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TANGENTYERE COUNCIL WELCOMES FUNDING FOR YOUTH NIGHT PATROL

Tangentyere Council is excited to have recently received the funding from the Commonwealth Attorney Generals Department for the provision of the Youth Night Patrol for Alice Springs.

This service will operate in collaboration with the highly successful Youth After Hours Service which is managed as a partnership between local youth services, including Congress youth team, ASYASS, and GAP Reconnect.

On current funding levels, the hours of operation will be Thursday to Saturday, 8.00 pm – 1.30 am and will commence by mid February. Tangentyere is currently involved in the recruitment of staff, refurbishment of vehicles and the development of specialist operating procedures to address the specific needs of young people who will be encountered by the service. Detailed data will be collected on the activities of the service.

Upon commencement in mid February, the service will operate from the After Hours Youth Service, with support from Tangentyere Night Patrol. In the interim, the Youth After Hours Service is running a temporary service to get young people home.

Tangentyere Council commends the Commonwealth Attorney Generals Department for the thorough review of Youth Night Patrol service delivery and their prompt response to the concerns of Alice Springs.

Tangentyere Council also commends Minister Laurie on her stand on the youth curfew which shows the real understanding of the complex issues facing young people in the Alice Springs region.

Tangentyere Council Executive Director, William Tilmouth says: “It’s great to see local agencies working together to help our young people in a way that engages them in the community rather than alienating them. This is done by community members working with each other to help young people stay safe. Community Night Patrols have been proven to be a really effective way of preventing harm, and Youth Night Patrol operating in this model will benefit young people specifically.”

Contrary to recent media reports, Tangentyere Night Patrol continues to operate 5 days a week. This is a separate service from the Youth Night Patrol, and operates direct from Tangentyere Council.

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