Two Territory crime and violence prevention initiatives were recognised today through the national Australian Crime and Violence Awards.

Minister for Justice and Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne presented awards to the Tangentyere Night Patrol and the Police Juvenile Pre-Court Diversion Scheme at a ceremony in Alice Springs.

Dr Toyne said the awards highlight the valued efforts and innovation behind government and community-driven crime and violence prevention projects.

"The fact the Territory collected two awards from four submissions shows the Territory should be very proud of the work being done on the ground to reduce crime and violence.

"Tangentyere Night Patrol has been rewarded for their efforts to reduce the impact of alcohol related problems affecting Central Australia.

The Tangentyere Night Patrol collected a State/Territory award of $5000 for their culturally appropriate intervention, referral and support service staffed by Aboriginal people.

Dr Toyne said the NT Police Juvenile Pre-Court Diversion Scheme staff should be equally proud of their merit award which recognises their important intervention work to divert juveniles away from the formal justice system and the courts.

"The police juvenile diversion scheme works with wayward youth to turn them around through a range of programs.

"The diversion scheme is having positive results in reducing the incidence of re-offending by juveniles and developing programs throughout the Territory that will assist young people to learn life skills and become responsible members of the community," Dr Toyne said.

Strategies used through the juvenile diversion scheme include verbal and written warnings, family conferencing, victim/offender conferencing, imposing conditions such as apologies to victims, restitution or repairing damage, community-based programs and as a last resort prosecution.

The annual Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards, sponsored by Federal, State and Territory governments, reward best practice in the prevention of violence and other types of crime in Australia.

Community based crime prevention projects and councils will soon receive a boost from the Northern Territory Government with the announcement of the Crime Prevention Grants Scheme worth $400 000.