

Alice Springs

The Alice Springs region is 40 per cent of the Territory's land mass and has a population of about 39 000 people (about 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. The region has a relatively young population with about 40 per cent aged 24 years and under and only 6 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Major industries in the region include pastoralism, mining, oil and gas, defence, tourism, and Indigenous arts and culture. The region is a major tourist destination, home to Uluru, the Olgas and Kings Canyon, and has modern road, air and rail transport infrastructure to support tourism-related activity.

Supporting Business

- \$0.32M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products
- \$0.31M for integrated support to the Territory pastoral industry through lease administration, advisory, monitoring and regulatory services
- \$0.24M for extension and advisory services to landholders in the region
- \$0.22M to develop new table grape varieties, and to support the industry to improve productivity and quality
- \$0.21M for animal health services including inspection, treatment, certification services and animal surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$0.15M to develop a pastoral research facility on a portion of Owen Springs Station to provide advice to pastoralists in arid areas on long-term viability, develop and promote environmentally friendly industry practices and contribute to a more profitable pastoral industry
- \$30 000 for horticultural research and development into the sustainable use of recycled water to treat sewerage effluent in Alice Springs to develop new regional horticultural enterprises

- \$0.13M to provide consumer and trade measurement advice and assistance in Alice Springs

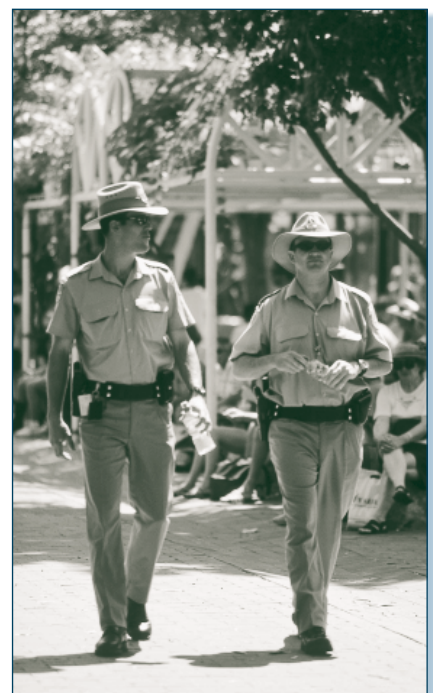
Jobs and Training

- \$1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at \$3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of \$7000 each
- \$0.6M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.6M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$50 000 for services to young people with disabilities with high support needs, to develop skills and training in pursuit of employment and participation in the community
- \$0.4M to train and employ traditional owners to work on parks and reserves as part of joint management park arrangements
- \$0.14M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

Safer Communities

- \$28.36M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region including nine police stations, one police post, two fire stations, one volunteer fire brigade unit and eleven volunteer emergency services groups

- \$19.8M for safe and secure custodial services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- \$2.1M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities. The Supreme Court sits at Alice Springs for 32 weeks a year and magistrates travel to Papunya, Mutitjulu, Yuendumu, Hermannsburg, Ti Tree and Docker River. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Alice Springs
- \$0.68M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the region's police, fire and emergency services facilities





- \$0.21M for expanded fire and emergency services at Yulara with Voyages Hotels group
- \$0.21M for a Northern Territory Emergency Service presence at Kings Canyon to provide professional first response to accidents and training
- \$0.1M for a mobile police station in Alice Springs to provide flexible and immediate response to crime trends, hot spots and community needs
- \$37 000 for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- \$1.3M for Alice Springs community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including reintegration into the community
- \$0.48M for a safe and secure juvenile holding facility at Aranda House
- \$0.52M for the Office of Crime Prevention to work with Indigenous communities on reintegrating offenders into their communities as part of a community justice process
- \$40 000 in extra funding to domestic violence legal and advocacy services
- \$0.27M for the Ombudsman's Office, including health and community services complaints
- \$0.25M for ongoing land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration services, and a wills service

- \$0.27M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, wellbeing and antisocial behaviours of itinerant groups, and providing opportunities for itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles and return to their home communities or lead more productive lifestyles in town

Better Schooling

- \$23.5M for primary and early childhood education in seven urban schools
- \$18M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 28 remote schools
- \$22M for assistance to non-government schools

- \$15.6M for secondary education for students at Alice Springs High School, Anzac Hill High School and Centralian Senior Secondary College
- \$2.7M for student and school support services including curricula for schools and special education needs support
- \$2.5M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.75M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$1.33M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in specialist fields of music, language, health and physical education
- \$1.35M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.51M for isolated student education through the Alice Springs School of the Air
- \$0.62M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.58M to continue to employ Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

