



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATORS**

**Australasian Branch**

## ***10th Annual Training Seminar***

*3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2003,  
The Chifley Hotel on Northbourne,  
Canberra*

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## Welcome!

On behalf of the 2002/2003 Australasian Branch committee I would like to welcome you to our 10th Annual Training Seminar here in Canberra. In particular I would like to welcome the many new members for whom this is their first IAATI seminar. Please feel free to make yourself known to myself and your fellow IAATI members. I would also like to welcome our International President of IAATI, Kent Mawyer, who has traveled all the way from Texas for the second year in a row.

Having been associated with the organising of this seminar I can assure you there has been a huge amount of work gone into ensuring things run smoothly and the content provides a good mixture of interesting and informative material (along with dose of fun).

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly express my sincere thanks to Serena Buxton, Chair of the 2003 Seminar Organising Committee and her fellow committee members – Craig Petterd, Tracey Young and Moira Johnson. Following the Bali bombing and the recent ACT bushfires I know that Serena and her colleagues have been under considerable pressure and have spent many months away from their homes. I therefore congratulate them on their efforts in staging this seminar along with the members of the Branch Committee who have assisted Serena's committee during these busy times. They have all done an exceptional effort and deserve our praise.

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IAATI in Australia and for those members who were at the inaugural Seminar here in Canberra in 1993 I am sure you have seen a steady growth and development in the Association during that period. The small Australian population and changing nature of both police services and the insurance industry during the past decade means that the Australasian Branch will probably never have the large number of members that many other IAATI branches enjoy, however, I believe we have a dedicated core of committed members that are keen to share their knowledge and experiences. What started as a small group of individuals 10 years ago has steadily grown in Branch consisting of a unique blend of police personnel (investigators, forensic officers, intelligence analysts), insurance personnel (investigators, claim managers, fraud specialists, analysts), registration personnel (vehicle inspectors, policy staff), academics and researchers, Crime prevention officers, forensic locksmiths, motoring club representatives, private investigators, vehicle manufacturers and those involved in the development of vehicle security systems. During this seminar we will be recognizing the efforts of our founding members as well as considering how the Branch should be approaching the next 10 years.

Staging these annual seminars is a difficult and time consuming task but one that can be prove extremely beneficial when they meet the needs and expectations of the delegates. To ensure that future seminars are as beneficial as possible I seek your

assistance in two areas. Firstly, we require your feedback as to what you want to see and do at our next seminar. To facilitate this I encourage you to complete and return the questionnaire (included in your registration kit) indicating what aspects of this seminar you liked and what aspects you would like to see different next year. It is only through this type of feedback that we can tailor our seminar to meet your needs.

Secondly, I would encourage you to consider offering your services to the branch. This can be either by assisting in future seminars and training sessions, by nominating to stand for the Branch committee or by sharing information and experiences with your colleagues through the Association's International Magazine 'APB' or the Branch website ( [www.iaatiaus.org](http://www.iaatiaus.org))

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the generous support of our major sponsor, DataDot Technologies Ltd., and our additional sponsor the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC). I would also like to publicly thank Insurance Australia Group (IAG) for their sponsorship of the Annual Branch Awards.

Once again welcome to Canberra, thank you for supporting IAATI and I hope you have an enjoyable and fruitful time during the next three days.

John O'Byrne  
Australasian Branch President

## General Information for Seminar Delegates

**Seminar Dinner and Awards Presentation** - The Seminar Dinner will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Chifley Hotel. Delegates are advised that this is a formal occasion and lounge suites are suggested. Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 7.00 pm and dinner will commence at 7.30pm. The 2003 Annual Australasian Branch awards, sponsored by Insurance Australia Group (IAG), will be announced between the serving of main course and dessert. During the evening we will also recognize the Association's founding members, and present the 2003 Executive and Committee.

