



LOGAN LAUNCHES OPERATION BOUNCE BACK

The National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) today applauded Logan 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, "*Operation Bounce Back* is a great example of how local government and police can work together to tackle a major crime issue. Importantly, the project really confronts the key issue that drives local statistics – the high number of older, unsecured cars that are vulnerable to theft.

"Around four in ten cars stolen in Logan are older sedans with relatively low values. All these thefts could have been avoided had the cars been protected by an engine immobiliser."

Logan'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. Information displays where people can learn more about car theft prevention will be held throughout next week, starting on 4 June at Logan Central Plaza and followed by 5 June at Hyperdome, 6 June at Grand Plaza, 8 June at Beenleigh Sunday Markets and 10 June Jimboomba Shopping Centre.

"Most car owners think, 'nobody would want to steal my old bomb'. Unfortunately in the last year over 900 drivers of older cars in Logan found out that this isn't true," Mr Carroll said.

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.

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MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT IN THE CITY OF LOGAN

- 943 motor vehicles were reported stolen in the 12 months to June 2007 in the City of Logan.
- Older cars amounted for 38 per cent of stolen vehicles manufactured prior to 1990.
- 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 Logan are:
 - Holden Commodore (1982 to 1995)
 - Ford Falcon (1982 to 1998)
 - Ford Laser (1981 to 1990)
- 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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