

In a Capsule News



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Welcome to the January 2021 Edition of In A Capsule News!

*Poppies:
A Proud Tasmanian Industry*

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Happy New Year and our very best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy 2021, and for the fast approaching harvest.



We commence the new year with a **SECURITY ALERT.**

The poppy crop is now at its most vulnerable stage in respect of interference/theft.

Sadly, over the Christmas period, we have experienced a number of interferences/thefts throughout the growing regions.

We therefore extend a timely reminder regarding crop security.

FENCES AND GATES

Please ensure all roadside fences are in good repair and roadside gates remain closed at all times. We realise the enormous temptation is to leave the gate open to allow easy entry and exit, particularly for irrigation purposes.

This is an open invitation for anyone and particularly for those who seek to discredit our industry to take a picture, post it on social media or worse still, enter the crop unobstructed by a wide open gate.

It is important to remember we are growing a highly regulated narcotic plant.

If access to the plant is not restricted, such as by leaving gates open, this places the licensed grower not only in potential breach of their license, but also their growing contract and may even be considered an act of negligence and a breach of their statutory duty to restrict access.

We seek your co-operation and support in this regard.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

Please report suspicious behaviour in or about a poppy crop immediately or as soon as possible to the police, PACB Field Officer or poppy company field officer.

The importance of a very quick reporting/response of suspicious activity cannot be over-emphasised.

If you see suspicious behaviour in or around poppy crops at anytime, including seeing an unauthorised person in your poppy paddock, contact Tasmania Police immediately on:

**1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers)
or 131 444 (non-emergency line)**

It is of great assistance if you are able to provide as much detail as possible regarding a description of the person(s) and the vehicle(s) including make, model, colour and registration.

During Business Hours (Monday—Friday, 9am to 5pm) you can report suspected poppy interference/thefts or poppy related incidents to the Poppy Advisory and Control Board field officers.

If you suspect an interference has occurred you should notify your PACB field officer as soon as possible.

After Hours you can report suspected poppy interference/thefts or poppy related incidents to Tasmania Police.

For your information and assistance for when a report needs to be made, we have included contact details for PACB field officers.

Kind regards,

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**Licence Enquiries: (Mon—Fri 9am—5pm)
03 6165 4876**

Business Hours (Monday—Friday 9am—5pm):

To report suspected poppy interferences/thefts or poppy related incidents please contact:

PACB Field Officers:

South: Please call: **0417 048 083**

North: Viv Lawson **0438 048 087**

North West: Rodney McCarthy **0417 048 085**

After Hours: To report suspected poppy interferences/thefts or poppy related incidents please contact:

Tasmania Police (24 Hours):

Crime Stoppers: **1800 333 000**

Non-emergency line: **131 444**

To report suspicious behaviour in or around poppy crops at any time please contact Tasmania Police.

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