**Field Trip** – On Tuesday afternoon we will take a short bus trip to the ACT's vehicle Inspection station where will have a presentation and an opportunity to go into the inspection pits and examine the DataDot technology as applied to the latest model Subaru vehicles. Details regarding the bus' time and place of departure from the Chifley Hotel will be announced during the Seminar. Delegates are asked to note these details and to be punctual to ensure we can keep to our schedule.

**Name Badges** – Delegates are asked to wear their seminar name badge at all times. For ease of identification, speaker's name badges are green and Australasian Branch Committee members badges are coloured blue.

**Committee Nominations** – Members are reminded that the Branch is always keen to welcome new members to the Committee. This is a rewarding job and a great way for you to influence the direction of your Association. Members wishing to nominate for the 2003 Branch Committee are asked to complete the nomination form contained in their registration pack to the Returning Officer, Mr. Tony Ward, before 2.00 pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If required, elections for the 2003 Committee will take place at the AGM on Monday afternoon with the result being announced during the Seminar Dinner on Tuesday night.

**Seminar Etiquette** – For the benefit of both delegates and speakers, members are asked to please switch all mobile phones off or to silent mode during the presentations and the Annual Dinner.

Delegates will be given an opportunity to ask questions of speakers at the end of each presentation if time permits. However, to be fair to subsequent speakers, we will endeavor to stick as closely as possible to the published timetable. We therefore ask that if at the end of the scheduled time for each presentation, delegates who may have additional questions should contact the speaker during the next available refreshment break.

**IAATI Merchandise** – during the seminar delegates will have the opportunity to purchase a range of IAATI souvenirs including:

- Polo shirts
- Caps
- Stubby Holders
- Tie Pins

In addition members can place orders for the recently released book "IAATI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History"

**Special Dietary Requirements:**

If any delegate has special dietary requirements (eg. vegetarian, etc.) they are asked to inform the Serena Buxton as early as possible.

## Seminar Programme

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2003

1700 – 1800	Registration
1900 – 2100	"Celebrating our 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary" President's complimentary welcome drinks (wine and beer)

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2003

0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 0910	Welcome by Branch president, John O'Byrne
0910 – 0930	Kent Mawyer, International President, IAATI "Current trends and initiatives internationally."
0930 – 1030	Denis Connor, SAPOL "Rebirthing - The History of Toyota Landcruisers and Prados and possible fraud indicators nationally."
1030 – 1050	Morning Tea
1050 – 1130	Geoff Casey, Technical Investigator, IMA (IAG Group) "How to apply current technology into the investigation of insurance claims."
1130 – 1230	Paul Murrhny, Forensic Consultant "Vehicle Identification – A little bit goes a long way: Alternative means of identifying stolen motor vehicles."
1230 – 1315	Lunch

- 1315 – 1415 Kate Ridgway – Insurance Fraud Lawyer, O’Shea Corser and Wadley  
“The presentation of evidence in auto theft cases in court.”
- 1415 – 1515 Mike Arnold, Fraud Referee, Insurance Enquires & Complaints  
“Expert Evidence” and “False and Misleading Statements”
- 1515 – 1535 [Afternoon Tea](#)
- 1535 – 1735 AGM and 2003 Branch Elections (Lucky door prizes)

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2003

- 0830 – 0915 Graham West, Group General Manager, The Barrington Group  
“Developing an Effective Business Fraud Control Strategy.”
- 0915 – 1000 Alan Beddall, Manager of the Vehicle Identification Inspection Unit, NSW RTA  
“The NSW Written Off Vehicle Register”
- 1000 – 1020 [Morning Tea](#)
- 1020 – 1100 Andrew Bide, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Investigative Studies & Crime Reduction, Charles Sturt University  
“Investigator Training in Australia - the facts.”
- 1100 – 1145 Ray Carroll, Executive Director, NMVTRC  
“The Fence is Built But We Need to Shut the Gates?”
- 1145 – 1230 Chris Stott, DataDot Technology Ltd.  
“The History and progress of DataDots as vehicle identifiers.”
- 1230 – 1315 [Lunch](#)
- 1315 – 1400 Hee-Long Wong, Head Engineer, Subaru Australia,  
“Car theft – Subaru’s perspective”

