Another major support for crime prevention has been erected with the official start of the Anindilyakwa Regional Crime Prevention Council (RCPC).

Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne travelled to Groote Eylandt today to formally acknowledge the Anindilyakwa Regional Crime Prevention Council (RCPC) which is chaired by local Police Senior Sergeant Tony Fuller.

The Anindilyakwa RCPC grew out of the Police Community Safety Committee which had already developed a community safety plan and is now moving to explore specific projects.

As part of its new role the Anindilyakwa RCPC expanded its membership and now includes indigenous groups, councils, townspeople and local service providers and is an excellent forum for addressing local crime issues.

“I am delighted to formally acknowledge the Territory’s newest Regional Crime Prevention Council,” Minister Toyne said.

“Anindilyakwa RCPC demonstrates how local people can work together to generate solutions to local issues.”

“Community involvement through Regional Crime Prevention Councils is crucial to a cooperative approach to preventing crime in the NT,” Minister Toyne said.

“We must continue to work together to continue to reduce crime so we can enjoy safe neighbourhoods. The Anindilyakwa RCPC is a perfect example of strong partnerships between OCP, Police and the community.”

Regional Crime Prevention Councils are being established throughout the Territory to stimulate and sustain community involvement in crime prevention and to ensure that Government remains in touch, at a regional and community level, with crime prevention issues of concern to Territorians.

RCPCs are supported by the Office of Crime Prevention and are eligible for an annual administration grant.

They can also apply for funds to support specific projects.

Other grants are available for community groups under the NT Crime Prevention Grant Scheme which is currently accepting applications.

The Anindilyakwa RCPC joins the existing network of regional councils across the Territory: in Katherine, Tennant Creek, Darwin, Alice Springs...
and Nhulunbuy, and several Indigenous Crime Prevention Committees.