

What do councils do?

Crime Prevention Councils are a great way to focus our efforts and make sure the most important crime prevention issues for the community are addressed.

Council meetings provide a place for interested people to hear speakers on topics of local concern. They ensure the Government understands the local point of view and seek the funding needed to address local issues.

Regional Crime Prevention Councils are a vital source of information, advice and support when complex social issues are being tackled at the local level.

Office of Crime Prevention support:

- \$5000 provided annually by the NT Crime Prevention Grant Scheme for administration
- Liaison and advice from an Office of Crime Prevention Project Officer
- Access to information on crime prevention and
- Access to the Office of Crime Prevention research and statistics team.

NT Crime Prevention Grant Scheme

Each year the NT Government allocates \$400 000 for grants to support community crime prevention activities, including \$100 000 set aside for applications from Regional Crime Prevention Councils with project ideas for their area.

The grant scheme opens for applications on 1 July each year.

You can find information about the grant scheme by contacting our office or through the website www.crimeprevention.nt.gov.au

How to get involved

You can contact the Barkly Region Safer Communities Committee through the Office of Crime Prevention.

Phone: 8999 6274

Fax: 8999 6288

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Web: www.crimeprevention.nt.gov.au

Concerned about **crime** and **safety** in the Barkly?

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What is crime prevention?

Reducing crime and fear of crime is everybody's business. Effective strategies to make communities safer need input from the people who live and work there.

The most effective crime prevention strategies are developed through partnerships and consultation between government agencies and the community.

Crime Prevention Councils

The Office of Crime Prevention has supported groups of people to form Crime Prevention Councils to help create and sustain safer communities.

The Regional Crime Prevention Councils are a way for government, individuals and organisations to work together to:

- Focus on local crime and safety issues
- Stimulate community involvement in crime prevention
- Keep the Government informed about the issues affecting the region and
- Give advice on the merit of potential projects in their region.

Safer Communities in the Barkly

Barkly Region Safer Communities Committee

The **Barkly Region Safer Communities Committee (BRSCC)** operates as the Tennant Creek based Regional Crime Prevention Council.

In January 2002 the Tennant Creek Town Council and the Yapakurlangu Regional Council combined efforts to form a committee and plan for a safer community.

In August 2002 this committee became the Territory's first Regional Crime Prevention Council, and so led the way in tackling local crime prevention problems.

This group is a whole of community and government council chaired by Kent Peak, Assistant Manager of Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation.

Some Crime Prevention Councils are formed in Indigenous communities. The Kurduju Committee is the focal point of community law and justice in the communities of Ali Curung, Lajamanu and Yuendumu.

Who is on the council?

The BRSCC has representatives from a wide range of organisations including:

- Northern Territory and Australian Government departments
- Anyinginyi Congress
- Tennant Creek Town Council
- Tennant Creek High School
- Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Yapakurlangu Regional Council
- Community Corrections
- Tennant Creek Raiders Youth Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- BRADAAG
- Young people
- The Barkly region community

What is happening in your area?

The BRSCC has:

- Secured \$30 000 from the NT Crime Prevention Grant Scheme to develop a community safety strategy and action plans for the Barkly region. Launched on 7 March 2004, the strategy is being put into action with the help of a Project Officer supported with Australian Government funding.
- Initiated the Anti Vandalism Anti Graffiti project, which has been funded with \$20 000 from the NT Crime Prevention Grant Scheme.
- Been actively focusing on a variety of concerns including alcohol misuse and associated issues, derelict buildings and after hours activities for young people.