



GLENORCHY GEARED UP TO TACKLE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

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, which has been running each year in Glenorchy since 2005, is one of twelve projects being funded across Australia in the first half of 2009 by the NMVTRC's partnership with local crime prevention partners.

The NMVTRC's Executive Director, Ray Carroll, said, "Vehicle theft continues to fall each year in Glenorchy. Thefts are down another 17 per cent since 2006/07, and it is pleasing that Glenorchy City Council has taken up the challenge again to reduce theft even further.

"*Operation Bounce Back* addresses the high number of older, unsecured cars that are at risk of theft. Seven 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. Shopping centre information days will be held from 10.30am – 3.30pm on 6 May at Claremont Village Shopping Centre, 7 May at Northgate Shopping Centre and 8 May at Glenorchy Centro Shopping Centre.

"Most car owners do not consider the inconveniences to family, work and social lives that having a car stolen can cause. Unfortunately in the last year over 300 drivers of older cars in Glenorchy found out that both the financial and emotional impact can be quite significant," 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.

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

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MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT IN THE CITY OF GLENORCHY

- 362 motor vehicles were reported stolen in the 12 months to June 2008 in the City of Glenorchy.
- Older cars amount for the overwhelming majority of vehicle theft in Glenorchy, with 74 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 (1984 to 1988)
 - Toyota Camry (1984 to 1992)
 - Ford Laser (1981 to 1986)
- 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 a total of twenty-five *Operation Bounce Back* grant packages across Australia in 2009.



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