- 1400 – 1445 Coralea Cameron, Senior Investigations Coordinator, NRMA Insurance  
“Insurance Fraud Case Studies”
- 1445 – 1500 [Afternoon Tea](#)
- 1500 – 1700 Field Visit to ACT Vehicle Inspection Station.  
Presentation by Motor Registry in respect to their response to the identification issue of motor vehicles and also an opportunity to view DataDots first hand.
- 1900 – 1930 Pre-Dinner Drinks
- 1930 – 2300 Annual Seminar Dinner and Awards Presentations  
Sponsored by IAG.

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2003

- 0900 – 1000 Brett Forward, Locksmith  
“Forensic Locksmith’s techniques.”
- 1000 – 1100 Police Panel:  
Representative from most Police Services within Australia and New Zealand providing an update on current trends, statistics and issues regarding auto theft in their jurisdictions and any cross border issues. There will be opportunities to ask questions from the floor.
- 1100 – 1120 [Morning Tea](#)
- 1120 – 1200 Police Panel cont....
- 1200 – 1230 Stakeholder Panel:  
Representatives from insurance companies, registration authorities and other agencies within Australia discuss trends, issues, current technologies, and strategies concerning auto

theft in their portfolios/jurisdictions. Opportunity for open floor discussion.

- 1230 – 1315 Lunch
- 1315 – 1445 Stakeholder Panel cont....
- 1445 – 1600 Group discussion on issues raised during the panels and seminar speakers.  
“Formulation of submissions for initiatives for stakeholders generally.”
- 1600 – 1615 Official Close.

## Speaker Profiles

### **Kent Mawyer**

As the Assistant Chief of the Criminal Law Enforcement Division for the Texas Department of Public Safety, Kent is responsible for overseeing operations of the agency's specialized services of Narcotics, Special Crimes (which includes criminal intelligence), Motor Vehicle Theft, and the Crime Laboratory. He had previously been assigned as the Major in charge of special projects for the division, and prior to those assignments had progressed from investigator to assistant commander in the Motor Vehicle Theft Service. He has served a total of 25 years with the Department, of which over 18 have been in the area of vehicle theft investigation while progressing to his present rank. Kent has earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, a Masters in Public Administration, and is a graduate of both the Texas Law Enforcement Management Institute and the FBI National Academy. He is a Past President of the Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators and is currently the International President of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators.

#### *Presentation: “IAATI, the next 50 years”*

This presentation reviews current and future trends in vehicle theft (and investigations) during recent years. Kent will also review history of IAATI worldwide and discuss what the future may hold.

### **Dennis Connor**

Detective Sergeant Dennis Connor has served 29 years in the South Australian Police Force This includes 22 years as a Detective with the Criminal Investigation Branch. He has 17 years of experience investigating all aspects of drugs and organised crime. Since 1991 Dennis has been attached to the Drugs & Organised Crime Investigation Branch (DOCIB). His current responsibilities within the DOCIB are the investigations of high profile organised vehicle theft occurring in South Australia and cross border investigations. Dennis is the SAPOL representative on the South Australian Vehicle Theft Reduction Committee and an Australasian Branch committee member and ethic subcommittee member of IAATI.

#### *Presentation: “Rebirthing – The history of Toyota Landcruisers and Prados and possible fraud indicators nationally”*

### **Geoff Casey**

Geoff has been employed in the automotive repair industry for the past 29 years. He is a qualified auto trades Spray Painter and has worked at several of Melbourne's leading smash repairers in both managerial and trades person capacity. He is fully conversant with all aspects of pricing, quoting and repairing of damaged vehicles. Directly engaged in time and cost analysis and the Quality assurance management of the collision repair centre.

