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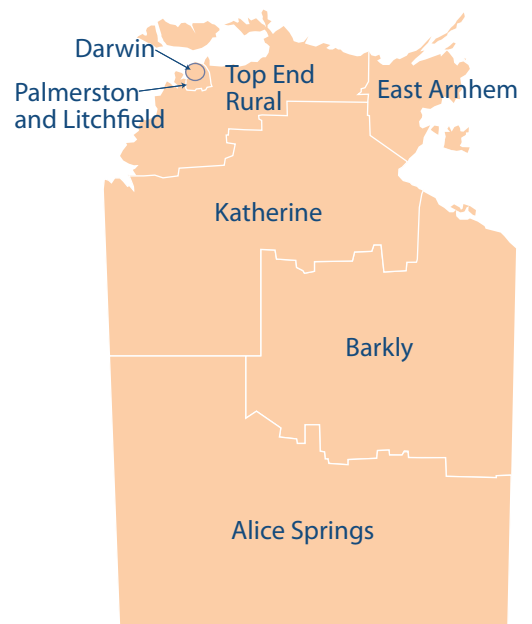
Regional Highlights

Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and significant programs in the 2006-07 Budget for the seven Territory regions.

The paper details initiatives in service delivery, tailored specifically for each region in the areas of business, jobs and training, safer communities, schooling and health, community development, lifestyle and environment. It also includes Territory-wide initiatives, which apply across all the regions.

Important infrastructure projects are identified for each region as well as on a Territory-wide basis.

Regional Highlights complements the extensive information in the other Budget Papers by presenting budget details of significance and particular relevance to the communities in each of the Territory's regions.



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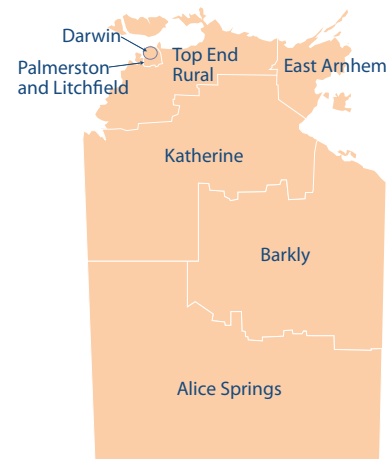
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Territory-wide

There are some initiatives that cannot be accurately apportioned between regions, however they are important and relevant across the Territory. Details of these initiatives are provided here, in addition to the information specific to each region in later sections.



Supporting Business

- \$16.5M for the Share our Story tourism marketing campaign
- \$3.07M to facilitate major economic development projects in the Territory
- \$2.7M for Building the Territory's Resource Base to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment
- \$1.8M for compliance audits and inspections for operating mines
- \$1.57M for international business and Asian relations activities
- \$1.32M for entomology and plant pathology services to support primary industries
- \$1.3M for investment attraction and marketing for the Territory
- \$1.15M for peak industry bodies to support development of targeted industry sectors in the Territory
- \$1M to promote the Territory's business tourism assets and capabilities, particularly in Central Australia and the Top End
- \$0.84M to assess operations and management systems for proposed mining and petroleum activities and related regulatory monitoring
- \$0.83M to support management training for primary producers and land managers through FarmBis
- \$0.8M for regional development through Indigenous tourism
- \$0.64M to support increased cattle numbers on Indigenous land, and increase Indigenous participation in the pastoral industry
- \$0.55M to promote mining and exploration and investment in Territory mining
- \$0.59M for the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy including Indigenous Economic Development Officers in five regional centres, collaboration with the Australian Government on Indigenous employment and economic development, and a strategic focus on land access issues
- \$0.47M for pastoralist programs to assess the carrying capacity of various land types for pastoral use
- \$0.47M for Territory Business Centres in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs
- \$0.38M for the Trade Support Scheme to assist firms, including Indigenous and regional exporters, to expand existing markets and open up new Territory international trade
- \$0.32M to implement the Territory's livestock identification system to help identify and trace livestock
- \$0.3M for primary producers to enhance water resource management on pastoral properties
- \$0.3M to assist in establishing Indigenous enterprises
- \$0.25M to address native title and Indigenous exploration and mining titles, and manage title grants
- \$0.25M for plant industry information for commercial producers and the community
- \$0.23M for Business Growth, to assist small and medium businesses with performance, profitability, employment and market penetration
- \$0.22M for the Territory's show circuit
- \$0.2M to support industry development projects involving growth, capability, new technology, employment and regional benefits
- \$0.15M towards a biosecurity system, to coordinate preparedness and responses to incursions of plant and animal pests and diseases
- \$0.14M to raise tourism industry professionalism, product and service standards in collaboration with key industry partners
- \$0.13M to improve the quality of Territory mangoes, through supply chain research and development
- \$0.13M to promote and develop the Territory's capacity to support the mining and energy industries throughout northern Australia and eastern Indonesia
- \$60 000 for the Industry Performance Analyser for Tourism (IPAT), an online system for monitoring tourism business activity information
- \$60 000 for continued surveillance programs, including Exotic Fruit Fly and First Port of Call surveillance
- \$35 000 for the Indigenous Mining and Enterprise Task Force (IMETF) to improve Indigenous employment and training and economic returns from exploration and mining
- \$30 000 to promote the Territory's Biodiscovery Framework to attract commercial activity in industrial and agricultural biotechnology

