
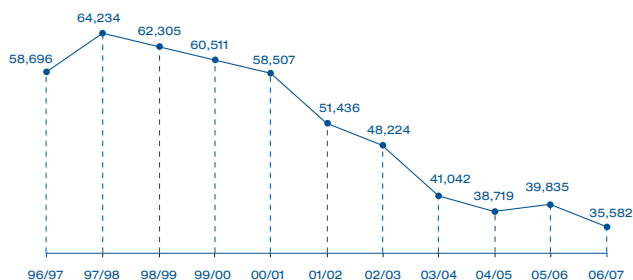
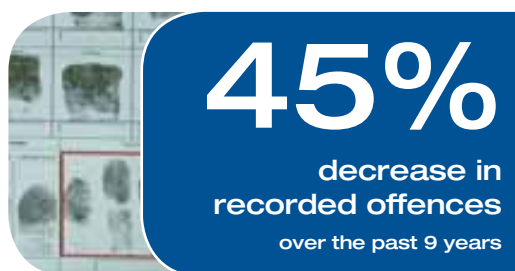


## CRIME

The Integrated Crime Management Strategy, using the intelligence-led model, has had a positive impact on crime reduction and clearance rates, especially burglary.

Crime Management Units in each of the geographic Districts analyse crime trends, identify 'hot spots', target criminals and help to tailor police responses.

Crime Response Units, including both uniform and CIB, act as an initial investigative 'one-stop shop' at crime scenes.



**Project Samaritan has contributed to the outstanding reduction in burglary**

This partnership between Tasmania Police, the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Council and the Neighbourhood Watch Association aims to prevent residential burglaries and repeat victimisation by offering support and crime prevention advice to victims of burglary and their neighbours.

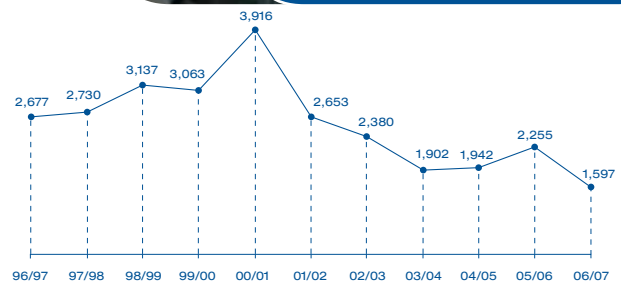
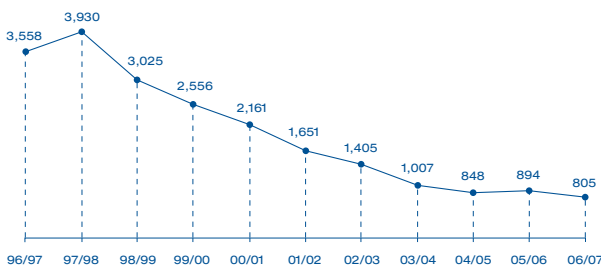
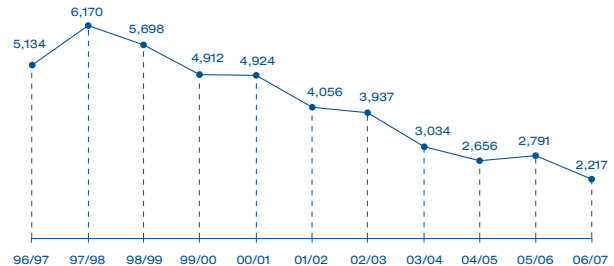
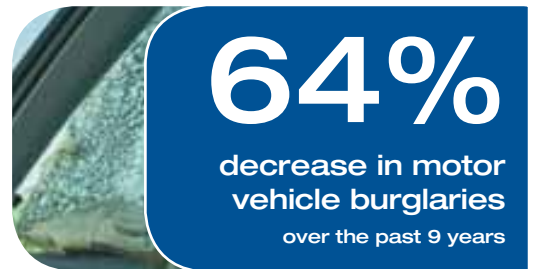
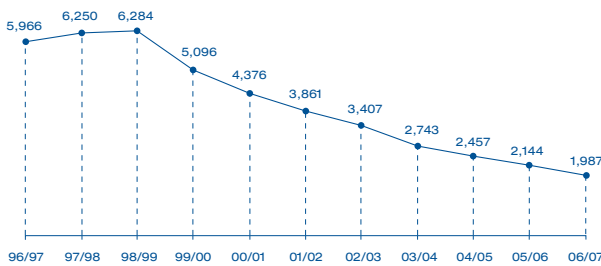
Project Samaritan also provides crime prevention advice to businesses.