More recently he has been employed by RACV Insurance Company for the past 10 years, initially working in the Motor Vehicle Assessing area and trained as a valuer and loss adjuster of motor vehicles. Now working he is regularly required to inspect stolen and damaged vehicles to carry out audit assessments, and investigate all circumstances of the loss. Geoff maintains current knowledge of industry practice through completion of various courses pertaining to the Automotive Industry, Insurance, and Investigations areas, (e.g. Accident reconstructions, Certificate in Workshop Management, Vehicle Electronics, MIG Welding, Vehicle Restraints Systems, Victoria Police Arson Investigation Course, currently studying forensic science at Swinburne Institute of Technology) and professional memberships (e.g. Assessing Engineer and Associate Member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (Reg No 0276), Affiliate Australian Insurance Institute, Member International Association of Auto Theft Investigators). Experienced in all matters pertaining to the repair and costing of damaged vehicles.

*Presentation: "How to apply current technology into the investigation of insurance claims"*

### **Paul Murrhly**

Prior to establishing his own forensic practice in May last year Paul served for 21 years as a forensic scientist with the Victoria Police – Victoria Forensic Science Centre. In his private practice Paul has been engaged in fire & explosion examination and provided assistance to the Insurance industry and legal profession on a broad range of areas. During his time with Victoria Police Paul served as Section Head, Fire & Explosion Investigation; Section Head, Fingerprint science; Section Head, Image Enhancement; Branch Manager, Applied Science; Team Leader, Vehicle Examination and a member of the Joint Services Committee in Fire Investigation and part of the team of module writers for the Forensic Diploma – Fire Investigation. He holds a Diploma of Applied Science (Chemistry) and a Graduate Diploma in Scientific Instrumentation. He is also a fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (Australasia), the Institute of Material Engineering Australasia, the Fingerprint Society (UK), the International Association of Arson Investigators, the International Association for Identification and the Canadian Society of Forensic Science.

*Presentation: Vehicle identification: "A little bit of evidence goes a long way - Alternative means of identifying stolen motor vehicles."*

Traditionally the identification of a vehicle is made by the inspection of the various identification plates and stampings attached or stamped on the vehicle during the manufacturing process. In some instances it may not be possible to rely on these identifiers as they have been removed or obliterated and any restoration technique proves to be unable to produce any results. In this case secondary information may be able to assist. That is labels, decals, paint features, physical fits ( with respect to stripped vehicles ), glass, dust marks, and artefacts within the vehicle. Using

evidence that includes these items it may be possible to aid in the identification of a stolen or stripped vehicle, or a vehicle involved in other crime related activities.

### **Kate Ridgway**

Kate Ridgway is a Senior Associate with O'Shea Corser & Wadley Lawyers in Brisbane. She has a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) – University of Queensland (1997) and was admitted to Supreme Court of Queensland, Federal & High Courts of Australia (1997/8). Kate also has a Graduate Certificate in Fraud Investigation (2002) (La Trobe University in conjunction with Victoria Police Major Fraud Group).

Kate has specialised in defendant insurance since her admission in 1997. Her primary focus is in the area of insurance fraud. Her areas of expertise include:

- Fire claims;
- Insurance fraud;
- Fidelity claims;
- Defendant public liability and liability claims;
- Professional indemnity claims involving real estate agents, barristers & solicitors.

Kate has experience in all matters arising under the Insurance Contracts Act and in particular misrepresentation, non-disclosure and fraud. She provides advice to underwriters on indemnity issues, including cases involving deliberate and intentional acts by insureds, claims by joint insureds and third party claims made pursuant to section 48 of the Insurance Contracts Act. Kate has been involved in many cases in which criminal prosecutions have followed (arson and fraud offences).

In addition to her legal experience Kate has also undertaken a number of courses relevant to her field of specialty including a Behavioural Interviewing Techniques Course.

In August 2000 Kate was seconded to the Queensland Fire & Rescue Service (QFRS) Fire Investigation Unit. Kate also lectures as part of the QFRS Diploma of Fire Scene Examination course held in May each year.

