

Darwin



With a population of over 68 500 and covering an area of 122 square kilometres, Darwin is the Territory's capital and houses the centre of Government. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city with 30 per cent of its population born overseas and 8.6 per cent of its population Indigenous. The public sector, together with construction, defence and tourism, are the region's major economic drivers.

Darwin is Northern Australia's gateway with Asia and attracts both domestic and international tourists. The new Darwin City Waterfront development, incorporating a world class convention centre and exhibition centre, is expected to significantly boost Australian and international visitor numbers when it is completed (planned for 2006). The full waterfront project, involving significant residential and commercial facilities, will continue over the next decade or so. Darwin also represents a strategically important Defence base with a significant army, navy and air force presence.

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Supporting Business

- \$0.79M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products
- \$0.7M for diagnostic services at the Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories for the Territory's livestock industries
- \$0.64M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and regional marketing activities for the Top End region (encompassing Darwin, Coomalie, Outer Darwin, Jabiru, Kakadu and East Arnhem Land)
- \$0.46M to maintain market access for Northern Territory produce through a range of programs

- including development of grower accreditation programs and certification of Territory products
- \$0.37M to develop strategic approaches and region-specific promotional campaigns for the Territory as a tourist destination
- \$0.27M to continue specific resource protection programs to detect incursions of plant and animal diseases and exotic fruit fly first port of call surveillance to protect Territory horticulture and environment (jointly Commonwealth funded)
- \$0.27M for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

- \$0.34M funding for the marine and fishing industries through a tidal-free facility, servicing the seafood industry and small pleasure crafts
- \$2.03M tourism industry support through managing the Wharf Precinct and cruise ship terminal
- \$20 000 for promotional activities to encourage cruise ships to include Darwin in their itineraries

Jobs and Training

- \$7.52M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$1.11M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.76M for the driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

Safer Communities

- \$78.71M for the operation of police, fire and emergency services facilities in Darwin including the Peter McAulay Centre
- \$13.18M for courts to administer justice for Darwin and the Palmerston and Rural regions



- \$2.8M for child protection services to work with families at risk
- \$0.15M to strengthen region-specific family support services
- \$2.1M for safe navigation and pilotage in the harbour
- \$1.57M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections for adult and juvenile clients
- \$1.85M for Ombudsman's services, including health and community services complaints
- \$0.1M for the Community Justice Centre pilot
- \$0.1M for additional prosecutorial services
- \$50 000 for an emergency response call out service for Darwin and Palmerston, to help people with disabilities to remain living independently

Better Schooling

- \$59.82M to deliver primary and early childhood education in 19 urban schools
- \$46.45M to deliver secondary education in 6 high schools
- \$18.89M assistance to non-government schools
- \$7.2M Darwin High School upgrade under way
- \$2.03M to complete the Parap Primary School upgrade
- \$3.29M for Territory student assistance travel schemes

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$1M Alawa Primary School – stage 1 redevelopment
- \$1M Nakara Primary School – stage 1 redevelopment
- \$0.22M Casuarina Senior College – lift for disabled access to library
- \$2.5M Darwin Birth Centre
- \$6M for Darwin City Waterfront redevelopment – stage 2 site preparation
- \$2.5M for cruise ship terminal at Fort Hill Wharf
- \$1M Hidden Valley Raceway – remedial works to improve overall safety
- \$0.5M Darwin Soccer Stadium headworks
- \$0.36M to construct a mineralised drill core building, including a core-handling workshop

- \$9.62M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in music, language, health and physical education, and for the Board of Studies
- \$9.14M to provide student and school support services including curricula for schools, and special education needs support
- \$4.25M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$4.73M to provide school and special transport services in the Darwin and Palmerston regions
- \$2.72M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, for example Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.04M for programs to support students with a disability

- \$0.24M for the Accelerated Literacy Project in Ludmilla Primary, Nightcliff High and Dripstone High Schools, to improve students' English literacy

Better Health

- \$138.2M for inpatient, non-admitted patients, Emergency Department and specialist clinical services at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$8M for renal dialysis services, to support clients in their homes and in community-based treatment
- \$7.9M for a coordinated range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- \$0.9M to train staff in preparation for the opening of the hospice at the Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$0.61M for improved drug rehabilitation services in Darwin and Alice Springs



Regional Development

- \$12.24M to provide public transport services in Darwin, Palmerston and Outer Darwin
- \$1.63M to repair and maintain arts, museums and library facilities including the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Fannie Bay Gaol, Frog Hollow Centre for the Arts, Brown's Mart, QANTAS Hangar, Lyons Cottage and Australian Pearling Exhibition
- \$2.21M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing
- \$1.3M funding for public, community and joint-use libraries
- \$0.38M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
- \$0.3M to implement outcomes of the review of the *Building Act*
- \$0.2M to review and amend the Northern Territory Planning Scheme as it applies to the City of Darwin and the region within the framework of the *Planning Act*
- \$0.7M to upgrade Darwinbus automatic ticketing system to smartcard technology to improve efficiency and ease of use, and reduce maintenance costs
- \$0.31M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing



- \$2.83M to renegotiate contracts for the delivery of bus services in the Darwin area

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$1.6M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy in Darwin and Palmerston, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups, providing opportunities and pathways for itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles to return to their home communities or lead a more productive lifestyle in town
- \$0.21M for the Marine Ranger Program in Darwin to assist the local community to manage their sea country in conjunction with Commonwealth agencies
- \$2.7M to stage the Arafura Games in Darwin and the Alice Springs Masters Games
- \$0.1M contribution to Sky Channel coverage for the Darwin Cup
- \$0.23M for the Festival of Darwin and the International Guitar Festival
- \$0.5M to manage the Leanyer Water Park
- \$0.46M to monitor and report on the health of Darwin Harbour
- \$0.4M for the Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management, to protect ecosystems and maintain the harbour's value as a recreational, cultural, commercial and scenic resource
- \$0.32M to implement joint park management arrangements
- \$0.49M for visitor management programs in Darwin parks
- \$0.3M for crocodile management in Darwin Harbour
- \$0.36M for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$81 000 direct expenditure on protecting the environment
- \$76 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program in schools
- \$70 000 for Parks Master Plan – biodiversity hotspots and irreplaceability
- \$56 000 for the Northern Territory Sports Awards which recognise and celebrate the achievements of the Territory's top athletes
- \$55 000 to assess biodiversity values in wetlands (Darwin-Litchfield)
- \$20 000 to monitor and assess the quality and quantity of the region's groundwater and surface water resources
- \$20 000 to monitor the impact of bushfire smoke on air quality

