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Mounted police on patrol in Alice Springs

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Attending the launch of a six-month trial of a Mounted Police Patrol in Alice Springs, Chief Minister, Clare Martin, welcomed the move saying it would be a great initiative for the Red Centre.

“The hugely popular Mounted Police Patrol in Darwin is a welcome, highly visible police presence and is an effective crime deterrent around business districts and at community events,” she said.

“I am sure that during this trial period Alice Springs police and residents will find the Mounted Police Patrol an important tool in tackling crime, particularly in areas such as the Todd River.”

The start of the trial follows the opening of the new $600,000 Mounted Police Facility in Darwin, replacing the rundown facilities which had been keeping horses off patrol.

“The $75M Building our Police Force Plan is increasing the number of police on patrol in Alice Springs, and the Mounted Police Patrol adds another string to the policing bow in Central Australia,” Ms Martin said.

“Like the trail bike and bicycle patrols running successfully in Alice, the new Mounted Police patrols will help get police into places where cars can’t go, such as laneways, parks, and places where teenagers hang out.

“The Territory Government knows the value of this kind of highly visible, pro-active policing, and I commend the Northern Territory Police for initiating this new patrol.”

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