Kate has had a number of articles published. One such article, "*Fighting Fire with Fire*", (co-authored with a forensic accountant and investigator) appeared in the April 2000 issue of The Investigator. She is often approached by industry publications for comment including The Investigator magazine. Kate is also President of the Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of Professional Investigators and President of the Queensland Association of Fire Investigators. She is also a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators, the Fire Protection Association of Australia and the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance.

*Presentation: "The presentation of evidence in auto theft cases"*

This paper summarises the presentation of evidence in auto theft cases in Courts including relevant case studies.



### **Michael Arnold**

Mr. Arnold began his legal career in Melbourne in 1967 having been a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria since 1966 and an Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales since 1976. He has a broad legal background with extensive litigation experience in personal injury insurance claims arising from motor vehicle and industrial accidents. He also handled general insurance matters involving both domestic and small business claims.

Michael was elected a Member of the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament between 1982 and 1988 and appointed a Judge and Deputy President of the Accident Compensation Tribunal in Victoria between 1990 and 1992. After 1992 he returned to legal practice as a Senior Legal Consultant and Mediation Specialist between 1992 and 1996. In 1996 he took the appointment as a Referee in the General Insurance Enquiries and Complaints Scheme.

*Presentation: "Expert evidence" and "False and misleading statements"*

### **Graham West**

Graham is Group General Manager of The Barrington Group having commenced with the company since 1995. He is a Licensed Private inquiry Agent and a Licensed Security Consultant and was formerly Investigations manager for the State Bank. Graham has been a member of IAATI for 6 years and has written articles on fraud prevention for publications within the registered clubs industry. Involved in lecturing at club management courses & seminars on fraud, risk management, crisis management, incident reporting & first phase investigation.

*Presentation: "Developing an Effective Business Fraud Control Strategy"*

In this presentation Graham will look at external & internal fraud threats to business, the need for a fraud prevention strategy, tools to assist business prevent and identify fraud, how to develop your strategy and present some fraud case studies. He will also cover the need for procedural fairness, ethical behaviour and Industrial Relations/HR protocol.

### **Alan Beddall**

Alan has worked for the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority for the last 30 years and been involved in general law enforcement issues. He is currently In 1999 he was transferred to a group working with suspect vehicles and subsequently was appointed Manager of the Vehicle Identification Inspection Unit that was formed in that same year.

*Presentation: "The NSW Written Off Vehicle Register"*

The presentation will include the history and reasons the WOVV was developed, the organisations involved in its formation and the effect its implementation has had on the Insurance industry, auction houses and repairers in NSW. Discussed are the

categories of wrecked vehicles together with terms used in the legislation and WOVV business rules and the types of vehicles to each of the WOVV categories apply.

### **Andrew Bide**

Andrew Bide B.Soc.Sc.(SCU), LLB(Hons)(BOND), Grad.Dip.Leg.Prac. (BOND) , MBA (Finance)(SCU) - Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Andrew is a Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Investigative Studies & Crime Reduction, Faculty of Arts at Charles Sturt University. He was a former member of the New South Wales Police Service with 17 years experience. He has operated as a Detective and mastered a thorough cross section of all areas of criminal investigation. Andrew was also seconded to the Independent Commission Against Corruption as an investigator where he directed high level investigations into public sector corruption. Andrew later became a Police Prosecutor in the New South Wales Police Service conducting prosecutions of various matters in the Local Court for the NSW Police Service. He later entered private practice as a Solicitor and primarily operated in the area of Commercial Law. Andrew also worked with the New South Wales Department of Local Government as a Senior Investigator. Although maintaining his role as a Senior Lecturer at the University, Andrew retains his sole practice as a Solicitor.

