The first-ever Crime Prevention Conference has cemented partnerships between the Territory’s regional crime prevention councils and highlighted innovative crime prevention programs in operation across the Territory.

Speaking on the final day of the two day conference Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne said the conference has provided a valuable forum for the Territory’s crime prevention councils to come together to share valuable knowledge, experience and new ideas.

"We have seen a huge amount of activity from our community on crime prevention with regional crime prevention councils established across the Territory in the past six months.

"This first-ever crime prevention conference builds on those efforts with a forum to share ideas, backed by a Government keen to see the community and Government working together on crime prevention initiatives," Dr Toyne said.

Topics of discussion at the conference included a presentation from keynote speaker, Mr Peter Homel of the Australian Institute of Criminology on the value of community partnerships in the fight against crime

Key crime prevention initiatives underway across the Territory were also highlighted including the Itinerants Project, juvenile diversion crime prevention through environmental design, youth programs, police operations and Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategies.

The role of the Government’s Office of Crime Prevention was outlined including the support the Office provides to regional councils, particularly in building links between regions and