- \$25 000 for a liaison officer to assist businesses with issues arising from Government procurement processes

Jobs and Training

- \$15.71M to support and train trainees and apprentices
- \$6.42M for occupational health and safety training for industry, employers and employees
- \$3.71M for Jobs Plan 1 and 2 to enhance training, skills and support for apprentices and trainees and for employee incentives
- \$1M to support remotely based public sector employees with professional development
- \$0.61M for 40 higher education scholarships
- \$0.6M for the Business and Skilled Migration Strategy, including certification services for employer-sponsored nominations and sponsorship applications

Safer Communities

- \$3.18M to the Legal Aid Commission to provide legal assistance in matters arising under Territory law
- \$1.76M for Juvenile Diversion Scheme grants for Community Youth Development Units and the non-government sector to case manage and work with youth at risk
- \$0.73M for the Fines Recovery Unit to collect fines and penalties
- \$0.67M for the Coroner's Office to provide coronial and related services

- \$0.76M for equipment and training to develop urban counter terrorism search and rescue capability
- \$0.65M for the Lands and Mining and Mental Health tribunals
- \$0.5M for road safety equipment
- \$0.44M to provide vehicles to Aboriginal Community Police Officers in remote communities
- \$0.4M to community organisations for crime prevention projects
- \$0.35M for Regional and Indigenous Crime Prevention Councils to implement community safety plans
- \$0.35M for volunteer bushfire brigades
- \$0.3M for the specialist drug court program CREDIT (NT)
- \$0.28M for the Community Justice Centre to provide dispute resolution services to the community
- \$0.2M to Victims of Crime NT to help victims of crime, including the Clean Up Assistance scheme
- \$0.12M for a Crime Victims Services Unit to administer the Crime Victims Assistance scheme
- \$0.2M for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program to address the needs of homeless children and respond to family violence in remote communities
- \$0.18M to advise the Court on volatile substance abuse
- \$0.14M for the Elders Strategy under the Community Harmony Strategy

- \$0.2M for the Alcohol Court
- \$0.16M to continue the Under 5 Water Safety Voucher scheme
- \$0.11M in Neighbourhood Watch grants
- \$45 000 to monitor family violence in remote communities

Better Schooling

- \$12.45M for Building Better Schools to improve access, outcomes and engagement of secondary students
- \$2.59M for the Accelerated Literacy Program to improve English literacy outcomes for students
- \$1.67M for English as a Second Language in remote schools
- \$1.45M for community education organisations including the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Life Education Unit and School Sport NT
- \$0.67M for literacy and numeracy testing for year 3, 5 and 7 students

Better Health

- \$19.2M for services for people with disabilities under the Commonwealth/State/Territory Disability Service Agreement
- \$3.94M for health research, including Menzies School of Health Research and the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health
- \$2.2M for specialist child health staff and community-based child health workers across the Territory

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$10M for middle years schooling – new facilities
- \$6.14M to upgrade the Stuart, Victoria and Barkly Highways
- \$6.1M to upgrade roads under Local Roads to Recovery
- \$7M for new and upgraded Government employee housing
- \$2M for public housing upgrades
- \$0.84M for repairs and maintenance of sports infrastructure
- \$0.8M to strengthen and widen rural arterial roads
- \$0.7M for Blackspot road safety upgrades
- \$0.5M for recreational fishing landing and launching facilities
- \$0.36M to upgrade and expand renal facilities in remote communities
- \$0.3M to upgrade emergency pilot activated lighting systems at ten aerodromes
- \$0.3M to provide road access and services to Aboriginal community living areas
- \$0.26M Chinaman Creek, Coomalie Creek, Salt Creek bridges
- \$0.15M for various energy saving projects