*Presentation: "Investigator Training in Australia – The Facts. A presentation by Charles Sturt University"*

Andrew's presentation will review the various training options available from Charles Sturt University including:

- Bachelor of Policing
- Bachelor of Policing (Investigations)
- Master of Policing Practice/Graduate Diploma of Policing Practice
- Master of Arts (Investigation Management)/Graduate Diploma Investigation Management
- Master of Arts (Fraud Investigation), Graduate Diploma (Fraud Investigation), Graduate Certificate (Fraud Investigation)
- Master of Arts (Compliance), Graduate Diploma (Compliance), Graduate Certificate (Compliance)
- Master of Arts (Criminal Intelligence), Graduate Diploma (Criminal Intelligence), Graduate Certificate (Criminal Intelligence)
- Master of Arts (Police Negotiation), Graduate Diploma (Police Negotiation), Graduate Certificate (Police Negotiation)

### **Ray Carroll**

Ray Carroll is the Executive Director of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) and has been involved in vehicle theft reform since 1996 when he was appointed the Project Manager for the National Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force.

Prior to taking up the NMVTRC role in 1999 Ray was a member of Victoria Police for 22 years serving most of his career as a detective. His last position with VicPol was as officer in charge of the Crime Prevention Bureau.

*Presentation: "The Fence is Built But We Need to Shut the Gates?"*

As the end of the NMVTRC's initial five year term approaches we can point to the range of major infrastructure improvements that have happily been followed by an unprecedented reduction in the level of vehicle theft nationally. In a second term of the NMVTRC we must build on these achievements to identify and address not only the remaining gaps, but also the new methodologies that determined thieves will adopt to defeat these measures. This presentation will identify many of these gaps and will foreshadow the work that will be required in the coming years to lock in permanent barriers to vehicle theft.

### **Chris Stott**

Chris Stott is Chief Executive of DataDot Technology (Australia) Pty Ltd. In this role Chris is part of the DataDot Executive Team responsible for the management and strategic planning for the Group. Over the past four years Chris has helped commercialise DataDot in Australia and is now responsible for the continuing market development and international expansion of DataDot. Chris has a Bachelor of Economics Degree and is a Senior Associate in the Financial Planners Association.

Prior to joining DataDot, Chris predominately in the Financial and Investment sector including six years as Executive Director at Bridges Personal Investment Services and sixteen years as General Manager, Questor Funds Management Group.

*Presentation: "History and progress of DataDots as vehicle identifiers"*

### **Hee-Loong Wong**

Mr. Wong is the Chief Engineer, Subaru (Aust) Pty Limited. He graduated from University of Newcastle; Bachelor of Engineering (Mech). In 1990 he joined RTA-Crashlab as a research engineer in vehicle safety research and crash investigation. In 1993 he took up a Manager position, coordinating a full-scale vehicle crash programme at the crash barrier, including Australian New Car Assessment Programme. In 1995 he joined Subaru Australia as Chief Engineer, as a window of communication between Japan and Aust in all technical areas. Currently, this responsibility has expanded to product (engineering) development to suit local market conditions.

*Presentation: "Car Theft - Subaru's Prospective".*

This presentation presents a brief history of the Impreza WRX including: When it was introduced to Australia; What models variant came to Australia; The turning point when the WRX became a cult status; Theft trends of WRX between Jan 2000 to Dec

2002; How did Subaru re-act and pro-act to the overall theft issue on the Subaru brand.

### **Coralea Cameron**

Coralea Cameron is employed as a Senior Investigations Coordinator, with NRMA in Brisbane. She commenced this role in 2002 and prior to that she was a Claims Dispute Resolution Consultant with Insurance Manufacturers of Australia Pty Ltd (IMA) a position she has held since 1988. Coralea also has 4 years experience in defending litigated refused claims for NRMA in NSW and 6 years experience in claims management for NRMA, including 3 years as Claims Manager for Northern NSW.

*Presentation: "Insurance Fraud Case Studies"*

### **Brett Forward**

Brett is a fully qualified locksmith with 18 years experience and is a member of the Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia and a member of the Australasian Branch of IAATI. He also has 12 years experience as a Fitter and Turner at GMH and 3 years experience in automotive wiring with Burton Cables.

*Presentation: "Forensic Locksmiths' techniques"*

This presentation will provide an insight to a Forensic Locksmith. What are they look for before and during their inspection of stolen motor vehicles and how can they justify their findings.



