

Palmerston and Rural



Palmerston and Rural is the fastest growing Territory region, with a population of about 46 950. It has a relatively young population with about 40 per cent under the age of 26 and less than 5 per cent over 65 years. Covering 77 933 square kilometres, the region encompasses the city of Palmerston and Robertson Barracks, the East Arm Port development, Litchfield and the Daly region, and extends south to Adelaide River and east to Kakadu.

The region is home to many significant tourist attractions. Primary industries include horticulture, cattle, crocodiles and aquaculture. The operation of the railway and completion of stage 2 of East Arm Port is creating a regional transport and logistics hub linking southern Australia with Darwin and Asia.

Supporting Business

- \$2.69M to boost the Territory aquaculture industry through seeding various aquaculture hatchery projects including barramundi and mudcrabs, and to pursue the creation of a trepang hatchery
- \$0.8M for animal health services to ensure market access for Territory livestock to all available domestic and export outlets
- \$0.64M for local organisations to provide visitor information and regional tourism marketing for the Top End
- \$0.52M on horticultural project development, including



citrus, nursery, cut flower and tropical fruit sectors, improving information services, monitoring banana varieties for resistance to Panama disease, assessing the suitability of cocoa production in the Territory, and continued research into bamboo and various ginger varieties

- \$0.31M to facilitate trade development, including international trade and the AustralAsia trade route
- \$0.25M for research and development programs to assist the buffalo industry
- \$0.24M for mango industry development activities and continued participation in the national project to develop new varieties which will aid future market growth in the Territory
- \$0.03M for airborne and ground geophysical surveys
- \$24 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development, including upgrading the accuracy of land boundaries

Jobs and Training

- \$0.67M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs

- \$0.23M for Flexible Response Funding for training, leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.2M for services to young disabled people with high support needs, to help develop skills and training for employment and participation in the community

Safer Communities

- \$15.36M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region
- \$24M for safe, secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- \$4.04M safe, secure juvenile detention services at Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including rehabilitation and care of young offenders
- \$2.5M for child protection services to work with families at risk
- \$150 000 to strengthen region-specific family support services
- \$1.2M for Palmerston, Wadeye and Jabiru community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients
- \$72 000 for courts and tribunals to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru

Infrastructure Highlights

- East Arm Port works:
 - \$10.3M for oil pipelines for infrastructure to transfer fuel from the new bulk liquids berth at East Arm Wharf to the proposed Joint Use Terminal
 - \$7M for the bulk loading facility at East Arm Port
 - \$2M for an incinerator to manage quarantine and hazardous waste
 - \$0.45M for minor new works including mud treatment, replacing navigation buoys, infrastructure and workshop improvements
- \$3.8M capital grant to PowerWater for power to Dundee plus \$1.35M from PowerWater
- \$8M Darwin Correctional Centre – low security facility
- \$4.5M Litchfield Loop road – stage 1, sealing further 15 kilometres
- \$1.6M Cox Peninsula Road – complete seal to Belyuen
- \$1.3M for traffic signals at the Berrimah Road and Export Drive intersection and duplication to Cochrane Street
- \$0.5M Fog Bay Road – upgrade and seal 3 kilometres between Cox Peninsula Road and Namarada Drive
- \$0.5M for drainage improvements and partial sealing of beef roads - Ooloo, Fleming and Cadell Roads
- \$0.5M Mary River Wetlands – saltwater intrusion control works, at Sampan and Tommycut Creeks
- \$1.8M Palmerston Recreation Centre – headworks necessary prior to the construction of a multi-purpose recreation centre
- \$0.38M upgrade water storage at Peppimenarti
- \$0.37M upgrade high voltage distribution at Palumpa
- \$0.23M upgrade police holding cell at Batchelor
- \$0.15M Driver Primary School upgrade
- \$0.13M Bakewell Primary School upgrade



- \$0.65M for bushfire mitigation and control services in the region
- \$0.64M for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- \$10 000 for births, death and marriages registration services at the Palmerston Community Care premises
- \$50 000 for an emergency response call out service for Darwin and Palmerston, to help people with disabilities to remain living independently
- \$10M for the Palmerston secondary facility
- \$4.73M for school and special transport services in the Darwin and Palmerston regions
- \$1.48M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$2.81M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.8M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, for example Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy

Better Schooling

- \$36.18M for primary and early childhood education in 11 urban schools
- \$19.19M assistance to non-government schools
- \$12.39M secondary education at Palmerston High School, Taminmin High School and Don Dale Centre
- \$9.93M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 11 remote schools
- \$3.27M for student and school support services including curricula to schools and special education needs support

Better Health

- \$16.5M for community-based health services in the region
- \$2.8M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatment

- \$0.64M for a coordinated range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

Regional Development

- \$0.46M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
- \$12.24M to provide public transport services in Darwin, Palmerston and Outer Darwin
- \$4.11M for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing stock for Indigenous clients
- \$0.45M funding for regional libraries at Palmerston, Taminmin, Batchelor, Adelaide River, Wadeye, Peppimenarti and Jabiru

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$2M grant for the Palmerston Magpies Football to relocate to Charles Darwin University Palmerston campus
- \$1.6M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy in Darwin and Palmerston, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups
- \$1.04M for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$0.9M to monitor and assess the region's groundwater and surface water resources



- \$0.61M for visitor management programs in parks
- \$0.32M to implement joint park management arrangements
- \$0.15M for feral animal control programs
- \$0.19M to monitor biodiversity in Kakadu and Litchfield Parks
- \$0.26M for conservation and interpretive projects for Territory WWII heritage sites
- \$75 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program in schools
- \$55 000 to assess biodiversity values in Darwin and Litchfield wetlands
- \$50 000 for a competition to design and construct a greenhouse-friendly house in Palmerston to celebrate the 2004 Year of the Built Environment
- \$40 000 for flood forecasting services for the Daly River
- \$10 000 to monitor the impact of bushfire smoke on air quality
- \$60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program in Wadeye
- \$3.84M funding to support the Territory Wildlife Park
- \$0.59M funding to support biodiversity and conservation activities for natural habitats in the Top End

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