- \$1.7M extra to care for and support increased numbers of children and young people in care of the Minister
- \$1.05M for concessions to recipients of the Australian Carers' Allowance
- \$0.56M for treatment places to support the Alcohol Court
- \$0.5M to enhance playground equipment in children's services
- \$0.5M for community-based residential care for people with mental illness
- \$0.5M to enhance services in the Home and Community Care Program
- \$0.45M to return people to their communities after hospitalisation
- \$0.3M to operate NT Health Direct, the Territory health call centre
- \$0.3M to upgrade equipment in school-based dental clinics
- \$0.23M for the Child Ear Health Program to provide universal hearing tests for newborn Territory babies
- \$0.12M for maternity outreach services to remote communities

Community Development

- \$50.44M to subsidise water and sewerage for all customers and power for domestic and small to medium sized business customers
- \$49.2M to provide power, water and sewerage to 34 300 people in remote Indigenous communities
- \$13.4M rental rebates for low income families to access public housing
- \$3.07M for Aboriginal sacred site protection services
- \$2.1M for services pursuant to the *Ombudsman Act* and the *Health and Community Services Complaints Act*
- \$0.7M for community organisations to accommodate those with special needs, the homeless or those in crisis
- \$0.5M for the Regional Economic Development Fund, to support business and industry development

in the regions, aligned with Regional Economic Committees

- \$0.4M for crisis accommodation and medium-term housing grants
- \$0.27M for the Research and Innovation Board to build the Territory's research capacity
- \$0.19M for Research and Innovation Fund postgraduate scholarships and research grants
- \$80 000 for Community Cabinets

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$7.3M for renewable energy rebates for Indigenous communities, pastoral and rural properties and roadhouses
- \$5.8M for sport and recreation grants to peak and grass roots organisations
- \$4.9M in arts and screen sector grants for showcase opportunities
- \$2.7M in Community Benefit Fund small grants, gambling research and amelioration
- \$2.39M to support major events, including V8 Supercars, Bass In The Dust and Bass In The Grass
- \$1.09M for the Multicultural Sponsorship Program to promote diversity and improve facilities
- \$0.97M for the water analytical testing laboratory to monitor the quality of Territory water supplies

- \$0.77M for women's, youth, seniors' and Australia Day Council grants
- \$0.6M for threatened species recovery and reassessment of the status of threatened Territory wildlife
- \$0.6M for feral and vertebrate pest research and control on camels, horses and donkeys
- \$0.5M for renewable energy industry support for new technologies and to develop skills
- \$0.37M to guard against exotic pests imported to Territory waters
- \$0.3M to connect solar dishes to community power systems
- \$0.28M to regulate veterinary and agricultural chemicals and continue to develop a new Plant Health Bill
- \$0.28M for recreational fishing management such as Riverwatch and Recreational Fishing Access
- \$0.2M for regional museums grants
- \$0.16M to combat cane toads including public awareness
- \$70 000 for women's forums for women to raise issues with the Chief Minister and other Ministers
- \$60 000 for terrestrial and marine biodiversity inventory monitoring and conservation planning

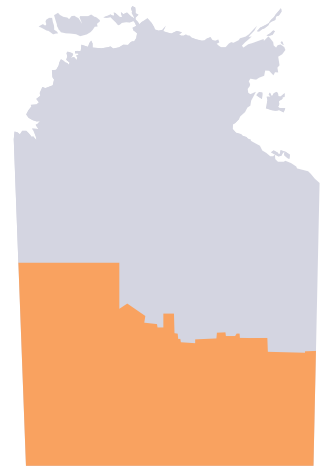


Alice Springs

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

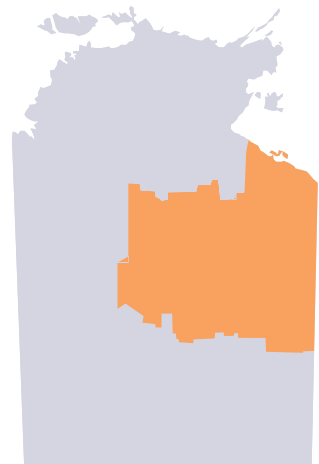
- \$3.49M for programs, facilities and collections at the Araluen Centre
- \$1.5M for visitor programs in parks including Territory Parks Alive free walks and talks from May to October
- \$1.15M to implement joint park management agreements with traditional owners
- \$0.85M to provide monitoring and 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



