



Katherine

The Katherine region has a population of about 16 300, of which 40 per cent is Indigenous. It covers a broad expanse, extending to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east and to the Ord-Bonaparte region in the west. The region contains many pastoral properties, Indigenous communities and tourist attractions, and is home to the RAAF Base Tindal.

Its industry base is diverse and includes tourism, mining and primary industries such as pastoralist, mixed farming and horticultural enterprises. The railway is creating a road-rail transport hub in Katherine, feeding road freight along the Victoria Highway to Western Australia.

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Supporting Business

- \$1.25M for research programs at Douglas Daly Research Farm to support mixed farming development including peanuts and irrigated hay
- \$1M for pastoral, agricultural and irrigated crop research at Katherine Research Station
- \$0.92M for integrated land, water and weed management advice to land-holders to promote sustainable agriculture
- \$88 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development
- \$1.07M for geophysical surveys, to promote mineral exploration as part of Building the Territory's Resource Base
- \$0.48M for monitoring and extension services to pastoralists
- \$0.54M for animal health services to ensure market access for Territory livestock to all available domestic and export outlets
- \$0.5M for cattle and rangeland research programs at Victoria River Research Station
- \$0.22M for horticultural industry development including research and extension services for the mango, citrus, crop and vegetable industries and improved information services for industry
- \$0.4M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and tourism marketing
- \$0.18M to develop strategic approaches and region-specific promotional campaigns for the Territory as a tourist destination
- \$0.25M to complete the national tuberculosis eradication program
- \$0.25M for the collaborative project with Heytesbury Beef and Meat and Livestock Australia investigating the more efficient use of pastoral land
- \$0.18M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products

Jobs and Training

- \$0.92M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.06M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$0.32M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$0.15M to coordinate tourism, horticulture and industry opportunities in the region

Safer Communities

- \$14.49M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region
- \$1.2M for child protection services to work with families at risk
- \$0.1M to strengthen region-specific family support services
- \$0.85M for community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients



- \$0.27M for courts and tribunals to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Beswick, Kalkaringi, Lajamanu, Ngukurr and Timber Creek
- \$0.26M to purchase a large fire fighting rescue vehicle for Katherine Fire Station
- \$0.15M for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region

Better Schooling

- \$15.41M for primary and early childhood education in 6 urban schools
- \$14.9M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 15 remote schools
- \$3.69M for secondary education to students at Katherine High School
- \$2.51M for education to isolated students through the Katherine School of the Air
- \$2.26M for assistance to non-government schools
- \$1.58M for student and school support services including curricula to schools and special education needs support
- \$1.36M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.03M for school and special transport services
- \$0.87M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, for example Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.7M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.4M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.31M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in the specialist fields

of music, language, health, and physical education and for the Board of Studies

- \$0.13M for the Accelerated Literacy Project to improve English literacy outcomes for students

Better Health

- \$21.8M for community-based health services in the region
- \$18.3M for acute medical, surgical, and obstetrical services at Katherine Hospital
- \$1M for a range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- \$0.7M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment

Regional Development

- \$3.94M for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations for housing in remote communities
- \$0.51M to repair and maintain various airstrips in remote areas
- \$0.32M for libraries at Katherine, Pine Creek, Lajamanu, Ngukurr, Mataranka and Barunga-Mayalluk
- \$0.11M to manage Crown land and associated buildings

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$1.23M for visitor management programs in regional parks

- \$1.11M for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs in parks
- \$0.9M to monitor and assess the region's groundwater and surface water resources
- \$0.7M to implement joint park management arrangements
- \$0.5M grant for Katherine sports ground upgrade
- \$0.45M to provide bushfire mitigation and control operations
- \$0.36M for feral animal control
- \$0.17M for problem vertebrate management (eg flying foxes)
- \$0.36M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerants
- \$0.23M for Indigenous tenancy support services
- \$0.12M for Junior Park Rangers
- \$0.1M for crocodile management
- \$0.2M to monitor and conserve biodiversity on pastoral lands
- \$0.1M for flood forecasting services for the Katherine, Victoria, Waterhouse and Roper Rivers
- \$50 000 for a Year of the Built Environment competition for a greenhouse-friendly house

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$1.5M Kalkaringi – construct a new health centre
- \$5M Victoria Highway, upgrade Victoria River and Lost Creek bridges
- \$1.99M for Stuart and Victoria Highways rehabilitation and widening
- \$0.6M Lajamanu – upgrade rising main and install new water tank
- \$0.58M Limmen National Park – improve visitor facilities and environmental works at Southern Lost City, Butterfly Springs and Towns River
- \$0.5M Gregory National Park, Victoria River sector – provide river access and boat ramp to improve visitor experience
- \$0.5M Katherine Cultural Precinct headworks
- \$0.5M Dorisvale Road – selected gravelling and drainage enhancements
- \$0.23M to modify and upgrade police holding cells at Maranboy
- \$0.15M for access and development at the new hot springs
- \$46 000 Clyde Fenton Primary School upgrading works