



## **GLENORCHY BOUNCES BACK**

The National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) applauds Glenorchy City Council's *Operation Bounce Back* campaign to prevent vehicle theft and immobilise older vehicles.

The campaign is one of nineteen projects being funded across Australia in 2008 by the NMVTRC's partnership with local crime prevention partners.

The NMVTRC's Executive Director, Ray Carroll, said, "Vehicle theft is down by 17 per cent in Glenorchy since 2005/06 and it is pleasing that Glenorchy City Council has taken up the challenge to reduce theft even further.

"*Operation Bounce Back* addresses the high number of older, unsecured cars that are at risk of theft. Eight in ten vehicles stolen in Glenorchy are older sedans (manufactured prior to 1992) and almost all these thefts could have been avoided had these cars been protected by engine immobilisers."

Glenorchy's *Operation Bounce Back* program is giving away one-hundred Australian Standards approved engine immobilisers, fully-installed, to owners of older vehicles and those who have been a victim of vehicle theft. Four displays have already been held at local shopping centres to promote car theft prevention. A letter drop to residents of Glenorchy and Moonah will be conducted throughout May and June.

"Most car owners think, 'nobody would want to steal my old bomb'. Unfortunately in the last year over 400 drivers of older cars in Glenorchy found out that this isn't true," Mr Carroll said.

Glenorchy, together with Clarence City Council, will also be convening a Preventing Car Theft Youth Forum on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

Motorists that miss out on a free immobiliser can still have an Australian Standards approved immobiliser installed for around \$200 at a participating installer.

The NMVTRC is an initiative of all Australian governments and the insurance industry.

**Further information about Glenorchy City Council's *Operation Bounce Back* program:**

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## MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT IN THE CITY OF GLENORCHY

- 437 motor vehicles were reported stolen in the 12 months to June 2007 in the City of Glenorchy.
- Older cars amount for the overwhelming majority of vehicle theft in Glenorchy, with 80 per cent of stolen vehicles manufactured prior to 1992.
- Vehicles manufactured ten or more years ago tend to lack adequate security and as a result account for more thefts. The most popular theft targets in the City of Glenorchy are:
  - Holden Commodore (1985 to 1992)
  - Nissan Pintara (1986 to 1990)
  - Ford Laser (1982 to 1985)
- The best protection against short-term theft for older vehicles is to fit an Australian Standards approved electronic engine immobiliser.
- Australian Standards approved immobilisers are available through the NMVTRC's Immobilise Now! program for around \$200.
- The NMVTRC is funding nineteen *Operation Bounce Back* grant packages across Australia in 2008.



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