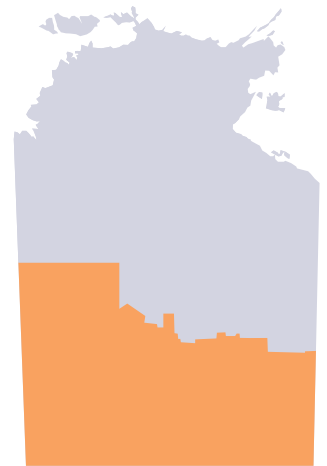


# Alice Springs

The Alice Springs region comprises 40 per cent of the Territory's land mass and has a population of 38 700 people (about 20 per cent of the Territory's population). The region includes the mineral-rich Tanami Desert and is home to the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap. The region has a relatively young population, with just over 40 per cent aged 24 years and under and less than 5 per cent aged 65 years and over. Almost 34 per cent of the region's population is Indigenous.

The main projects in the region include the Mereenie Loop upgrade and the commencement of stage 1 of the Desert Knowledge Precinct, including the Business and Innovation Centre, administration, Wellbeing and Human Services and Education buildings at the Desert People's Centre.

Significant industries include mining, pastoralism, oil and gas, tourism, defence, and Indigenous arts and culture. The region is a major tourist destination and includes Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon. Modern road, air and rail transport infrastructure support tourism-related activity and primary production in the region.



## Supporting Business

- \$0.66M across regions to help grow and promote the Territory's defence support industry capability and attract new defence-related business opportunities in the Territory
- \$0.64M to the Central Australian Tourism Industry Association for intra-Territory marketing and visitor information services
- \$0.6M across regions for business and skilled migration services, including awareness-raising sessions for employers on migration options for potential employees
- \$0.51M to develop a tool kit to assist pastoralists in the arid zone region to manage pastoral production activities in a highly variable climate
- \$0.42M to provide and manage the Arid Zone Research Station Farm, Old Man Plains Research Station (at Owen Springs) and Ti Tree Research Farm as operations bases for the delivery of primary industry services, and as bases to develop and demonstrate industry best practice
- \$0.2M for animal health services including inspection, treatment and certification services and animal disease surveillance and

- preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$76 000 for a range of programs including interstate quarantine and grower accreditation and certification to ensure Territory horticulture produce meets necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$72 000 for UpSkills Workshops for small businesses and October Business Month, including practical workshops, seminars and events aimed at improving the skills and capacity of Territory businesses
- \$70 000 across regions to support Regional Economic Committees to drive job and business growth and facilitate Regional Economic Development Forums
- \$30 000 to host the Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference
- \$10 000 for an annual mining supplies and services exhibition in Alice Springs to promote the Centre as a mining supply and services hub, and to provide the opportunity for local suppliers to showcase their products to miners and explorers

## Jobs and Training

- \$11.38M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.75M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth
- \$0.5M to train and employ traditional owners for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements
- \$0.14M for horticultural job-ready training for local Indigenous people in the Ti Tree region
- \$0.15M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

## Safer Communities

- \$31.63M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including ten police stations, one police post, two fire stations and twelve volunteer groups, and \$0.62M in repairs, maintenance and minor new works
- \$20.65M for safe and secure custodial services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders

## Infrastructure Highlights

- \$14.29M for repairs and maintenance of roads in the region (work on flood-damaged roads will be in addition to this)
- \$13.9M for Mereenie Loop stages 1 and 2
- \$10.9M for Indigenous community housing organisations – construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- \$5.72M for Alice Springs Hospital – continue fire protection, airconditioning and remediation works
- Desert Knowledge Precinct:
  - \$8.6M for Desert People’s Centre Administration, Wellbeing, Human Services and Education buildings
  - \$2.77M for stage 2 headworks
  - \$2.5M to continue the Business and Innovation Centre
  - \$0.29M Desert People’s Centre – design and site preparation
- \$2M to continue the Keith Lawrie housing redevelopment
- \$2M for improvements to the Plenty Highway
- \$1.9M to continue the Stuart Lodge redevelopment
- \$1.6M for Alice Springs Hospital – continue Ward 4 upgrade
- \$1.3M for the Beef Roads Program – Maryvale Road stage 1
- \$1.3M for roadworks to Mt Johns Valley stage 1
- \$1M to further upgrade Flynn Drive renal facilities
- \$0.97M for the Mutitjulu police post
- \$0.38M to continue work on two police houses in Mutitjulu
- \$0.95M for Alice Springs Hospital staff accommodation
- \$0.8M for West MacDonnell National Park to continue upgrade of visitor facilities at the western entry
- \$0.7M to construct residential mental health care facilities in Darwin and Alice Springs
- \$0.69M to upgrade the Lasseter Highway-Yulara Drive intersection
- \$0.5M to upgrade sections of the Sandover Highway
- \$0.5M to upgrade remote health centres
- \$0.5M for Arrente House volatile substance abuse treatment facilities
- \$0.4M to complete Palmer River bridge on the Stuart Highway
- \$0.36M for two shelter facilities on the Larapinta Trail at Finke Camp and Jay Creek
- \$0.35M for Yuelamu to replace the water tank
- \$0.33M for the Alice Springs Railway Discovery Walkway between the railway station and the town centre
- \$0.3M for Papunya to seal the runway
- \$0.25M to complete the bicycle path along Larapinta Drive to Simpsons Gap
- \$0.11M for Larapinta Drive cycle and pedestrian path from Milner Road roundabout to Lovegrove Drive
- \$0.2M for drainage in Railway Valley
- \$0.18M to service the Larapinta residential subdivision
- \$0.1M to fence the road reserve along the Lasseter Highway
- \$95 000 for golf course drainage
- \$20 000 for Ormiston Gorge to improve visitor information facilities for the Ghost Gum Walk

