



# Alice Springs

The Alice Springs region comprises 40 per cent of the Territory's land mass, with about 39 000 people that account for almost 20 per cent of the Territory's population. The region extends to the Western Australian, South Australian and Queensland borders and includes the mineral-rich Tanami Desert. Alice Springs is home to the joint defence facility at Pine Gap.

Major industries in the region include pastoralism, mining, oil and gas, tourism and Indigenous arts and culture. Increased access to the Centre by both air and rail will ensure the growth of the tourism industry, recovering from the recent international difficulties.

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## Supporting Business

- \$2.8M for the Northern Territory Holiday Centre, located in Alice Springs, which sells Territory Discoveries packages and provides information on holidays for the benefit of all regions
- \$0.64M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and tourism marketing activities for Central Australia
- \$0.33M to develop strategic approaches and region-specific promotional campaigns for the Territory as a tourist destination
- \$0.2M for specific tourism promotion of Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- \$1.25M in incentive payments for Alice Springs Convention Centre
- \$0.85M to provide monitoring, extension and advisory services to land-holders in the region
- \$0.22M to develop new table grape varieties, and to support the industry to improve productivity and quality
- \$0.19M for animal health services to ensure market access for Territory livestock to all available domestic and export outlets
- \$0.15M for a new arid zone pastoral research area of about 500km<sup>2</sup> on a portion of Owen Springs Station to assist the pastoral industry

- \$0.36M for drilling program to promote mineral and petroleum exploration in the Amadeus Basin as part of Building the Territory's Resource Base
- \$0.32M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products
- \$0.15M for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

## Jobs and Training

- \$14.4M Desert Knowledge Precinct construction under way
- \$0.5M support for Desert Knowledge Australia Corporation and the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
- \$1.05M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$3M grant to construct higher education facilities to assist with the merger of Centralian College with Charles Darwin University
- \$0.18M for the driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$50 000 for services to young people with disabilities with high support needs, to allow development of skills and training in pursuit of employment and participation in the community

- \$0.58M for Flexible Response Funding for training, leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.39M for Footprints Forward to assist with employment opportunities for Indigenous youth in Alice Springs

## Safer Communities

- \$30.5M for the operation of police, fire and emergency services facilities in the Alice Springs region
- \$20.92M for custodial services for adult offenders at Alice Springs Correctional Centre
- \$0.55M for Aranda House juvenile holding facility
- \$1.31M for community corrections for adult and juvenile clients
- \$2.4M for child protection services, to work with families at risk
- \$0.1M to strengthen region-specific family support services
- \$1.97M for courts and tribunals to administer justice in the region. The Supreme Court sits at Alice Springs for 29 weeks a year and magistrates travel to Papunya, Mutijulu and Yuendumu
- \$0.62M for justice services, including Community Justice, Reintegration and Diversion, the Office of Crime Prevention and Consumer and Business Affairs



- \$0.32M for a fire fighting tanker vehicle for Alice Springs Fire Station
- \$38 000 for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- \$0.27M for the Ombudsman's Office, including health and community services complaints

## Better Schooling

- \$23.4M to deliver primary and early childhood education in 7 urban schools
- \$20M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 28 remote schools
- \$19M for assistance to non-government schools

- \$13.05M to deliver secondary education to students at Alice Springs High School, Anzac Hill High School and Charles Darwin University at the Centralian College campus
- \$2.49M for student and school support services including curricula for schools, and special education needs support
- \$2.47M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.05M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing

- \$2.42M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in specialist fields of music, language, health and physical education and for the Board of Studies
- \$1.58M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, such as Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.43M for education to isolated students through School of the Air
- \$0.6M to provide school and special transport services
- \$0.43M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.19M for the Accelerated Literacy Project in Gillen Primary School and Anzac Hill High School to improve English literacy outcomes for school students

## Better Health

- \$70.5M for inpatient, non-admitted patients, Emergency Department and specialist services at Alice Springs Hospital
- \$40.3M for community-based health services in the region

## Infrastructure Highlights

- \$10M Mereenie Loop road, including Namatjira and Larapinta Drives, various reconstruction and sealing
- \$1M Tanami Road, for selected flood immunity upgrading and sealing to improve access
- \$1M to upgrade strength-deficient bridges at Chinaman Creek and Salt Creek to meet higher mass limits
- \$1.7M Traeger Park stage 2 – 200 seat grandstand and other works to improve sporting facilities in Alice Springs for local and national sporting events
- \$1M Mt Johns Valley residential subdivision headworks
- \$1M to construct general-purpose public housing in Alice Springs
- \$0.9M for fire safety upgrade to main ward plant room and the Liebig, Stafford, Dennison and Wedge residential accommodation buildings at the Alice Springs Hospital
- \$0.46M for Stuart Highway rehabilitation and widening
- \$0.41M Docker River – construct new power station to replace unsafe termite-riddled building
- \$0.4M Nyirripi – to construct new power station to replace demountable and allow for third generator
- \$0.36M Yuendumu – new 600 kilowatt generating set
- \$0.25M for Gillen Primary School to complete airconditioning upgrade
- \$0.23M Alice Springs Desert Park upgrades
- \$0.22M to upgrade the police holding cell at Ti Tree
- \$0.27M Alcoota – to drill and equip bores
- \$0.16M Hermannsburg – new 270 kilowatt generator
- \$0.15M Imanpa – extend power station to allow for third generator
- \$0.15M Wills Terrace footbridge – pathway landscaping
- \$0.14M Golf Course estate drainage works



- \$5.5M for renal dialysis services, to support clients in their homes and in community-based treatment
- \$2.1M for a coordinated range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- \$2M ongoing funding for an expanded Intensive Care/High Dependence Unit at Alice Springs Hospital, enabling medical specialists to be recruited and reducing the need to airlift critically-ill patients to interstate hospitals for treatment
- \$0.61M for improved drug rehabilitation services in Darwin and Alice Springs

## Regional Development

- \$7.49M in grants funding for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing for Indigenous clients
- \$0.61M for the priority repair and maintenance of various aerodromes in the region
- \$0.79M to provide public transport services in Alice Springs
- \$0.26M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing

- \$0.65M funding for public, community and joint-use library services in the region
- \$0.17M to manage Crown land and associated buildings in the region
- \$50 000 to review and amend the Northern Territory Planning Scheme as it applies to Alice Springs and the region, within the framework of the *Planning Act*

## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$5.07M to manage facilities and collections at the Araluen Centre, Museum of Central Australia and the Strehlow Research Centre
- \$2.74M funding to support the Alice Springs Desert Park
- \$0.5M for education, breeding and research activities supporting biodiversity and conservation of natural habitats in Central Australia
- \$0.87M for visitor management programs in regional parks
- \$0.8M to monitor and assess

the quality and quantity of the region's groundwater and surface water resources

- \$0.66M for weed management and feral animal control programs
- \$0.61M for bushfire mitigation and control operations
- \$0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and flora and fauna in parks
- \$0.28M to implement joint park management arrangements
- \$2.7M to stage the Alice Springs Masters and the Arafura Games in Darwin
- \$0.26M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups, to assist itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles to either return to their home communities or lead a more productive lifestyle in town
- \$0.17M to prepare revised management plans for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements
- \$0.1M funding for the Alice Springs Desert Song festival
- \$50 000 for a competition to design and construct a greenhouse-friendly house in Alice Springs to celebrate the 2004 Year of the Built Environment
- \$37 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program in schools
- \$30 000 for flood forecasting services for the Todd River

