

Darwin

With a population of around 69 000, 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 almost 9 per cent Indigenous. The public sector, construction, defence and tourism are Darwin's major industries.

Darwin is Northern Australia's gateway to Asia and attracts significant numbers of domestic and international tourists. The Darwin City Waterfront redevelopment is expected to significantly boost visitor numbers when the world-class convention centre and exhibition centre is completed in 2008, with further construction continuing over the next decade or so. Darwin is also an important defence base with a significant army, navy and air force presence.

Supporting Business

- \$0.79M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products

Jobs and Training

- \$7.74M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs

- \$1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at \$3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of \$7000 each
- \$0.73M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres

- \$0.8M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

Safer Communities

- \$124.8M to provide police, fire and emergency services including three police stations, two fire stations, one volunteer emergency services group and police college and forensic laboratory
- \$0.97M for repairs, maintenance and minor works for the region's police, fire and emergency services facilities
- \$0.1M for a mobile police station in Darwin to provide flexible and immediate response to crime trends, hot spots and community needs
- \$17.3M for courts to administer justice at the Darwin Magistrates and Supreme Courts

Darwin City Waterfront Redevelopment Project

The Darwin City Waterfront redevelopment project will drive economic growth and create jobs for locals, resulting in an important addition to our great Territory lifestyle.

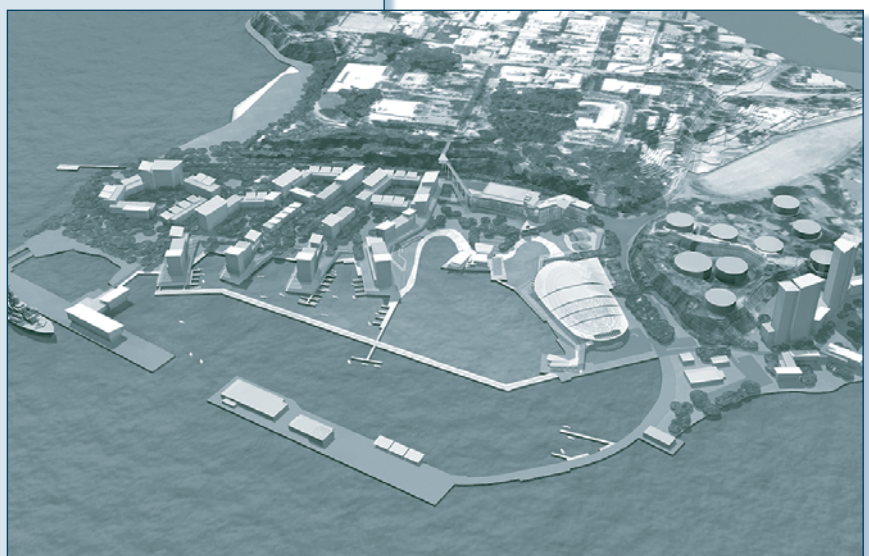
Stage 1 of the redevelopment is due to commence in 2005 and be completed in 2008. It will include most of the public buildings, the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre and the Avenue of Honour connecting the Waterfront via Smith Street and the Esplanade to Darwin's central business district.

The world-class Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre, which will seat 1500 people and provide 4000m² of exhibition space, has been designed to provide an extensive area able to accommodate a wide range of activities.

It is estimated that \$260 million will be injected into the local economy over the first three years, generating about 1000 jobs along the way.

Government's contribution to the project includes necessary site works:

- \$7.3M – Stage 3, headworks to the Waterfront Precinct's boundary to enable the developer to service the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre
- \$2.5M – Stage 2 to complete decontamination and demolition works and electrical works



- \$1.47M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$1.23M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, wellbeing and antisocial behaviours of itinerant groups
- \$0.33M for the Community Justice Centre, a dispute resolution service to the community
- \$60 000 in extra funding to domestic violence, legal and advocacy services
- \$2.48M for ongoing land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration services, and estate and trust management services
- \$0.22M for a community day patrol to provide health services in Darwin

Better Schooling

- \$60.2M for primary and early childhood education in 19 schools
- \$45.54M for secondary education in six high schools
- \$23.15M for assistance to non-government schools
- \$12.64M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in music, language, health and physical education
- \$5.34M to provide student and school support services including curricula, and special needs education support
- \$4.85M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve Indigenous education
- \$2.67M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.22M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.9M for Territory student assistance travel schemes

