



FOREVER IN HEART

Mum Antonella Poggi, pictured with husband Max and daughter Elisha, had three miscarriages in as many years and is holding a unique day of remembrance in Sandringham on October 15, for those whose grief she says is all-too-often overlooked. **REPORT PAGE 5**

Picture: CHRIS EASTMAN

Huge rise in identity theft

FRAUDSTERS are increasingly preying on unwitting Victorians, with offences surging more than 60 per cent over just five years.

The Port Phillip, Kingston and Stonnington council areas are among the hot spots.

A community shred day will be held at Elwood on October 15 to help residents safely destroy personal documents – thwarting crooks who use the information to

Increase in deception crimes sparks move to destroy documents

access bank accounts and set up bogus credit cards.

Crime Statistics Agency figures compiled for the *Leader* show more than 37,000 deception offences were recorded statewide in the year to March.

The figure compared with about 23,000 in 2012.

Senior Sergeant Dagmar

Andersen, of the proactive programs unit, said identity theft was a serious problem.

Recently in Stonnington, several suspected thieves were allegedly found with about 80 identities and fraudulent loan applications.

Victims, who mostly had documents taken from letterboxes or apartment storage cages, even

had debt collectors chase them.

A shredding truck will be outside Elwood Life Saving Club to destroy documents on October 15 from 10am-1pm.

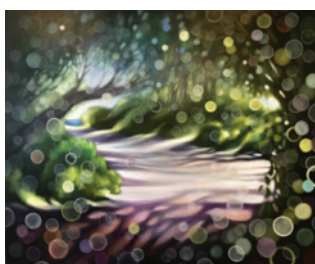
Shredding is free with a \$5 recommended donation or a gold coin. Proceeds go to the club.

Details: 1300 55 88 76 or go to shredonsite.com.au

DECEPTION OFFENCES

- Port Phillip – 1225
- Kingston – 1114
- Stonnington – 1017
- Frankston – 870
- Glen Eira – 422
- Bayside – 273
- Statewide – 37,265

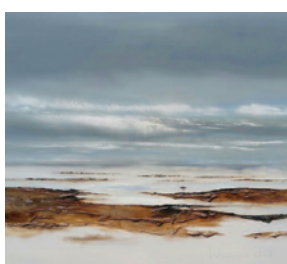
Source: Crime Statistics Agency
April 2015 to March 2016



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