Property crime and violence plummet in Tennant Creek

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Tough alcohol policies and a targeted approach to property offences are driving a dramatic turn-around in crime in Tennant Creek.

“In Tennant Creek, we are seeing 14 year lows in the areas of total property offences, house break-ins and property damage,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“The latest crime statistics show that house break-ins are down by a staggering 67 per cent and total property offences are down 40 per cent, in the year to July 2014,” Mr Giles said.

“The government’s hard-line approach to combatting drunken violence is also having an effect, targeting nuisance individuals and driving down crime.

Assaults and alcohol-related assaults have almost halved, dropping 48 per cent in Tennant Creek during the first seven months of 2014 compared to the same period in 2013.

“There are now 138 people in Tennant Creek on Alcohol Protection Orders, banning them from buying, possessing or consuming alcohol or attending licensed premises.

“Additionally, Tennant Creek Police are using highly effective Temporary Beat Locations at bottleshops to confiscate any liquor intended for drinking in restricted areas.”

Attorney-General John Elferink said family violence has been a particular focus for Tennant Creek Police with a 50 per cent drop in domestic violence-related assaults over the first seven months of this year.

“In terms of domestic violence, Tennant Creek Police have made huge inroads through their targeted Strike Force Datsun but there is still more work to do.
“The Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy was released last week and will build on our existing zero-tolerance, pro-prosecution approach to domestic and family violence.

“The strategy will create an integrated service delivery model between non-government agencies and government agencies.

“The victim-focused strategy will strengthen support services for victims of domestic and family violence, as well as ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions.”

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