Barkly

The Barkly region extends from Barrow Creek to Elliott, east across the Barkly Tablelands to Queensland, and north-east to include the town of Borroloola. More than 50 per cent of the region's population of 6700 is Indigenous. There is a high proportion of young people in the region, with around 46 per cent aged 24 years and under and only 4 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Pastoral, tourism and mining-related activities are major contributors to the regional economy, with the Barkly Tablelands being a significant pastoral area. Commencement of Bootu Creek mineral exports will add significantly to output and the utilisation of rail transport in the region.



Supporting Business

- \$0.6M across regions for business and skilled migration services, including awareness-raising sessions for employers on migration options for potential employees
- \$0.33M for Barkly marketing and visitor information services
- \$0.13M across regions to promote and develop the Territory's capacity to support the mining and energy industries, including recruitment of local personnel to join the Bootu Creek mine workforce, and to maximise opportunities for the supply of local goods and services

- \$50 000 to establish and equip an internet cafe at Ali Curung
- \$0.12M for animal health services, including inspection, treatment and certification, and animal disease surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$46 000 for UpSkills Workshops for small business and October Business Month, including practical workshops, seminars and events aimed at improving the skills and capacity of Northern Territory businesses

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

Jobs and Training

- \$2.13M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.94M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth and the Regional Training Centre
- \$0.15M to train and employ traditional owners for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements
- \$0.14M towards a collaborative program to encourage and support young Indigenous people to work in the pastoral industry

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$8.1M for repairs and maintenance of roads in the region
- \$2M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- \$1.35M for Canteen Creek to replace the power station
- \$1.3M for Tennant Creek to redevelop the Blain Street housing complex
- \$1.25M for the Alpururulam aerodrome
- \$0.75M for Tennant Creek Hospital – main block fire safety upgrade
- \$0.54M to upgrade fuel storage at Robinson River power station
- \$0.3M for Tennant Creek High School to upgrade the gymnasium airconditioning
- \$0.18M to lift the pavement and install two culverts along Wollongorang Road
- \$0.15M to extend culverts at various locations along the Carpentaria Highway
- \$0.15M for a passing lane on the Tablelands Highway between Ch96 and Ch99
- \$0.13M to realign the road at King Ash Bay Fishing Club in Borroloola
- \$13 000 to upgrade the camp ground at Policeman's Waterhole
- \$10 000 to upgrade the existing visitor facilities at Devil's Marbles

Safer Communities

- \$6.66M for police, fire and emergency services, including five police stations, one fire station and six volunteer groups, and \$0.38M for repairs, maintenance and minor new works
- \$0.33M for Tennant Creek community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community

- \$80 000 for the Community Harmony Strategy to provide intervention and prevention strategies that lead to pathways out of an itinerant lifestyle
- \$0.13M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Elliott, Ali Curung and Borroloola. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Tennant Creek

Better Schooling

- \$7.83M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 15 remote schools
- \$6.37M for secondary education at Tennant Creek High School
- \$4.78M for primary and early childhood education at Tennant Creek Primary School
- \$4.49M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$0.78M for student and school support services including curricula and special needs support
- \$0.62M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.62M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.19M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.19M to employ Aboriginal Islander Education Workers
- \$57 000 in Back to School payments to assist students with the cost of essential school items
- \$37 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program, including resources and assistance to remote schools

Better Health

- \$9.7M for acute care services including road and aero-retrieval transport and patient travel



- \$6.2M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$1M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatments
- \$0.3M to investigate and design potential alternative water disinfection systems, following rejection of chlorination by the Tennant Creek community
- \$0.2M to establish a new family support service in Tennant Creek
- \$60 000 to expand the Life Promotions Program, including suicide prevention activities and support to families and communities when a suicide occurs

Community Development

- \$1.6M to Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
- \$0.8M for HomeNorth Schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home

