

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### ***Police commended Borroloola Night Patrol's professionalism at horrific scene***

A quiet night in December 2014 erupted into a major incident for the Borroloola Night Patrol team when they were called a township home to assist a man who had been assaulted and had lost a large amount of blood.

Night Patrol provided immediate first aid and calmed down a large group of family and others until Police and the ambulance arrived.

*"It was a complete mess when we arrived, blood everywhere and the family was frantic said Team Leader Justin. We also knew the assailant left as we arrived and didn't know if he was coming back".*

The Night Patrol team helped manage a large crowd, stabilized and cleaned up the scene and found accommodation for the family who were unable to remain in the house.

*"The team worked really well under difficult circumstances," said Justin. "We all knew the victim ... but that's why Night Patrol works so well, we know our community and they know and trust us."*

Police at the scene commended the team on their calmness and professional ability during the incident.

Council Services Manager Nathan Mc Ivor also commended the Night Patrol team.

*"It's good to hear about our proactive team. Night Patrol is often the forgotten service. Strong teams and strong leadership proves that Night Patrol can make a difference and it was shown during this incident. I am proud of the work that the team does here in Borroloola."*

Justin was asked if Night Patrol gets thanked by the community for their difficult work.

*"Not often. So I guess it is good to get acknowledgment from the Police, but it's my job to help ... that's what Night Patrol does."*

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