



## Palmerston and Litchfield

Palmerston and Litchfield is the fastest growing Northern Territory region, with a population of about 38 100. In the five years to 2001, population growth averaged 7.2 per cent per annum. The region has a relatively young population with about 40 per cent aged 24 years and under and less than 5 per cent aged 65 and over. Covering 3000 square kilometres, the region encompasses the city of Palmerston and the Litchfield Shire, including East Arm.

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. The region is home to several tourist attractions including Howard Springs, Berry Springs and Fogg Dam. Channel Island power station is also in the region. Primary industries include mangoes and other horticulture and aquaculture, as well as cattle and crocodiles.

### Supporting Business

- \$1.34M support for Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories to provide animal health testing services to livestock industries
- \$0.42M for animal health services including inspection, treatment and certification services and animal disease surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$0.52M for horticultural development projects 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 continuing research into bamboo and ginger varieties
- \$1.38M for aquaculture research and development including barramundi fingerlings production and creation of a trepang hatchery to support the Territory aquaculture industry
- \$0.32M for Beatrice Hill facilities for buffalo industry research
- \$0.25M for mango industry strategies including harvest labour, code of practice, market quality monitoring and industry communications, and continued participation in the national project to develop new

varieties and production practices for future Territory market growth

- \$0.15M for the Palmerston Information Centre to provide general government, Territory business and community justice services in the Palmerston region

### 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
- \$0.89M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$80 000 for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres

### Safer Communities

- \$23.2M for safe and secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- \$9.45M to provide police, fire and emergency services including one police station, one fire station, one combined police and fire station, six volunteer fire brigade units and one volunteer emergency services group
- \$3.4M for safe and secure juvenile detention at Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including care and rehabilitation of young offenders

- \$0.73M for Palmerston community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.24M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the region's police, fire and emergency services facilities
- \$0.31M for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- \$10 000 for births, deaths and marriages registration at Palmerston Community Care Centre

### Better Schooling

- \$41.24M for primary and early childhood education in 11 urban schools
- \$16.47M for secondary education at Palmerston High School, Taminmin High School and Don Dale Centre
- \$16.5M assistance to non-government schools
- \$0.5M for early childhood, primary and post primary education at Middle Point School
- \$2.62M for student and school support services including curricula to schools and special education needs support
- \$2.24M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$0.6M for programs to support students with a disability

- \$1.32M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.56M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.41M to continue to employ Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

## Better Health

- \$0.22M for acute care services in the region, which incorporate initiatives to maximise access to acute services such as road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, as well as provision of outpatient services
- \$2.6M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.7M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment

## Regional Development

- \$12.24M for public transport services in the Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield regions
- \$4.73M for school and special transport services in the Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield regions
- \$0.4M funding for libraries at Palmerston and Taminmin

- \$0.29M to manage Crown land and associated buildings

## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$20 000 in grants for festivals in the region as part of 'Showcasing Territory Arts'
- \$0.62M for weed management programs in parks
- \$0.61M for visitor management programs in the region's parks
- \$0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$0.3M to maximise the sustainable use of the groundwater resources of the Darwin Rural Area, while protecting ground and surface water dependent ecosystems
- \$25 000 for Channel Island asbestos clean-up and construction of protective structures
- \$0.13M for plans of management and other strategic planning for parks and reserves in the region
- \$0.15M for feral animal control programs

- \$75 000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance to schools and communities
- \$50 000 to develop Indigenous interpretive and visitor experiences in collaboration with traditional owners at Territory Wildlife Park
- \$50 000 to develop new visitor experiences at Territory Wildlife Park focused on interstate and international visitors
- \$14 000 to upgrade the power generator at Manton Dam
- \$35 000 for handrail at the billabong exhibit at Territory Wildlife Park
- \$25 000 to upgrade the interpretive signage at Territory Wildlife Park



## Infrastructure Highlights

- \$3.5M Darwin Correctional Centre – program and living unit facilities including classroom/activities room, undercover programs area, storage and offices; and complete low security facility
- \$5M Palmerston Recreation Centre – capital grant for two-court multi-purpose indoor recreation centre
- \$0.3M Palmerston Recreation Centre site – complete headworks
- \$10M Palmerston – continuing progress towards a new senior secondary facility, with design and scope of works subject to stakeholder and community consultation
- \$1.6M Stuart Highway – complete duplication between Noonamah and Cox Peninsula Road, and Cox Peninsula Road intersection

### East Arm

- \$1.4M – complete oil pipelines to transfer fuel from new bulk liquids berth to the terminal
- \$5.2M – complete bulk loading facility
- \$2M – complete incinerator to manage quarantine and hazardous waste
- \$2.15M Darwin Business Park – extend sewerage headworks to remaining blocks in stage 1 adjacent to the AustralAsia Railway and complete headworks to joint user Darwin Industry Fuel Terminal
- \$1.2M Berrimah Road – complete duplication to Cochrane Street