- \$0.1M to expand the Post School Options Program for young adults with high support needs who are leaving school, to include centre-based activity programs for up to 17 young people
- \$1M for Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

Better Health

- \$186M for acute care services in the region, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, and inpatient and outpatient clinical services at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$232M for non-acute health and community services
- \$8.1M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment
- \$0.18M for a therapeutic extended care service at A New Start Towards Independence (ANSTI)
- \$1.87M ongoing for the 12 bed hospice at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$0.4M for the new Birthing Centre and expansion of the Community Midwifery Program at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$0.42M for Volatile Substance Abuse rehabilitation services
- \$0.35M additional funding for enhanced mental health and disability clinical and behavioural support services to the Darwin Correctional Centre

Regional Development

- \$12.24M to provide public transport services in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield
- \$4.9M to provide a secure, safe and well-maintained Parliament House
- \$1.14M for public community libraries



- \$4.73M to provide school and special transport services in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield
- \$3.5M to provide support services for the effective operations of the Legislative Assembly and its Committees
- \$1.75M 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
- \$1M 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
- \$0.3M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing
- \$0.33M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
- \$98 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.75M additional recurrent funding to maintain programs at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory at Bullocky Point
- \$0.16M for festival grants as part of 'Showcasing Territory Arts'

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$8.5M Darwin High School redevelopment – complete new science and home economics facilities, and upgrade block A following relocation of science laboratories, remove demountables and relocate Special Intensive English Unit
- \$5.8M Darwin Soccer Stadium – two-field playing arena, grandstand and offices
- \$4.61M Parap Primary School – construct new classrooms, redevelop assembly area, new canteen and landscaping
- \$3.6M Marrara Fire Station – construct a facility for fire and rescue services
- \$3M capital grant to Power and Water Corporation to continue undergrounding powerlines in Darwin's suburbs
- \$1.5M for shopping centre upgrades including Jingili, Nightcliff and Wulagi
- \$7.02M Old Admiralty House and Minerals House – complete the fitout of five floors for Department of Justice
- \$2.5M Royal Darwin Hospital Birthing Centre
- \$2.02M Royal Darwin Hospital – complete the medical records unit redevelopment
- \$2M Lands Information Office fitout
- \$1.85M Alawa Primary School stage 1 – complete redevelopment of one classroom block
- \$1.9M Hidden Valley Raceway – continue remedial works to improve overall safety standards and additional eight pit garages to support the V8 Supercars Championship
- \$0.85M Royal Darwin Hospital – replace index washer sterilising unit
- \$0.4M Stokes Hill Wharf – complete a dedicated jetty for Customs small craft on Wharf's city side
- \$0.2M Stokes Hill Wharf – pontoon berth to assist passenger disembarkation
- \$0.48M Darwin urban arterial roads – complete traffic management improvements including turning lanes and intersection upgrades at various locations
- \$0.45M Batten Road – service six new blocks to be used by community organisations
- \$0.2M Nakara Primary School – complete redevelopment of classroom block
- \$0.12M Casuarina Senior College – complete disabled access lift to library
- \$0.12M – energy management building upgrades to Development House, Darwin and Berrimah Research Farm

- \$0.14M in grants to Darwin City Council for community-based sport and recreation officers
- \$0.3M for the Festival of Darwin and the International Guitar Festival
- \$60 000 for Northern Territory Sports Awards to recognise the achievements of the Territory's top athletes
- \$60 000 to stage National Basketball Association fixtures at Marrara
- \$0.3M for crocodile management in Darwin Harbour
- \$0.17M for weed management programs in Darwin district parks
- \$0.16M for fire management and prescribed burning in parks
- \$0.1M to upgrade shade and visitor facilities at Leanyer Recreation Park
- \$0.21M for the Marine Ranger Program to assist Indigenous people in managing their sea country
- \$0.13M for plans of management and other strategic planning for parks and reserves in the region
- \$0.1M for ongoing development of tidal and sediment flow models for Darwin Harbour
- \$0.41M for aquatic marine pest monitoring programs to guard against imported exotic pests
- \$0.4M to monitor and report on the health of Darwin Harbour and its catchment
- \$10 000 for signage at George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens
- \$0.49M for visitor management programs in Darwin parks
- \$20 000 to monitor and assess the quality and quantity of the region's water resources
- \$60 000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program

