Macdonnell MLA Alison Anderson will today launch protocols that aim to encourage acceptable behaviour and respect for local culture and country among visitors to Alice Springs.

Ms Anderson congratulated native title representative body, Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation, for its work in developing the visitor protocols and its commitment to encouraging positive behavioural change.

“Lhere Artepe has put in a lot of effort in developing these protocols which state quite clearly that native title holders will not tolerate anti-social behaviour, humbugging or fighting,” Ms Anderson said.

“Visitors to town have to realise that Alice Springs is Central Arrernte land and the people, culture and country must be respected.

“In fact that’s what these protocols are all about – respect for other people and for yourself.

“Often it is a fairly small group of people that cause problems for everyone else and by getting across the message that we need to show respect for each other’s law, culture and dreaming we’ll see change for the better.”

Ms Anderson said Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation received $28,500 through the Community Harmony Strategy to help develop the visitor cultural protocols.

“It’s fitting this launch is happening on Harmony Day as the protocols are one way of ensuring there is harmony here in town and on our communities,” she said.

“There must be a stop to the fighting, the lack of respect for country, the humbug, littering and antisocial behaviour.

“These visitor protocols show that by working together we can make visiting Alice Springs a positive experience and a place where people will keep coming back to.”

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