Lifestyle and Environment

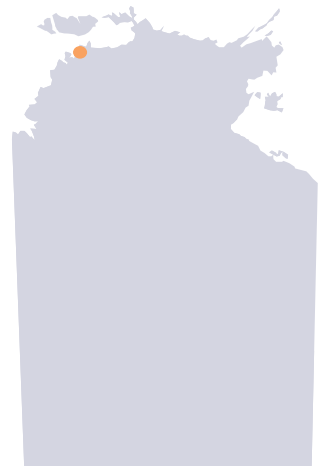
- \$0.29M for integrated fire and weed advisory services to land-holders
- \$0.2M for visitor programs in parks
- \$0.2M for environmental monitoring of both operational and legacy mines in the region

- \$0.2M to implement a Joint Management Agreement with traditional owners for parks and reserves
- \$0.17M for regional public library services at Tennant Creek, Borroloola and Elliott
- \$0.15M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$0.29M for weed management and feral animal control in parks
- \$60 000 for key regional arts organisations to implement a program of community-based arts activities and services
- \$60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program, which provides financial and training support to Indigenous communities, monitoring of illegal activity, sacred site protection, feral animal and noxious plant control and community education
- \$40 000 to prepare revised plans of management for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management agreements
- \$27 000 for park visitor resources and services, including tour guides, fact sheets and interpretive materials
- \$25 000 to showcase Territory arts at regional festivals

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

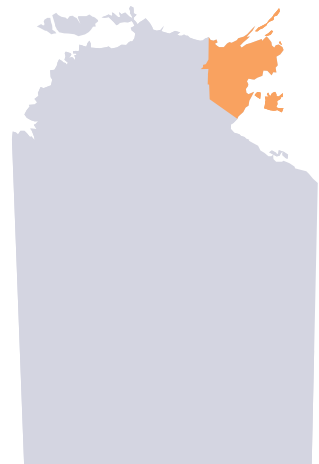


East Arnhem

The East Arnhem region covers East Arnhem Land and adjacent coastal islands including Groote Eylandt and Echo Island. Mining is the dominant industry and source of employment, and the mining towns of Nhulunbuy and Alyangula are the region's major centres. The Gove Peninsula is the site of the Alcan bauxite/alumina refinery, which is currently undergoing a major expansion, while high grade manganese is produced on Groote Eylandt.

Other industries include buffalo farming, aquaculture, forestry and fishing. Local Indigenous culture attracts many tourists to the region. Construction in the region has been increasing due to a major upgrade of housing for the Alcan G3 refinery expansion.

Almost 60 per cent of the region's widely dispersed and comparatively young population of 1400 people are Indigenous. Around 47 per cent of the population are aged under 24, with only 2 per cent aged 65 years and over.



Supporting Business

- \$35 000 in technological expertise and crablets to support mudcrab aquaculture at Maningrida, as a model for other low-tech based aquaculture ventures, which potentially will provide employment and training opportunities for local Indigenous people
- \$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

Jobs and Training

- \$4.4M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.9M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth and the Regional Training Centre

Safer Communities

- \$5.76M to provide police, fire and emergency services including two

- police stations, two police posts, one fire station and three volunteer groups, and \$0.24M in repairs, maintenance and minor new works
- \$0.56M for Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy community corrections to provide monitoring and supervision of adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.24M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Alyangula, Nhulunbuy and Galiwinku. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Nhulunbuy

Better Schooling

- \$22.66M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 11 remote schools in the region
- \$8.15M for primary and early childhood education at Nhulunbuy Primary School
- \$7.36M for secondary education for students at Nhulunbuy High School
- \$2.78M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$2.51M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing



- \$1.55M to provide students and school support services, including curricula for schools and special needs support
- \$1.36M in assistance to non-government schools in the region
- \$1.24M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.37M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.13M in Back to School payments to assist students with the cost of essential school items
- \$95 000 for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools

Better Health

- \$17.8M for acute care services in the region, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Travel Scheme
- \$13.8M for non-acute health and community services in the region



- \$0.58M for the Nhulunbuy Special Care Centre
- \$0.1M to increase visiting specialist mental health services for the region
- \$38 000 to implement a new Home and Community Care service in Milingimbi

Community Development

- \$2.6M in grant funding to Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing

- \$0.18M for a development coordinator to assist in governance capacity development and facilitate regional local government
- \$35 000 to determine practices and procedures for the use of Aboriginal interpreters in north-east Arnhem Land

