SUMMIT AND CCTV TO MAKE ALICE SAFER

Chief Minister Clare Martin has announced a $150,000 grant towards CCTV for Alice Springs Mall and a Summit to continue the fight against anti-social behaviour.

“We share the concerns of people in Alice Springs – the CCTV and the Summit will build on the work being done to make the town safer,” Ms Martin said.

“The $150,000 grant will be given to Alice Springs Town Council to introduce 13 closed-circuit television cameras in Todd Street Mall.

“Police will also introduce a Social Order Taskforce which will identify crime hot spots in and around Alice Springs.

“This will build on the success of City Safe which has targeted known trouble spots – this approach will continue.

“The Summit will bring together all interested groups in the region to tackle anti-social behaviour, including the regional issues which contribute to the problems in the town.

“The Summit will be held after the decision on the Alice Springs application to become a dry town – which is expected next month.

“It’ll build on the Leaders’ forum which is being hosted by the Alice Springs Mayor Fran Kilgariff on Friday.

“We treat violence in Alice Springs seriously – that’s why we’ve doubled the number of police in the town over the last six years.

“We’ve also introduced an Alcohol Management Plan which in the first three months of operation saw the takeaway sale of pure alcohol drop by 11%.

“We’ve also implemented a Youth Strategy for Alice Springs which is addressing the unacceptable number and ages of children on the streets at night.

“But there is no doubt that more needs to be done – and the Summit will explore what other measures are need to crackdown on crime in Alice Springs.”

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