



## TOOWOOMBA BOUNCES BACK

The National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) today applauded Safer Toowoomba Partnership on its *Operation Bounce Back* campaign to further prevent vehicle theft and immobilise older vehicles.

The campaign is one of twenty projects being funded across Australia this year by the NMVTRC's partnership with local crime prevention partners.

The NMVTRC's Executive Director, Ray Carroll, said, "Vehicle theft is down by 38 per cent in the City of Toowoomba since 2001 and it is pleasing that the Safer Toowoomba Partnership has taken up the challenge to reduce theft even further."

*"Operation Bounce Back* confronts the high number of older, unsecured cars that are at risk of theft. Seven out of ten cars stolen in Toowoomba are older sedans and almost all these thefts could have been avoided had these cars been protected by engine immobilisers."

Toowoomba's *Operation Bounce Back* project 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.

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

**Residents of Toowoomba wishing to find out more about Safer Toowoomba Partnership's *Operation Bounce Back* project should contact Acting Sergeant Scott McGrath on (07) 46316372.**

Motorists that miss out on a free immobiliser can still have an Australian Standards approved immobiliser installed for under \$200 by calling the 24 hour CAR-SAFE hotline on 1300 132 146 (for the cost of a local call).

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

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### Motor vehicle theft by calendar year, City of Toowoomba

Calendar year	Number of thefts
2001	282
2002	244
2003	259
2004	199
2005	176

