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**Suite of alcohol measures drives down violent crime**

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The Giles Government’s tough new alcohol measures have driven an almost 20 per cent drop in alcohol-related violence across the Territory.

The Government’s suite of measures has been a major success in pushing down violent crime in the community with alcohol-related assaults down 19 per cent Territory-wide in the first eight months of 2014 compared to the same period last year.

In the same period, total assaults decreased 14 per cent territory-wide. That’s 739 fewer assaults.

“There is no doubt that the combination of Temporary Beat Locations, Alcohol Protection Orders and Alcohol Mandatory Treatment is pushing down these statistics and keeping innocent victims from harm,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“Intensive Temporary Beat Locations (TBLs) have been particularly effective, with alcohol-related violence dropping substantially in locations where police have been stationed outside bottleshops stopping people from consuming grog in restricted areas.

“It’s great to see critics of this program in the medical fraternity finally acknowledging that these Temporary Beat Locations are working.

“Delia Lawrie has previously described Temporary Beat Locations as a ‘stupid policy’ and it’s time for her to admit she’s wrong too.

“In Tennant Creek, alcohol-related violence and total assaults have halved. In Alice Springs, alcohol-related assaults are down 32 per cent and in Katherine they’re down 17 per cent over the first eight months of the year.

“It is clear that you can only deliver such significant drops by having successful policies which target nuisance drunks and violent individuals.
“The Country Liberals Government makes no apologies for implementing measures that hold individuals accountable for their actions and reducing the number of victims exposed to violent crime.”

Significant inroads are also being made in reducing property crime across the Territory. Police are delivering stunning results through operations targeting recidivist property crime offenders.

“Commercial break-ins are down 33 per cent in Darwin, 12 per cent in Palmerston, 11 per cent in Alice Springs and 28 per cent in Tennant Creek, in the year to August,” Attorney-General John Elferink said.

“Tennant Creek police operations have produced the lowest level of property crime in 14 years with total property offences down 42 per cent, house break-ins down a stunning 72 per cent and property damage down 48 per cent, compared to the year ending August 2013.”

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