# LATEST VEHICLE THEFT STATISTICS:

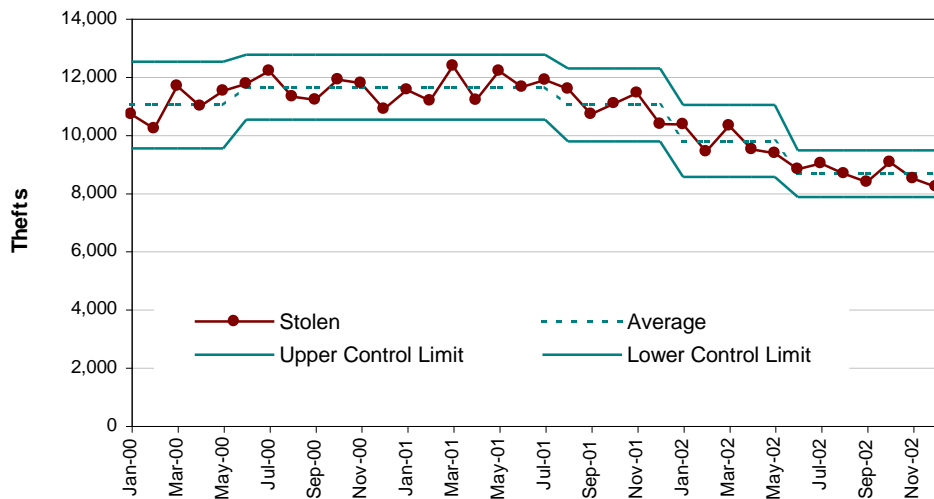
The National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) has just released the latest vehicle theft statistics from the National CARS database. They reveal a further reduction of 1.1% nationally during the Oct-Dec 2002 quarter despite some increases within individual jurisdictions. This latest reduction continues a pattern of quarterly reductions since March 2001. During the 2002 calendar year Australia has achieved a 20.1% reduction in recorded vehicle thefts, including a significant reductions in the two largest states – News South Wales (-23.2%) and Victoria (-29.0%).

**Vehicle thefts and recoveries by jurisdiction, as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.**

Jurisdiction	Number of thefts	% change from last quarter	Theft rate per 10,000 registered	Theft rate per 10,000 population	No. of thefts for 12 month period – 1/1/02 to 31/12/022	% change from previous 12 months	2002 recovery rate as at 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2002
ACT	596	- 10.0	29.0	18.4	2,391	-1.8	70.6
NSW	8,805	-9.1	22.6	13.2	40,261	-23.2	72.9
NT	271	+25.5	25.9	13.5	956	-12.7	87.7
QLD	3,781	+2.4	14.9	10.2	15,028	-9.6	81.6
SA	2,367	- 5.2	21.7	15.5	10,575	- 11.5	88.7
TAS	630	+ 24.3	17.5	13.3	2,359	-29.0	90.8
VIC	6,671	+3.9	18.9	13.7	27,383	-27.6	80.8
WA	2,628	+ 11.5	18.2	13.6	10,546	-7.3	79.1
<b>AUST.</b>	<b>25,749</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>109,499</b>	<b>-20.1</b>	<b>78.7</b>

Totals have been generated from electronic unit record data from QLD, SA, VIC, TAS and WA Police, NVOI data for ACT and NSW and tabulated data from NT Police. Recovery rates for those jurisdictions supplying data from NVOI may be underestimates of the true recovery rates. These statistics will differ marginally to those presented in some other NMVTRC publications as they are based on tabulated figures for the Northern Territory whereas other NMVTRC publications used NVOI data for the Northern Territory.

