Chief Minister Adam Giles has praised police for their work tackling property crime, violent crime and anti-social behaviour in the Barkly through Operation Firangi.

“Police are reporting a significant decrease in crime in Tennant Creek and the surrounding areas during the two month Operation,” Mr Giles said.

Mr Giles visited officers working in Tennant Creek today and thanked them for their efforts.

“A key part of this operation has been having a highly visible Police presence in the town through patrols to deter anti-social behaviour. It has been hugely effective,” Mr Giles said.

“Since Operation Firangi began on August 1, Police have made 46 arrests in relation to 98 charges including; 21 domestic violence matters, 14 unlawful entries, eight breaches of bail and four assaults.

“This is yet another example of Police targeting their efforts to great success. Under this operation, officers had a special focus on illegal drug and alcohol activity in the region.

“Whilst this Operation has now come to an end, Police will continue to target this type of offending in Tennant Creek and the Barkly region.

“I want to congratulate these officers for their efforts in reducing crime in Tennant Creek.

“The Country Liberals are committed to tackling some of the serious law and order and substance abuse issues impacting on the Barkly.

“While the Giles Government continues to tackle law and order issues, we will also invest in social advancement and develop a platform for economic growth to help balance future development and social harmony in the Barkly.

“It’s a pity the local member and former Minister Gerry McCarthy didn’t follow the same approach when he was in Government.”

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