- \$1.4M for Alice Springs community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.46M for a safe and secure juvenile holding facility at Aranda House
- \$2.3M for courts to administer justice in Alice Springs, Papunya, Mutitjulu, Yuendumu, Hermannsburg, Ti Tree and Docker River. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Alice Springs
- \$0.44M for Alice Springs-based officers to work with Central Australian Indigenous people, the community and government sectors to develop means of improving community and youth safety
- \$0.24M for registration services for land titles, births, deaths and marriages, and agent for the Public Trustee, including a wills service
- \$0.17M for domestic violence advocacy and legal services
- \$0.14M for consumer and trade measurement advice and assistance
- \$25 000 to support development, implementation and monitoring of an alcohol management plan for Alice Springs
- \$20.62M for primary and early childhood education in seven urban schools
- \$15.91M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 27 remote schools
- \$1.66M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education outcomes
- \$3.03M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in music and language
- \$2.46M for student and school support services including curricula and special needs support
- \$1.77M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing

## Better Schooling

- \$25.45M to assist non-government schools in the region
- \$18.77M for secondary education for students at Alice Springs High School, Anzac Hill High School and Centralian Senior Secondary College

- \$1.97M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.53M for isolated student education through the Alice Springs School of the Air
- \$0.63M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- \$0.59M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.34M in Back to School payments to assist students with the cost of essential school items
- \$0.2M for the Junior Park Ranger program, including resources and assistance for remote schools

## Better Health

- \$110.8M for acute care services in the region, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Travel Scheme
- \$46.5M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$6.7M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatments
- \$0.63M to expand residential treatment for volatile substance abuse services by the Drug and Alcohol Services Association
- \$0.5M to establish a crisis assessment team to provide urgent assessment and intervention services in the Alice Springs Hospital Emergency Department and in the community
- \$0.39M to the Safe Families service, with the Australian Government, to employ local Indigenous family workers to operate a 'family house' and a 'kids' house'
- \$0.29M for intensive support for youth with volatile substance abuse problems (BushMob)
- \$0.16M for midwives for home birthing in Darwin and Alice Springs

- \$0.14M for volatile substance abuse treatment services in remote communities
- \$90 000 for new and enhanced home and community care services

## Community Development

- \$4.8M in grant funding to Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
- \$17.6M in HomeNorth Schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$0.38M to Desert Knowledge Australia for the Desert Knowledge Linked Business Network to build networks between desert regions and operators across Australia
- \$0.36M for two Central Australian development coordinators for the Alywarra project and Mutitjula – Working Together project to help develop governance capacity and facilitate regional local government
- \$0.17M for the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre to research Indigenous livelihoods and related aspects including 4WD tourism, pastoralism and services to, and viability of, desert settlements
- \$0.15M to Indigenous organisations for tenancy support to assist Indigenous people obtain and maintain public housing
- \$0.13M to manage development at the Desert Knowledge Precinct, including Indigenous Land Use Agreements, capital works and stakeholder involvement
- \$50 000 in tourism infrastructure funding, including signage and access to Hermannsburg and surrounds

## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$3.49M for programs, facilities and collections at the Araluen Centre
- \$1.5M for visitor programs in parks including Territory Parks Alive free walks and talks from May to October
- \$1.15M to implement joint park management agreements with traditional owners
- \$0.85M to provide monitoring and advisory services to land-holders
- \$0.8M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and flora and fauna in parks
- \$1.1M for weed management and feral animal control in parks
- \$0.58M for regional public library services at Alice Springs, Uluru, Anmatjere and Ltyentye Apurte
- \$0.55M for the 11th Masters Games
- \$0.3M for bushfire mitigation and control including provision of real time hot spot maps to land-holders
- \$0.23M for an Environment Protection Agency and Heritage Office in the region
- \$0.2M to prepare joint management plans for parks and reserves
- \$0.16M for the Alice Desert Festival to showcase Territory arts
- \$0.13M for environmental monitoring of operational mine sites
- \$90 000 for off-park Indigenous rangers in the Ntaria community

