

ELWOOD



Sen-Const Michelle Stevens, with Andrew Vincent from Shred Onsite, and piles of shredded documents. Picture: JASON SAMMON

Shred chances of fraud

OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS SAFELY

IDENTITY thieves rifling through rubbish for personal documents have prompted a warning from police.

The information is being used to access bank accounts and set up bogus credits cards.

A community shred day is being held at Elwood to help residents destroy documents safely.

Sen-Constable Michelle Stevens, who with other police will provide safety advice as part of the event outside Elwood Life Saving Club on October 10, said bank statements and other sensitive documents were too often thrown in bins intact.

“People have information stolen and they can’t work out any other way it could

have happened besides they put it in the bin,” she said.

“The documents have a lot of personal information.

“The offender’s aim is to get 100 points of ID. Once they’ve got that they can assume the victim’s identity to obtain passports, open banks accounts, sign leases, obtain loans and more.”

A shredding truck from firm Shred on Site will be at

Elwood to destroy documents like financial statements, tax returns and diaries.

Shredding is free with a \$5 recommended donation or a gold coin. Proceeds go to the lifesaving club. The event runs October 10, 10am to 3pm, outside Elwood Life Saving Club. Phone 1300 55 88 76 or go to shredonsite.com.au/shredday



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