Less alcohol-related violence and fewer assaults across NT

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Assaults Territory-wide have continued to fall with the latest crime statistics revealing 449 fewer offences over the first five months of the year.

“Assaults in the Northern Territory over the first five months of 2014 have dropped by a staggering 14 per cent compared with the same period in 2013, with alcohol-related assaults also taking a welcomed downward turn, falling 16 per cent in the same period,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“The Giles Government is actively driving down violent crime in the community through proactive policing and tough alcohol policies,” Mr Giles said.

“Intensive Temporary Beat Locations mean Police are being stationed outside local bottleshops and are preventing people from consuming alcohol in restricted areas.

“Additionally, more than 870 people have now been issued with Alcohol Protection Orders, and are banned from buying, consuming or possessing grog or attending licenced premises.

“The Country Liberals' tough grog policies are having a clear effect, driving down alcohol-related violence in our community. I thank Police for their tenacious efforts in making the Territory community safer.

“Violence will not be tolerated under this government and we are taking the necessary steps to protect women and children in our community.”

Attorney-General John Elferink said that while domestic violence in the community remains a concern, the Northern Territory Government is working to address the issue.

“The Northern Territory Government will shortly rollout its Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy to reduce and prevent the unacceptably high rates of domestic violence,” Mr Elferink said.
“We are currently taking a zero-tolerance, pro-arrest and pro-prosecution approach to domestic violence, while working towards a comprehensive and sophisticated framework for tackling this complex issue.”

“Police operations targeted at repeat property offenders also continue to yield results, with a 10 per cent drop in total property offences and 20 per cent drop in house break-ins in the 12 months to May 2014.

“During this same period, commercial break-ins plummeted by 16 per cent and property damage went down nine per cent.

“The Country Liberals Government is tough on law and order and will continue to use targeted Police operations to catch recidivist property offenders and drive crime down across the Northern Territory.”

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