The Northern Territory Police Commissioner John McRoberts has had his contract renewed for another five years.

“Commissioner McRoberts has presided over a period of huge success for NT Police in driving down crime and tackling alcohol abuse using new tools such as Alcohol Protection Orders,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“Impressive recent crime figures show assaults are on the decline and property offences are at record lows meaning Territorians are safer in their homes and on our streets.

“The Commissioner’s term has been extended for another five years. During this period, I have asked him to invest time in succession planning for a Territorian to take his place when his contract expires.

“We have already begun this process by allowing three senior local Assistant Commissioners to rotate through the vacant Deputy’s position, giving them vital experience in this senior leadership role.”

Commissioner McRoberts said he is very pleased he has been given the opportunity to continue in the role of Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of Fire and Emergency Services.

“It is a privilege to lead such a fine group of career and volunteer emergency service personnel who turn up for work each day for the express purpose of making a difference to people’s lives,” the Commissioner said.

“I am immensely proud of our achievements and will continue to focus my attention on keeping people safe and delivering services the community expects and deserves.”

The Country Liberals Government has been investing heavily in our Police Force by providing new technology that allows officers to more effectively protect the community.

“All frontline officers will soon be issued with new personal iPads that allow them to stay mobile for more of their shift, tackling crime on the street instead of from behind a desk,” Mr Giles said.
“On the advice of Police, we have also closed the poorly used Police shopfronts in Casuarina and Nightcliff to re-direct these officers to frontline mobile duties. Police say this is a more effective use of these resources.

“The Force itself is going from strength to strength with almost 60 new officers recruited since we came to government, 20 of them in Alice Springs where we are building a new Police Station to give them a new home base.

“Officers have also just endorsed a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement giving them a nine per cent pay rise over the next three years.

“The Country Liberals Government is proud to be introducing the policies and resources Police need to drive down crime in the community and keep Territorians safe.

“I look forward to working with the Commissioner over the next five years as we deliver on making the community safer and driving down crime.”

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