**Technological advances have assisted in reducing crime**

During the six years of operation, the DNA database has expanded dramatically to include the DNA profiles of over 8,000 crime scene samples, 10,000 serious offenders and 4,000 suspects.

The DNA database has:

- detected over 5,000 crime scene-to-person DNA matches, allowing many offences to be solved
- excluded over 2,000 suspects from crime scene evidence.



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## CRIME (continued)

Extra highly-visible police officers in the new Public Order Response Teams (PORTs) have been deployed primarily to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour in public places. Performance results to date, together with positive feedback from the community, are indicators of early success.

The maxim of having the right resources in the right places at the right times is applied across all areas of policing, but particularly so for the PORTs.

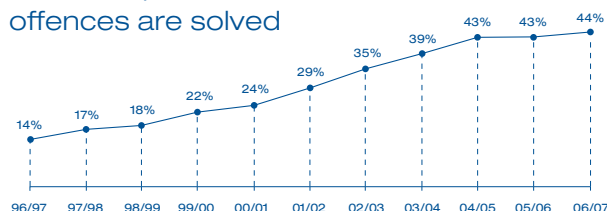


*Crime clearance is where a crime has been solved, and more often than not an offender entered into the criminal justice system.*



**44%**  
clearance rate,  
total offences  
improved from 14% to 44%

44% of reported offences are solved



A reduction in the level of crime can be due to many factors, including economic conditions, employment rates and policing strategies. Crime prevention measures adopted by police and the community in general can also lead to a reduction in crime, but crime clearance rates are predominantly due to the hard work of police officers.

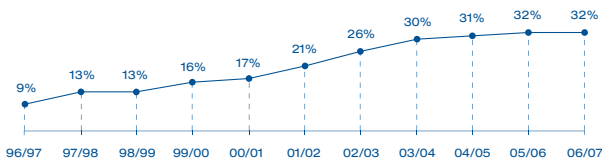
The category 'Total Offences' includes offences involving property and crimes against people.

Offences involving property include burglary, stealing, damaging property and fraud, while offences against people include assault, sexual assault, and robbery.

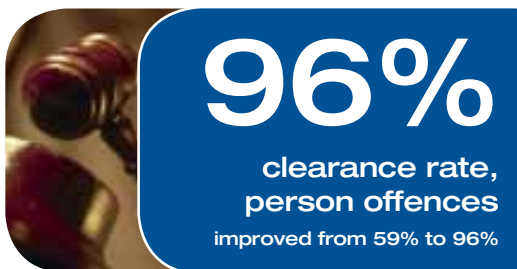
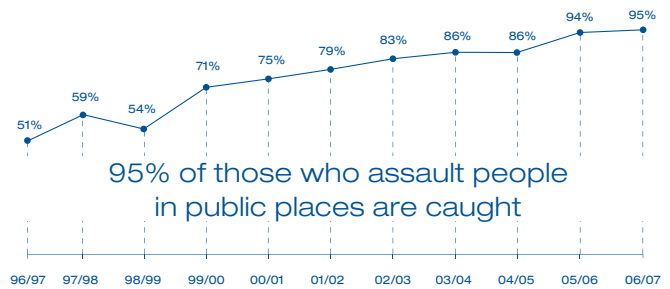
Crime measurement activities comply with national standards developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.



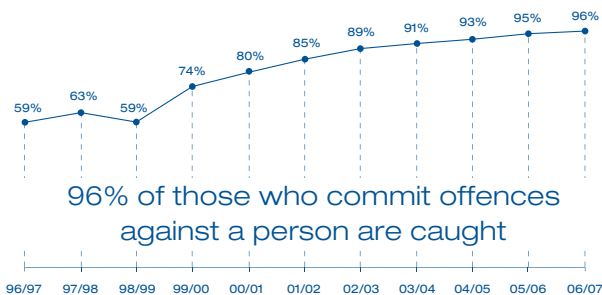
32% of reported offences against property are solved



95% of those who assault people in public places are caught



96% of those who commit offences against a person are caught



MERCURY

June 9, 2007

# War on crime brings results

TIM MARTAIN

FIGURES released by Tasmania Police yesterday showed the state's crime rates have dropped by nearly 40 per cent in the past decade.