Desert Knowledge Precinct

- \$4.03M Desert Knowledge Precinct – Business and Innovation Centre – central precinct management including the headquarters of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
- \$5.86M Desert People's Centre – learning themes building – stage A
- \$5.85M Desert People's Centre – complete central administration building
- \$5.43M Desert Knowledge Precinct – complete headworks providing essential services to the Precinct
- \$0.74M Desert People's Centre – complete project preparation works
- \$0.85M continued support for the Desert Knowledge Australia Corporation and the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$17.3M Mereenie Loop – continuing reconstruction and sealing works in sections between Glen Helen and Larapinta Drive, and Hermannsburg and Kings Canyon
- \$1.7M Community Harmony Strategy – complete Stuart Lodge upgrade, refurbishment of existing facility for short-term accommodation
- \$1M Alice Springs Hospital – upgrade Ward 4 with eight renal stations and associated services for acute care patients
- \$1M Flynn Drive renal services – upgrade existing facility to provide additional renal stations and services for acute patients
- \$1M West MacDonnell National Park – upgrade and expand visitor facilities at western entry, including additional shade shelters, presentation areas, water treatment areas and ablution block, expansion of car parks and campgrounds, and emergency call devices
- \$0.8M Alice Springs Drag Strip – capital grant to construct new raceway adjacent to the Finke Desert Race
- \$0.65M Alice Springs Hospital – upgrade staff accommodation
- \$0.8M Maryvale Road beef road upgrade – complete selected forming and gravelling
- \$0.5M Areyonga – equip new bores and rising main
- \$1M Sandover Highway – continuing upgrading and selected improvements
- \$0.6M Ross Park Primary and Pre-school – upgrade airconditioning
- \$8.37M Alice Springs Hospital – fire safety compliance and remediation
- \$0.9M Alice Springs Hospital – fire safety upgrade to the main ward plant room
- \$5.5M Stuart Highway – complete a high-level bridge over Palmer River and upgrade road approaches
- \$1.8M Yuendumu – modify and upgrade the existing health centre to improve primary health services in the region (\$1M from Australian Government)
- \$1.02M Larapinta residential subdivision – complete stage 1 essential services including augmentation of electricity feeder, water booster and distribution, and sewerage works
- \$0.9M Mt Johns Valley – complete stage 1 headworks for residential subdivision
- \$1M Plenty Highway – beef road, upgrade to selected sections
- \$0.69M Lasserter Highway/Yulara Drive – complete intersection upgrade
- \$0.1M Alice Springs – complete Railway Valley drainage including construction of two embankments and a retardation basin to prevent downstream erosion
- \$0.52M Alice Springs – complete general-purpose public housing works
- \$0.38M to continue upgrade of existing remote health centres in Central Australia
- \$0.3M Ringwood Road – beef road, complete upgrade and drainage improvements
- \$0.24M Gillen Primary School – complete airconditioning system upgrade
- \$75 000 Owen Springs – supply and erect a new shed for agency machinery and equipment
- \$70 000 Power Street, Alice Springs – new core layout facility



Better Health

- \$106M for acute care services in the region, including initiatives to maximise access to acute care services such as road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, as well as provision of inpatient and outpatient clinical services
- \$52.1M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$6.2M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatment
- \$0.35M to deliver positive behaviour support and training for people with disabilities and their carers

- \$1.94M additional for Alice Springs Hospital to provide a safe medical staffing level for the Intensive Care Unit, emergency services support and improved staff rosters
- \$0.54M for Volatile Substance Abuse rehabilitation services
- \$0.13M to expand disability support services in Santa Teresa
- \$0.25M to provide a drop-in service as part of the Youth Outreach Program to identify young people in need of assistance
- \$53 000 for a development officer for the Northern Territory Foster Carers Association
- \$20 000 for withdrawal services at the Drug and Alcohol Services Association

Regional Development

- \$0.98M to collect pre-exploration minerals data as part of Building the Territory's Resource Base
- \$0.79M to provide public transport services in Alice Springs
- \$0.6M for school and special transport services in the region
- \$0.62M for public community libraries including Alice Springs, Ti Tree, Ayers Rock and Ltyentye Apurte
- \$6.08M in grants for the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory for distribution to Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage housing stock
- \$0.63M for priority repairs and maintenance of various aerodromes in rural and remote areas
- \$0.2M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
- \$0.3M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing
- \$0.15M for the Northern Territory Electoral Commission's office, including community education

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$60 000 in grants for regional and remote festivals as part of 'Showcasing Territory Arts'
- \$0.32M in grants to local governing bodies for community-based sport and recreation officers to provide links between Territory sporting organisations and communities
- \$0.93M to manage facilities and collections at the Araluen Centre, the Museum of Central Australia and the Strehlow Research Centre
- \$3M in rebates for renewable energy projects in the Alice Springs region
- \$0.87M for visitor management programs in regional parks to provide resources and services, including tour guides, fact sheets and interpretive material
- \$0.6M to implement the Joint Management Agreement with traditional owners on establishing, maintaining and managing parks and reserves
- \$0.66M for weed management and feral animal programs
- \$0.6M to monitor and assess the region's water resources
- \$0.2M to provide information on the water requirements of groundwater dependent ecosystems in the Ti Tree Basin with water resource studies
- \$0.54M for bushfire mitigation and control
- \$0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and flora and fauna in parks
- \$40 000 for animal holding facilities at the Alice Springs Desert Park

- \$0.17M to prepare new management plans for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements
- \$80 000 for 200 audio guides, in three languages, at Alice Springs Desert Park
- \$40 000 to monitor the environmental impact of operational mine sites in the Tanami region including Groundrush and the Granites
- \$40 000 for flood forecasting services for the Todd River
- \$10 000 to support an inaugural Central Australian Basins Symposium at Alice Springs Convention Centre in August 2005
- \$0.1M to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance to remote schools and communities
- \$25 000 to rehabilitate erosion gullies at Chambers Pillar, Rainbow Valley and Trephina Gorge

