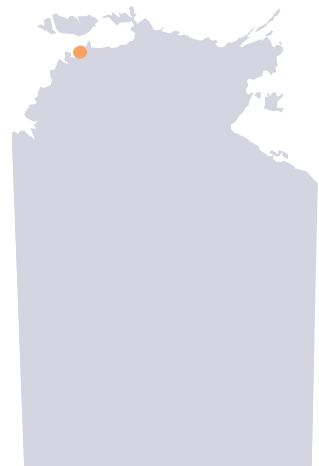


Darwin

With a population of around 69 300 people, Darwin is the Territory's capital and the centre of government. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city, with 35 per cent of its population aged 24 years and under and only 5.3 per cent aged over 65 years. Almost 9 per cent of the population is Indigenous. Darwin's major industries include construction, defence, tourism and the public sector.

Darwin is northern Australia's gateway to Asia and attracts significant numbers of domestic and international tourists. The Darwin Waterfront Development is expected to significantly boost visitor numbers when the world-class Convention and Exhibition Centre is completed in 2008. Darwin is also an important defence base and home to HMAS Coonawarra Naval Base, RAAF Base Darwin and Defence Establishment Berrimah.



Supporting Business

- \$0.64M to Tourism Top End 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
- \$0.55M to establish and manage the proposed Darwin Waterfront statutory corporation
- \$0.35M in technological expertise and crablets to develop mudcrab aquaculture at Kulaluk, providing direct income and employment for the community, including eight apprenticeships in aquaculture and business administration
- \$35 000 for the Marine Industry Development Working Group to develop a plan for the marine supply and service sector, including defence, oil and gas and larger pleasure cruisers, and to promote the Territory as a 'super yacht' destination

Jobs and Training

- \$20.42M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$5.6M for tertiary programs at Charles Darwin University and

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education

- \$0.67M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$0.66M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth

Safer Communities

- \$134.67M for police, fire and emergency services, including three police stations, two fire stations and one volunteer group, police college, and forensic laboratory, and \$0.74M for repairs, maintenance and minor new works
- \$2.42M for registration services for land titles, births, deaths and marriages, estate and trust management, and a wills service
- \$1.46M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.63M for the community patrol service to combat antisocial behaviour
- \$0.3M for safety and security on Darwin's public bus network
- \$0.24M for domestic violence advocacy and legal services in Darwin

- \$25 000 for a study of potential market saturation of licensed premises in Mitchell Street
- \$25 000 to support development, implementation and monitoring of an alcohol management plan in the Darwin central business district

Better Schooling

- \$62.97M for primary and early childhood education in 19 schools
- \$50.87M for secondary education for students in six high schools
- \$27.29M assistance to non-government schools in Darwin
- \$14.29M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in music and language
- \$5.25M for student and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
- \$4.2M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$2.72M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$1.26M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.95M for Territory student assistance travel schemes



Infrastructure Highlights

- \$15.54M for Darwin Waterfront Development – headworks for the Convention and Exhibition Centre
- \$6.85M for repairs and maintenance of roads in the region
- \$5.72M for Darwin Football Stadium – a two-field playing arena and grandstand for Territory soccer
- \$4.02M for Marrara Fire Station – construction of new facility
- \$3.08M for Darwin High School – new science and home economics building and refurbishment of existing building
- \$2.18M to Royal Darwin Hospital for Darwin Birthing Centre
- \$1.72M for Parap Primary School – eight new classrooms
- \$1.5M to service land at Batten Road
- \$1.1M for Fishermans Wharf – construct a sheet pile wall
- \$0.9M for Royal Darwin Hospital – lift upgrades
- \$0.85M for Royal Darwin Hospital – replace index washer sterilising unit
- \$0.7M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- \$0.7M to construct residential mental health care facilities in Darwin and Alice Springs
- \$0.57M for Stokes Hill Wharf – Customs jetty for small craft
- \$1.3M for the Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex
- \$0.25M for Stuart Highway (Stuart Park) shade tree landscaping to medians (Westralia to Burt streets) and verges (Westralia to Geranium streets)
- \$0.2M for Stokes Hill Wharf – pontoons to assist passenger disembarkment
- \$0.18M to upgrade the Tang Street drain
- \$0.18M for regrading approaches to the Rapid Creek pedestrian bridge along Casuarina Drive
- \$86 000 for Alawa Primary School including special education facilities and access to classrooms

- \$0.99M to employ Aboriginal Islander Education Workers
- \$0.73M in Back to School payments to assist students with the cost of essential school items
- \$65 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program, including resources and assistance to schools

Better Health

- \$276.2M for non-acute health and community services
- \$235.2M for acute care services in the region, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Travel Scheme
- \$8.4M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatments
- \$0.42M to construct a new volatile substance abuse treatment facility
- \$0.2M for volatile substance abuse treatment services
- \$0.16M for midwives for home birthing in Darwin and Alice Springs

Community Development

- \$24M under HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home

- \$0.6M for Indigenous community housing organisations to manage community housing
- \$0.15M for Indigenous organisations in the Darwin and Palmerston and Litchfield regions for tenancy support to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$2.35M to stage the Arafura Games
- \$1.19M for public library services
- \$0.59M for the Community Harmony Strategy to provide intervention and prevention strategies that lead to pathways out of an itinerant lifestyle
- \$0.49M for visitor programs in parks
- \$0.35M to buy back commercial inshore fishing licences, especially in Darwin Harbour and Shoal Bay
- \$0.25M for crocodile management in Darwin Harbour
- \$0.2M for weed management and feral animal control in parks
- \$0.16M for fire management and prescribed burning in parks
- \$0.15M for Marine Ranger Program

- \$0.15M to upgrade Darwin and Palmerston golf courses and for a 'B' grade amateur golf championship
- \$0.13M for plans of management and other strategic planning for parks and reserves in the region
- \$90 000 towards an international 'A' series cricket competition
- \$75 000 for a national basketball fixture (Perth Wildcats) in Darwin