According to police, there are now 445 fewer offences each week compared with 10 years ago.

Police and Emergency Management Minister David Llewellyn said the figures showed Tasmania was well on its way to achieving the Tasmania Together target of a 50 per cent crime reduction by 2020.

Offences down 40% over 10 years

The target for total number of crimes in 2019/20 is 30,256.

Police Commissioner Richard McCreddie credited community, education and business partnerships for helping reduce the overall crime figures.

"It is a tremendous result and I think Tasmania Police need to be congratulated for the outcome".  
- David Llewellyn

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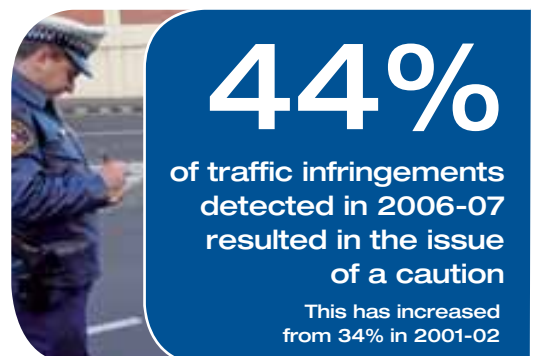


## TRAFFIC

Road safety is the responsibility of every road user in Tasmania.

Tasmania Police contributes to making our roads safer by targeting those drivers who ignore the law. Through this strategy, driver behaviour should be modified to meet acceptable standards and, in this way, the number of serious injury and fatal crashes that are caused through factors such as excessive speed, drink driving, and inattentive driving will be reduced.

*In 2006-07 a total of 99,471 traffic infringement notices were issued by personnel, of which 44,173 were issued as cautions without penalty.*



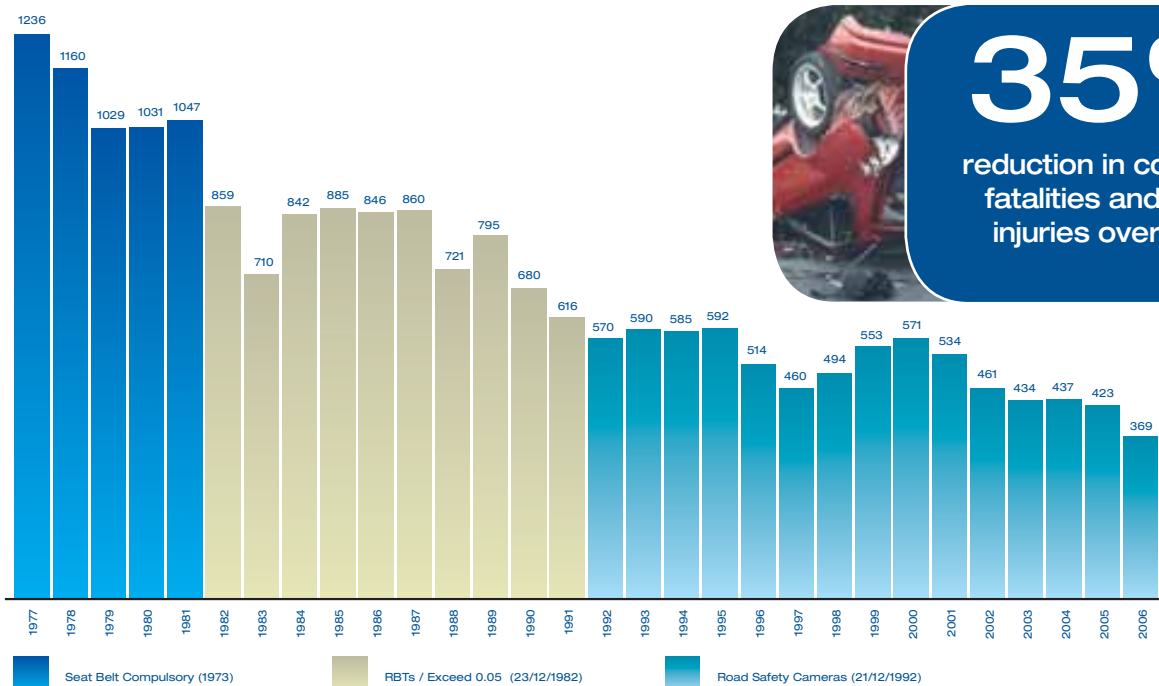
Traffic infringement cautions are an important discretionary option for police officers detecting minor traffic infringements. An offending driver can, under certain circumstances, be issued with a traffic infringement notice without either demerit points or a fine, thereby encouraging a positive change in driver behaviour without sanction. The concept has been strengthened in recent years, as evidenced by the proportional increase in the issuing of cautions.

