Community Development Minister John Ah Kit today launched a major program aimed at resolving itinerant anti social behaviour issues in Darwin and Palmerston.

The Community Day Patrol was a key priority identified for the 'Itinerants Project' which the NT Government announced and provided funding of $500,000 earlier this year.

"Today marks a symbolic beginning of a culture of co-operation between the community and Government to address an issue that has been largely ignored for decades," Mr Ah Kit said.

"The Itinerants Project has evolved from community concerns about anti social behaviour occurring in public places into a major undertaking involving groups at all levels within our community.

"It is a project that unites us all in assisting people towards positive lifestyle changes, and the launch today of the Community Day Patrol - as a major project initiative - is indeed a milestone."

Mr Ah Kit said the Community Day Patrol is a new service that will intervene before anti-social behaviour occurs.

"It will operate from Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm, with the existing patrol service continuing from 4pm to 11pm," Mr Ah Kit said.

"Patrol staff with language and cultural skills will operate the service, which is much more oriented towards countrymen looking after countrymen, and language groups talking to language groups.

"This patrol is intended to give meaning and provide a model in action for cultural appropriateness. It will work to discourage anti social behaviour by encouraging respect for the Aboriginal law."

Mr Ah Kit said another part of the new network of services included the extension of the hours of the Sobering-Up Shelter which will now operate on an 'as needs' basis as a 24-hour service.