



**Media Release**

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## **Police gift proves they are super troopers**

Barkly Regional Council's Youth Links Centre is fuelled with gratitude after the Northern Territory Police gifted staff a Troopie.

Superintendent Kerry Hoskins handed over the keys to a Toyota Landcruiser Troop Carrier, on behalf of the NT Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw, to Council's Youth Links Centre Coordinator Alba Brockie on Wednesday afternoon.

"We can't thank the NT Police Commissioner enough," said a beaming Alba. "We can now broaden our horizons to activities beyond the Youth Links building and consider excursions for the children who visit the Youth Links Centre daily."

The idea to donate a decommissioned police vehicle came during a visit by the NT Police Commissioner to Tennant Creek in April last year.

"I told him a bit about the Youth Links program and how I was dropping children home in my care at night," said Alba.

"The Council vehicle I was driving was not fit for purpose, due to varying road surfaces in the Tennant Creek area.

"The Police Commissioner thought that the NT Police might be able to help out with the possible gifting of a decommissioned vehicle."

Mr Kershaw, who was as good as his word, arranged for a vehicle due to be retired from the fleet to be gifted to Council with the Chief Minister Michael Gunner granting approval in April this year.

Mayor Steve Edgington said the donation of the Troop Carrier, which was previously used by the NT Police Dog Operations Unit in Darwin, was great news for Council and Youth Links.

"Council's Youth Links program conducts local initiatives throughout Tennant Creek, including transporting youth around the town to a variety of youth engagement functions," he said.

"Council is committed to supporting young people and will continue to seek funding for services, facilities and programs in Tennant Creek and the Barkly to advance the region."

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