Over the past ten years, a number of road safety initiatives have been introduced, including cautioning for minor traffic offences, a speed limit of

50km/h in residential areas, random roadside drug testing and automatic licence disqualification for excessive speeding.

The Department continues to work in partnership with a range of stakeholders to develop innovative road safety strategies to reduce trauma on our roads.

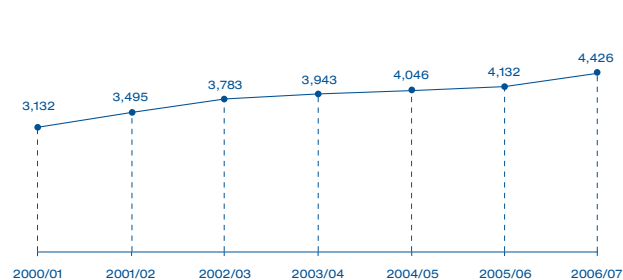
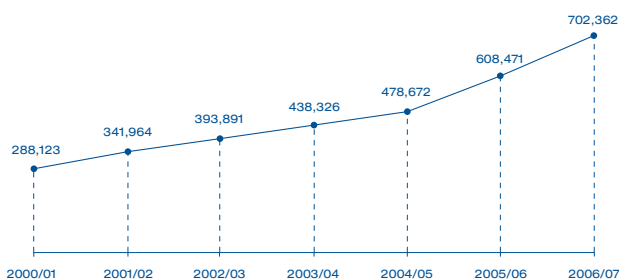
Intelligence-led policing models inform the development and implementation of strategies to deploy policing resources in high accident areas or locations where the greatest deterrent effect for inappropriate driving can be had.



**35%**  
reduction in combined fatalities and serious injuries over the last 6 years

**143%**  
increase in the number of random breath tests

**4,426**  
people were charged with drink driving in 2006-07



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## COMMUNITY SAFETY

Tasmania is a safe place to live.

Tasmanians continue to report that they feel safer in their homes compared to the Australia-wide population.

Tasmanians also continue to rate safety in public places higher than the national average.

**87%**

Tasmania

Feeling of safety  
at home after dark

National Average: 84%  
Tasmania: 87%

**95%**

Tasmania

Feeling of safety at home  
during the day

National Average: 93%  
Tasmania: 95%

**93%**

Tasmania

Feeling of safety  
walking or jogging during  
the day

National Average: 89%  
Tasmania: 93%



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## COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS

The Department continues to work proactively with the community and Government to enhance our service delivery. These are some examples of our strategic partnerships:

### Community Partnerships

#### Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch operates throughout Tasmania to protect and assist in preventing crime with active assistance from the public.

#### Bush Watch

Bush Watch encourages those in the bush, rural and remote areas to report unusual, suspicious or criminal activity and vandalism to the police.

#### Safety House

Tasmania Police works in partnership with the community to support the Safety House scheme, which provides places of safety to Tasmanians of all ages.

#### Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers encourages the community to use a dedicated 24-hour toll-free telephone number (1800 333 000) to provide information about crime and illegal activity. Rewards are paid for information that leads to the charging or arrest of offenders.

#### Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge

The Youth Challenge, undertaken in partnership with Tasmania Police, the Department of Education and other partners, is an award-winning education program examining crime in the community. Almost 2,000 students throughout Tasmania studied the topic of cyber-crime last year.

### Other Partnerships

#### Partnerships with Business

- Business Key-holders Registration
- Business Presentations on Crime Prevention: Shoplifting Prevention Seminars
- Partnership with the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association to prevent rural crime



Tasmania Police has been able to work with a range of partners to undertake various strategies to reduce crime, and work very effectively to improve crime and offence clearance rates.

