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INDIGENOUS LEADER CALLS FOR ACTION

AND A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

William Tilmouth, Director of Tangentyere Council, calls for a whole of community response to the unacceptable levels of violence, currently experienced on the streets of Alice Springs.

“We need a whole of community response with government and non government agencies working cooperatively together, to create a deterrent to the current violence.”

“Everybody, including young people, has the right to be in public spaces, but no one has the right to engage in criminal activities. Both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people are at risk because of the violence. Victims and perpetrators of the violence come from across the community and it will take mature and responsible leadership to combat this.”

“Tangentyere is playing its part. We run Youth patrol, Night Patrol, Daytime Youth Programs, Community Centres in Town Camps, Diversionary programs both in town and remote communities and a range of long term community development programs.”

“Despite this wide range of programs, Tangentyere cannot solve the town’s problems on our own.”

“We are supportive of police, in calling for more policing resources and Minister for Central Australia, Elliot McAdam’s call for a Community Forum, which Tangentyere is willing to host and support.”

Tangentyere Council calls for:

- Mobile police station in the Mall – Fri pm – Sun pm
 - Police Patrols
 - Move forward on the CTT installation in the Mall
- as preventative measures to stem this violence.

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