
Saturday, 15 November 2008.

\$50,000 reward posted to help solve disappearance

Minister for Police Tony Kelly today announced a \$50,000 reward to help solve the mysterious disappearance of Bombala man Peter Messariti 10 years ago.

“It has now been a decade since Mr Messariti was last seen: 10 years of heartbreak for his family not knowing what happened to him,” Mr Kelly said.

Mr Messariti was last seen at the Athame property in Bombala on 15 November 1998.

His car was seen that afternoon in Bukalong, a short distance from the property. It was parked as if it had broken down – it was unlocked and still contained personal papers.

Police from Strike Force Clayland conducted extensive investigations into Mr Messariti’s disappearance, including thorough searches of surrounding bushland and interviews with people who knew him.

Despite these efforts, and the identification of some persons of interest, Mr Messariti has not been found and no one has been charged over his disappearance.

Mr Kelly said investigators hope the \$50,000 reward will encourage people with information to come forward.

“Police are convinced there are people who know what happened to Mr Messariti and I encourage them to come forward,” Mr Kelly said.

“The smallest piece of information could be the vital link that police need to uncover the circumstances surrounding Mr Messariti’s mysterious disappearance.”

Anyone with information should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.