### Police and Community Youth Clubs (PCYC)

conduct programs such as:

- REC LINK - sporting and recreational activities for unemployed and disadvantaged youth
- Mobile Activity Centre Program – an equipped trailer providing sports activities and health and welfare information to identified areas of need
- Launceston – PCYC Youth Theatre
- Bridgewater Mentoring Program
- Mural painting activities at Burnie and Hobart PCYCs to encourage young artists away from graffiti

### Police in Colleges

- Participating Colleges are Elizabeth, Rosny, Don, Hellyer, Launceston and Claremont

### Police in Schools

- ImPAKt (Police Automotive Kids) Program provides 'at risk' students with the opportunity to gain automotive training and re-engage with the school community
- Restorative Practices in the Education Setting
- Adopt-a-Cop – police officers are 'adopted' by primary schools and visit regularly to interact positively with children

### Older Persons

- Follow-Up Visits to Older Victims of Crime Program – police officers visit older victims
- Safe and Secure Living for Older Persons – new booklet on safe living for older persons
- Operation Dead Latch – a partnership with Assa-Abloy (Lockwood) Security Products to install deadlocks in homes after a burglary

### Alcohol and Drug Strategies

- Tasmanian Drug Strategy 2005-09
- Tasmanian Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative
- National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund
- Party Safe and *iParty* – provide education and support to members of the community intending to hold a party in order to minimise the potential for harm

### Safety in the community

- Stop, Walk and Talk Program in Central Business Districts – high visibility of police officers on the beat
- Officer Next Door Program – police officers live in Housing Tasmania houses
- Operation Bounce Back – a program to prevent vehicle theft, especially of older cars

### Recruitment and promotion of police activities

- Police Expo and Schools Recruitment Day
- Tasmania Police Pipe Band
- Tasmania Police Historical Group

### State-Local Government Partnerships

work with Local Government on community safety

Further details of the above programs and partnerships are provided in the document *Police and the Community 2006*, available on our website: [www.police.tas.gov.au](http://www.police.tas.gov.au)

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## YOUTH

The increase in police numbers has led to a more comprehensive approach to early intervention with support to youth diversion programs and partnerships.

### Youth Diversion

Tasmania Police's leadership laid the foundation during the 1990s for the diversionary processes that are now part of the *Youth Justice Act 1997*.

The Act formalised a graduated four-tier process for young offenders which includes Informal Cautions, Formal Cautions, and Community Conferencing when a young offender admits the commission of an offence, and prosecution through the Court System.

### Youth Partnerships

Tasmania Police officers work with schools, colleges, Police and Community Youth Clubs, government agencies and community organisations to implement strategies to assist children, young people and their families. By adopting and promoting a restorative justice approach, Tasmania Police continues to divert young people away from offending and assist them to get their lives back on track.

### Inter-Agency Support Teams (IAST)

Inter-Agency Support Teams (formerly Panels) are highly successful innovative partnerships based in local communities across the State. The Teams bring together relevant State and Local Government service providers to work collaboratively towards developing practical, multi-agency responses to support children, young people and their families with multiple and complex problems.

The provision of coordinated support has helped many of these children and young people to achieve positive outcomes in their lives. The types of strategies include re-engagement with education, drug counselling, mental health assessments, and support from community mentors. By the end of 2006, 280 young people had been assisted by IAST.



*U-Turn participants fixed and donated the car to the Clown Doctors*

Several innovative programs designed to steer 'at risk' young people away from crime have been introduced. A restorative justice approach for young offenders encourages them to take more responsibility for their behaviour.

### Project U-Turn

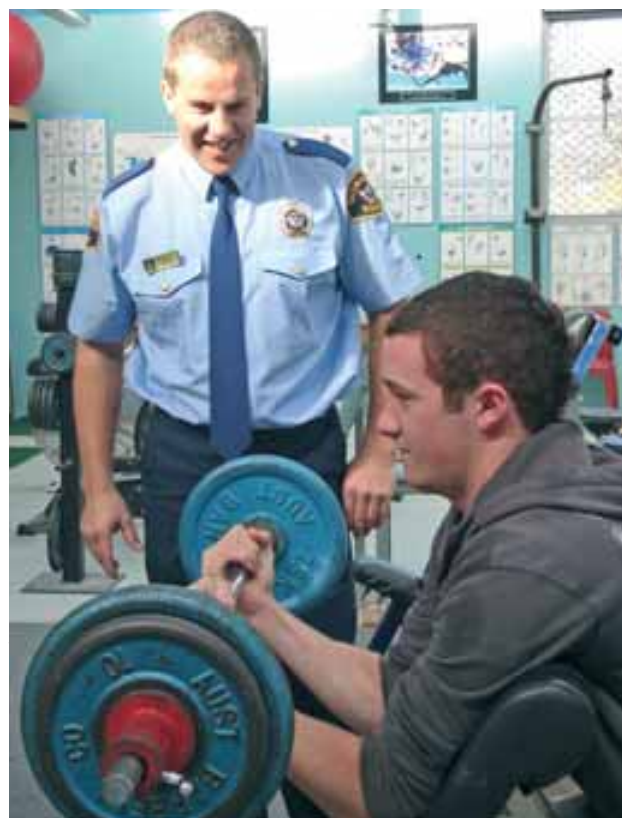
U-Turn is a best practice diversionary program which primarily targets young motor vehicle theft offenders aged 15-20. Since the program commenced in February 2003, 13 courses have been run and 88 young people have graduated from the program.