**Number of motor vehicle thefts recorded in Australia, Jan. 2000 – Dec. 2002.**



**Top theft target models nationally (post 1991 passenger/light commercial models only).**

Ranking	Make/Model/Series	Number stolen Oct – Dec 2002	Number recovered Oct – Dec 2002	% Recovered	No. recovered that were stolen previously
1	Hyundai Excel X3	389	327	84.1	14
2	Holden Commodore VT	227	141	62.1	19
3	Holden Commodore VS	194	136	70.1	6
4	Holden Commodore VR	165	106	64.2	2
5	Holden Commodore VP	157	119	75.8	5
6	Ford Falcon EF	121	93	76.9	13
7	Toyota Hilux	118	74	62.7	4
8	Holden Commodore VX	116	83	71.6	10
9	Ford Falcon EL	106	73	68.9	6
10	Subaru Impreza	100	72	72.0	6
11	Honda Civic	94	68	72.3	6
12	Ford Falcon AU	88	63	71.6	7
13	Mitsubishi Lancer CE	78	58	74.4	6
14	Toyota Landcruiser 70 Series	71	30	42.3	2
15	Toyota Corolla 101/102	64	37	57.8	5
16	Holden Ute VSIII	57	45	78.9	4
17	Toyota Corolla 112	55	35	63.6	6
18	Subaru Liberty	50	41	82.0	4
19	Ford Falcon EB II	49	36	73.5	5
20	Ford Falcon AU II	48	36	75.0	5
20	Nissan Pulsar N15	48	33	68.8	5

Vehicles have only been included in the above table if complete series information exists. Some models are not included due to insufficient information. Red numbers in brackets indicate statistics recorded for the previous quarter. The above table is based on National Vehicles of Interest (NVOI) data from ACT, NSW, NT and unit record data direct from QLD, SA, VIC, TAS and WA. The last column indicates vehicles recovered during Oct – Dec 2002 but recorded stolen during a previous quarter.

Delegates can obtain further vehicle theft statistics, including a free quarterly statistical reports for each jurisdiction by visiting the NMVTRC website at [www.carsafe.com.au](http://www.carsafe.com.au) and clicking on the CARS Analyser link.



## List of Delegates

Jon Alt	NSW Police	Ian Gunthorpe	Queensland Police
Mike Arnold	Insurance Enquiry & Complaints	Peter Hentschel	ESR (New Zealand)
Mark Attard	Victorian Forensic Science Centre	Tara Hewett	NRMA (ACT)
Gerry Bashford	Victoria Police	Greg Hill	RACV
Graham Bath	National CARS Project	Ross Hill-Brown	South Australia Police
Kelly Benn	NRMA (ACT)	Troy Hogarth	NRMA (NSW)
Alan Bewley	Transport SA	Tony Jay	Corp. Investigative Services
Allan Beddall	NSW Roads and Traffic Authority	Rochelle Keane	Queensland Police
Mark Benedick	Maurice Kerrigan & Associates	Vanessa Kerr	NRMA (NSW)
Andrew Bide	Charles Sturt University	Andrew Lennon	Allianz
Greg Bollmeyer	Investigation Services Pty. Ltd. (SA)	Warren Lewington	Dapsco
Derek Burling	CGU (WA)	Roy Linssen	Queensland Transport
Peter Butts	Australian Transport Investigations	Andrew Loveridge	NRMA (NSW)
Serena Buxton	Australian Federal Police	Gary Mahon	Queensland Transport
Coralea Cameron	IAG (QLD)	Taya Marriott	Private Investigator
Michael Case	RACV	Kent Mawyer	IAATI (USA)
Geoff Casey	RACV	Susan Maxwell	Queensland Police
Scott Casey	NRMA (NSW)	Peter McBean	RACQ Insurance
Ray Carroll	NMVTRC	Robert McKay	McKay Investigations
Kym Chilton	NT Police Service	Terry Moore	NEVDIS
Dennis Connor	South Australia Police	Joe Moskwa	RACQ Insurance
Jim Craig	Queensland Police	Paul Murrhiy	Forensic Consultant
James Darcy	RAC Insurance	John O'Byrne	NRMA (QLD)
Grant Davidson	NRMA (NSW)	Dominic Pappandrea	Brant Corporation
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