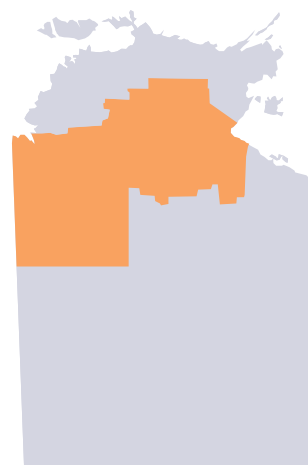


# Katherine

The Katherine region has a population of 16 500 people, of whom 43 per cent are Indigenous. About 45 per cent of the population are aged 24 years and under, and less than 5 per cent are aged 65 years and over. The region extends to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east and to the Ord Bonaparte area in the west. It contains many pastoral properties, Indigenous communities and tourist attractions. The region is also home to the RAAF Base Tindal.

Katherine has a diverse industry base that includes tourism, mining, pastoralism, mixed farming and horticultural enterprises. Katherine is developing as a road-rail transport hub to service the region, which also includes horticulture products from Western Australia.



## Supporting Business

- \$1.1M to provide integrated land, water and weed management advice to land-holders to promote sustainable agriculture in the region
- \$0.94M for the Katherine and Victoria River research stations, as the bases for delivery of primary industry

programs, and as bases to develop and test best practice production systems

- \$0.6M across regions for business and skilled migration services, including awareness-raising sessions for employers on migration options for potential employees

- \$0.49M to the Katherine Region Tourism Association and Katherine Town Council for intra-Territory marketing and visitor information services

- \$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

- \$0.36M for research programs that support the pastoral industry to optimise sustainable commercial utilisation rates of native pasture to balance maximised pastoral production with environmental sustainability

- \$0.27M to provide monitoring and advisory services to pastoralists in the region

- \$0.2M to support local Best Practice groups producing horticultural and other crops

- \$0.14M to continue the Tuberculosis Freedom Assurance Program (TFAP2) to complete the national tuberculosis eradication program

- \$0.11M for feedlot trials, as part of a program that identifies future market requirements for the export trade of cattle to South East Asia

## Infrastructure Highlights

- \$29M for the Victoria Highway, stages 1, 2 and 3, including road lifting and strengthening and new bridges at Victoria River, Joe Creek, Lost Creek and Sandy Creek
- \$11.43M for repairs and maintenance of roads in the region (work on flood-damaged roads will be in addition to this)
- \$5.5M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- \$2.9M for Kalkarindji – new health centre
- \$2.5M for Wugular (Beswick) School – construct a new facility above the floodline
- \$1M for Nitmiluk National Park – upgrade first and second gorge crossovers
- \$0.8M for Mt Todd mine containment works
- \$0.63M for upgrading the Pigeon Hole aerodrome
- \$0.41M for Ngukurr – investigate and drill new bores
- \$0.27M for Nitmiluk National Park – upgrade the main power supply and relocate the helipad
- \$0.2M to upgrade the Birdum Creek section of Larrimah West Creek Link Road under the Beef Roads Upgrade program
- \$0.15M to upgrade Nathan River Road culverts at Ch213, Ch234 and Ch286
- \$0.1M to fence road reserve at the Roper Highway
- \$40 000 to continue gravelling and improve drainage on Dorisvale Road
- \$39 000 for Nitmiluk National Park to provide power and water services to proposed new houses
- \$35 000 to upgrade the oval at Bulman



- \$72 000 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
- \$70 000 across regions to facilitate and support emerging Regional Economic Committees, to drive job and business growth, and to facilitate a number of Regional Economic Development Forums
- \$65 000 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

### Jobs and Training

- \$6.59M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.1M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$0.94M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth and the Regional Training Centre

- \$75 000 for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

### Safer Communities

- \$14.16M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including eight police stations, one fire station and eight volunteer groups, and \$0.47M for repairs, maintenance and minor new works
- \$0.8M for Katherine community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.57M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Beswick, Ngukurr, Timber Creek, Kalkarindji and Lajamanu. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Katherine
- \$0.5M new funding to implement the pilot Peace at Home project under a joint agreement with the Australian Government for an integrated centre with Police and Child Protection staff to deal with domestic violence and child protection issues
- \$0.24M for the Community Harmony Strategy to provide intervention and prevention strategies that lead to pathways out of an itinerant lifestyle

### Better Schooling

- \$17.09M for primary and early childhood education in six urban schools
- \$12.76M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 16 remote schools
- \$9.99M for secondary education for students at Katherine High School
- \$2.7M for isolated student education through Katherine School of the Air
- \$3.14M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$2.57M to assist non-government schools in the region
- \$1.73M to provide students and school support services including curricula and special needs support
- \$1.39M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.18M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.42M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.18M in Back to School payments to assist with the cost of school items



- \$0.12M for the Junior Park Ranger program, including providing resources and assistance to remote schools and communities
- \$0.19M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools

### Better Health

- \$24M for acute care services in the region, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Travel Scheme
- \$18.5M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.7M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatments
- \$50 000 to establish a peer support service for mental health
- \$50 000 to implement new home and community care services

### Community Development

- \$4M under HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$3.1M in grant funding to Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
- \$0.54M for three development coordinator positions in Nyirranggulung, Victoria River and the Gulf regions to assist in governance capacity development and facilitate regional local government
- \$0.15M in grants to Indigenous organisations for tenancy support services to assist Indigenous people in obtaining and maintaining public housing

### Lifestyle and Environment

- \$1.23M for visitor programs in parks
- \$0.63M for weed management programs in parks
- \$0.48M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks

- \$0.36M to implement feral animal control programs
- \$0.36M to provide bushfire mitigation and control operations in the region
- \$0.36M for regional public library services at Katherine, Pine Creek, Lajamanu and Mataranka, and Yugul Mangi and Nyirranggulung community councils
- \$0.26M to monitor the environmental impact from operational and closed mine sites in the region (excluding the Mt Todd mine site)
- \$0.17M for problem vertebrate animal management
- \$0.15M to prepare various park management plans
- \$0.13M contribution towards a collaborative research project between Parks and Wildlife, Queensland Department of Primary Industries, the University of California and the USA Centre for Conservation Medicine to gain an understanding of the relationship between distributional shifts and movement of flying foxes, using satellite telemetry
- \$0.31M to implement a policy to control native vegetation clearing in Top End Rural and Katherine regions
- \$0.1M for crocodile management
- \$65 000 to upgrade Wattle and Thomson drains in Timber Creek

- \$60 000 for community-based arts activities and services
- \$35 000 to showcase Territory arts at regional festivals
- \$30 000 for fire management and early burning projects in Gregory and Keep River national parks
- \$25 000 to conduct bat control programs in the Katherine region
- \$15 000 for the annual Devils Claw Festival, involving traditional owner and volunteer assistance to survey and control potentially invasive weeds