In addition to accredited mechanical training, the program provides a range of other benefits such as reduced involvement in crime and antisocial behaviour, improved life and personal skills, positive health outcomes, improved self-esteem and confidence and enhanced family relationships.

U-Turn is delivered by Mission Australia under contract to Tasmania Police, and is funded by the State Government. The U-Turn pilot project was funded by the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council and the Australian Government's National Crime Prevention program.

### Project Currawong

Project Currawong was an inter-agency early intervention two-year pilot program for young offenders or young people assessed as 'at risk'. The purpose of the program was to instigate personal change, break the cycle of recidivism and reconnect 'at risk' young people with their community.



"My Government knows that if we are to make Tasmania even safer, and drive crime rates down even further, then we must break the cycle of crime."

Premier Paul Lennon, 28 August 2006

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## LEGISLATIVE REFORM

Over the ten-year period, the Department has been proactive in its advice to Government on legislative reform. This has enabled the Government to significantly reform and enact new legislation to improve community safety.

- The *Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2005* provides Tasmania with a Sex Offender Register, bringing this State into line with other jurisdictions.
- The *Emergency Management Act 2006* provides for the protection of life, property and the environment in the event of an emergency, and to establish emergency management arrangements.



- The *Firearms Act 1996* regulates and registers firearms, as part of the national drive to control firearms usage and availability in the community after the Port Arthur tragedy.
- The *Police Service Act 2003* modernised the *Police Regulation Act 1898* and *Police Regulations 1974* to provide enhanced governance of the Police Service.
- An amendment to the *Road Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1970* provides for random roadside drug testing and provides penalties for driving a motor vehicle with illicit drugs in the body.



- Amendments to the *Police Offences Act 1935* include:
  - the introduction of provisions and authority to confiscate motor vehicles for inappropriate and alarming behaviour ('hooning') by drivers of motor vehicles
  - the authority to direct unruly individuals to disperse from a public place
  - the decriminalisation of public drunkenness and the provision of places of safety for intoxicated individuals
  - the reduction of public order offences by providing for police officers to search and seize weapons carried by persons in public places
  - the provision to make it unlawful to carry an opened or unsealed container of liquor in a public street, thus reducing injuries and public alarm caused by unruly behaviour.
- The *Police Powers (Vehicle Interception) Act 2000* provides police with the authority to conduct road blocks and use road spikes.
- The *Australian Crime Commission (Tasmania) Act 2004* replaces the *National Crime Authority (State Provisions) Act 1985*.
- The *Witness Protection Act 2000* provides for the Commissioner of Police to conduct witness protection programs.
- The *Telecommunications (Interception) Tasmania Act 1999* enables the Tasmania Police Service to be declared an agency for the purposes of the *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979* of the Commonwealth.

- The *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006* and *Regulations* provide for improved safety on the water for all water users by allowing Tasmania Police to breath-test vessel operators for alcohol.

The Department of Police and Emergency Management has also had considerable influence and input into legislation administered by other Agencies where Tasmania Police has a significant enforcement role. These include:

- the *Forensic Procedures Act 2000*, providing for the taking of photographs, fingerprints and DNA samples from suspects and convicted offenders
- the *Misuse of Drugs Act 2001*, providing penalties for criminal misuse of drugs and possession, manufacture, supply, sale and trafficking of illicit substances
- the *Family Violence Act 2004*, introducing new offences in respect to violence involving family members, together with enhanced police powers, including police officers being authorised to issue Police Family Violence Orders
- *Security-sensitive Dangerous Substances Act 2005*, restricting and regulating access to certain dangerous substances such as ammonium nitrate
- an amendment to the *Listening Devices Act 1991*, providing for the obtaining of a warrant in respect to an offence committed in another jurisdiction
- the *Youth Justice Act 1997*, providing for the appropriate treatment, punishment and rehabilitation of young people who have committed offences, and encouraging those young people to accept responsibility for their behaviour using restorative justice principles



