

# Building on Our Great Territory Lifestyle

We're proud of our great Territory lifestyle. It's unique and the best in Australia. Along with tax cuts and more jobs, Territory lifestyle is the third key element of Budget 2004.

This budget builds on those things that make the Territory such a great place to live, with more support for sport, fishing, arts and culture, and entertainment events.

## More funding for recreational fishing

Budget 2004 includes funding for further upgrades of recreational fishing infrastructure and facilities as part of a \$1.5 million boost over three years, including:

- \$500 000 for improvements for Palmerston anglers and better access points for recreational fishing at Mule Creek and Rocky Creek (near Borroloola).
- This builds on \$1 million worth of improvements to the Buffalo Creek and Dinah Beach boat ramps to be completed in 2003-04.
- \$150 000 for the Fishing Access Working Group to continue work to increase access to recreational fishing spots.
- \$160 000 for AFANT and \$10 000 in small grants to fishing associations.
- Continued support for the Aquatic Resource Users Group (ARUG) forum to manage resource reallocation issues including the closure of Adelaide River to commercial fishing.

## Better sports facilities

With Budget 2004, the Martin Government continues its commitment to developing sporting infrastructure right around the Territory, including:

- \$1.7 million to complete the upgrade of the grandstand and other facilities at Alice Springs' Traeger Park as part of a \$5 million redevelopment.

- \$1 million for upgrades to Hidden Valley raceway.
- \$500 000 for Katherine Town Council to upgrade sporting facilities at the town oval.
- \$500 000 for headworks for a dedicated soccer stadium at Marrara Sporting Precinct.
- \$500 000 for upgrades at soccer facilities throughout the Territory for the benefit of junior soccer.

## Bringing more world-class sporting events to the Territory

The Martin Government is delivering more national and world-class sporting events than ever before with a packed program of Territory Government supported events including:

- Men's Hockey Test Series, Australia v South Korea – July 2004.
- International Cricket – July 2004.
- Soccer International Challenge – August 2004.
- AFL Premiership Match – August 2004.
- Alice Springs Masters Games – October 2004.
- Wizard Cup Game (Darwin) – February 2005.
- NBL Match – February 2005.
- Wizard Cup Challenge Game (Alice Springs) – March 2005.
- Arafura Games – May 2005.



## Bringing major events to the Territory

Territorians will be treated to bigger and better entertainment events this year with increased Government funding :

- \$350 000 for the Festival of Darwin, Alice Springs Desert Song Festival, the International Guitar Festival and the Garma Festival.
- \$300 000 for Bass in the Grass.
- \$820 000 for V8 Supercars.
- \$5.5 million for Territory racing.

## More for sports and recreation grants

\$5.6 million worth of sports grants to deliver sport and recreation programs and competitions across the Territory, including:

- \$128 800 to NT Hockey for sports administration.
- \$75 000 for Community Sport and Recreation Officers on the Tiwi Islands to provide a coordinated sport and recreation program.

## Support for our arts community

The Territory boasts an exciting arts and cultural sector. In Budget 2004, the Territory Government builds on its commitment to the arts, with:

- \$3.4 million for an Arts Sponsorship Program for arts development across the Territory including:
  - \$100 000 in grants to the Film, New Media and Television Industry; and
  - \$700 000 in grants for the Government's Indigenous Arts Strategy *Building Strong Arts Business*.
- \$4 million for the development and support of 27 public libraries throughout the Territory.