



National Parts Code Inc

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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The NPC acts as an independent National Association to encourage self-regulation and a 'code of practice' for the automotive industry to reduce the trade and supply of stolen parts. By March 2007 the National Parts Code had completed a total of 61 Audits of Recyclers throughout Australia. It was the first time an audit of this nature had been undertaken within the auto parts recycling industry.

Observations by the auditor identified areas of extremes in levels of compliance and business practices. The NPC then commissioned the "Thompson Report" which highlighted a need for a recognised standard of business practice which not only sought to minimise the opportunity of stolen parts entering the supply chain, but also identified the need for improvement in overall Industry practices.

In reviewing its strategic direction, the NPC Board recognised that an alliance with the Motor Trades Associations throughout Australia and the Auto Parts Recycling Association of Australia (APRAA) would be the best strategy for achieving its goals and objectives.

Achievements 2006-2007

The National Parts Code has been instrumental in the development of the new APRAA accreditation model whereupon the NPC will provide auditing services for the next 3 years. These auditing services will complement and promote those businesses that become accredited.

An important component of this model is the requirement by accredited businesses to embrace the existing requirements of the National Parts Code of Practice within the APRAA standards. Accreditation will be certified by the NPC.

The NPC is continuing to work closely with police authorities throughout Australia and this year, the NPC presented at the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators in Melbourne and by invitation of the Victoria Police a conference national conference dealing with Auto Theft in Australia

Future Directions

In the year 2007 – 2008 the National Parts Code will focus on:

1. Continuing to strengthen the relationship with the MTAA and MTAQ to provide audit services to the enhanced APRAA industry accreditation program.
2. Continuing to build strong relationships with police and legislative bodies to ensure a co-ordinated effort is made to reduce the number of vehicles stolen for parts.
3. Gaining continued and additional commercial benefits to those businesses committed to business best practice and reducing/eliminating stolen parts from within the repair chain.
4. Continuing to enhance relationships with key insurers to ensure mutual benefits for all stakeholders.
5. Continuing to develop and extend audit expertise through its relationships with key contractors to maintain credibility and integrity .
6. Reducing the flow of stolen auto parts in the supply chain

Despite a strong emphasis on auditing there will be an equal level of activity to ensure it is more difficult for offenders to infiltrate the legitimate commercial infrastructure and sell stolen parts for vehicle repairs.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Board members for their highly valuable support throughout the year and the organisational backing from the NMVTRC, APRAA and the MTAA. A special thanks to the efforts of the NPC Director, Nick Koerbin for his enthusiastic commitment to NPC objectives.

We look forward to a very successful year in 2007-2008.

Ray Shuey
Chairman
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