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## LEGISLATIVE REFORM (continued)

- an amendment to the *Criminal Code Act 1924*, providing for child exploitation material offences and creating new offences for those who seek to procure and groom children for sexual purposes
- regulations and rules made under the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* in relation to enforcement of laws regulating commercial and recreational fisheries in Tasmanian State waters
- *Traffic (Road Rules) Regulations 1999*, bringing road rules in this jurisdiction into uniformity with road rules elsewhere in Australia.

Legislation currently being considered to enhance Tasmania Police's ability to improve community safety includes:

- amendments to the *Firearms Act 1996* to align Tasmanian legislation with the National Firearms Trafficking Policy Agreement
- inclusion of Commonwealth offences under the *Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2005*



“We have passed additional legislation that increases the capacity of the police to better enforce the law.”

Hon David Llewellyn MHA  
Minister for Police  
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- amendments to the *Road Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1970* to provide for automatic suspension of licence for repeat offenders, and drivers whose blood alcohol level registers 0.15% or above
- an amendment to the *Forensic Procedures Act 2000* to formalise the voluntary and directed taking of forensic samples from police officers, so they may be differentiated from other samples found at crime scenes
- amendments to the *Police Offences Act 1935*, to:
  - allow for the removal or modification of heavily fortified premises
  - increase the first confiscation period for alarming behaviour in vehicles to seven days

- prohibit ‘drink spiking’
- further regulate the consumption of alcohol in certain public places where it seriously disrupts the lives of ordinary people
- prohibit the making and publishing of voyeuristic photographs
- amendments to the *Police Service Act 2003* to allow the use of detection dogs to assist police across the State to enforce national and state legislation concerning the possession of and dealing in a vast range of substances, including valuable fisheries resources, firearms and drugs.



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## Hoons lose their cars

By BEN WILD

Two hoons lost their cars for 48 hours and are facing charges after police caught them racing on Bluff Rd in Devonport.

The two adult male hoons were spotted by patrolling Public Order Response Team officers at 5.20pm on Thursday.

“They were engaging in a race,” Acting Inspector Adrian Shadbolt said.

The two men were arrested and are facing charges of committing an exhibition of acceleration and speed and emitting unnecessary noise.

“This sort of behaviour just won’t be tolerated,” Acting Inspector Shadbolt said.

The offence, near a popular bathing spot, comes with only a month before the first schools are let out for the holidays.

Acting Inspector Shadbolt said while hooning offences were down by more than 30 per cent compared to the same quarter last year, some areas were seeing an upward trend.

“They are encouraging results but we have been getting increased reports in the Ulverstone and Devonport areas, particularly around the Bluff.”

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# 59%

decrease in motor vehicles stolen from a peak of 3,916 in 2000-01

# 96%

more than 9 out of 10 people who commit an offence against a person are caught

## MINISTER'S STATEMENT



Over the last ten years significant economic, social and environmental changes have taken place in Tasmania. These changes have driven continual improvement in the delivery of policing services to meet the

changing needs and expectations of the Tasmanian community and government.

The Tasmanian community has every right to expect the highest levels of accountability, transparency and responsibility in the way government spends its money and delivers its services.

This document aims to enhance the community's understanding of the changes in the Tasmanian policing service over the ten-year period 1996/97 to 2006/07 and provides an opportunity to gain an appreciation of the successes that have occurred over this period. A number of indicators have been chosen to provide a broad snapshot reflecting the activities and performance of the Department compared to ten years ago.

The Government is justifiably proud of the outstanding efforts of Tasmania's Police Service. Police numbers have increased, with more female police officers than ever before. Total crime has been reduced with an associated improvement in crime clearance. There are substantially fewer home and business burglaries. The number of persons killed or seriously injured in crashes has also declined over the last ten years.

The Tasmanian community is safer than ever before and the community's confidence in our policing service continues to rise with more Tasmanians than ever before being satisfied with the services provided by police.

Tasmania Police's vision is to be widely recognised as Australia's finest policing service. I am heartened by their performance and, having read this report, I hope you now have a better understanding of the way that Tasmania Police is working with the community to make Tasmania safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Llewellyn'.

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