Lifestyle and Environment

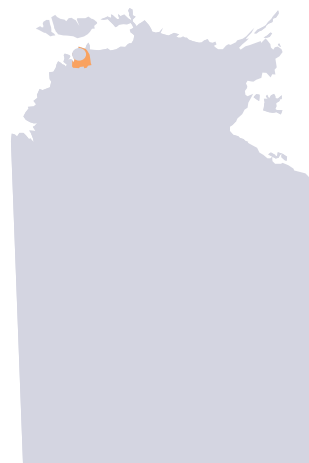
- \$0.5M for regional public and joint use library services at Nhulunbuy, Galiwinku, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Alyangula, Umbakumba and Angurugu
- \$0.23M for environmental monitoring of operational and closed mine sites in the region, including the Alcan G3 refinery expansion at Gove
- \$0.2M for a minerals and energy compliance audit and inspection program to the Alcan Gove site during the G3 expansion
- \$0.18M for the Marine Ranger Program, which provides financial and training support to Indigenous communities for monitoring illegal activity, sacred site protection, feral animal, noxious plant control and community education

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$8.7M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- \$1.67M for repairs and maintenance of roads in the region (work on flood-damaged roads will be in addition to this)
- \$1.38M to upgrade the Central Arnhem Road from Beswick to Gove
- \$0.65M for the Mapurru Homeland Centre
- \$0.61M to upgrade the sewer in Milingimbi
- \$0.54M for Galiwinku – fuel bunding at power station
- \$0.5M to upgrade the health clinic at Yirrkala
- \$0.35M for the Donyddji Homeland Centre – new classrooms, toilet and visiting teacher accommodation
- \$0.25M to form and gravel sections along Ramingining Link Road Ch1 to Ch98
- \$0.18M for upgrades to Galiwinku, Umbakumba and Ramingining remote health centres
- \$0.13M to construct a floodway on the Ramingining Link Road at Yarunga Creek

Palmerston and Litchfield

Palmerston and Litchfield is the fastest growing Northern Territory region, with population growth averaging 2 per cent per annum over the four years to 2005. The region has a relatively young population with about 40 per cent aged 24 years and under, and less than 4 per cent aged 65 and over. More than 90 per cent of the region's population of 40 100 is non-Indigenous. With an area of 3000 square kilometres, the region encompasses the city of Palmerston and the Litchfield Shire, including East Arm and the Channel Island power station.



The operation of the railway and completion of stage 2 of Darwin Port is creating a regional transport and logistics hub. Palmerston is the proposed site for a Defence Support Hub and Industrial Park near Roberston Barracks, to attract and encourage defence-related support businesses to operate in the Territory. Primary industry in the region includes mangoes and other horticulture and aquaculture, as well as cattle and crocodiles.

Supporting Business

- \$1.7M for animal health testing services to livestock industries at Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories
- \$0.66M across regions to help grow and promote the Territory's defence support industry capability and attract new defence-related business opportunities to the Territory
- \$0.61M to manage the Coastal Plains and Beatrice Hill research farms as bases for delivery of primary industry programs and to develop and test best practice production systems
- \$0.44M 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

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
- \$1.12M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs

- \$0.12M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$0.11M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth

Safer Communities

- \$24.2M to provide safe and secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- \$11.02M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including one police station, one fire station, one combined police and fire station and six volunteer groups, and \$0.37M for repairs, maintenance and minor new works
- \$3.3M to provide safe and secure juvenile detention services at the Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including rehabilitation and care of young offenders
- \$0.72M for community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.3M for safety and security on Darwin's public bus network



Infrastructure Highlights

- \$9.32M carried over for a new secondary education facility in Palmerston
- \$2.18M for repairs and maintenance of roads in the region
- \$1.63M for the bulk loading facility at Darwin Port
- \$1M for Darwin Business Park – continue stage 2 sewerage headworks
- \$1M for Darwin Port – container crane – upgrade drive systems
- \$0.95M to continue duplication of Berrimah Road to Cochrane Street
- \$0.8M for Humpty Doo Primary School – new classrooms for high support special needs students
- \$0.27M to remove inbound traffic lights at the Stuart Highway-Tulagi Road intersection
- \$0.2M for new and replacement bus shelters
- \$0.2M for lighting at the Wishart Road-Tivendale Road intersection
- \$0.18M to upgrade Tulagi Road
- \$0.16M to provide access to 15 Mile camp
- \$0.15M to upgrade the school bus interchange at the Cox Peninsula Road-Stuart Highway intersection
- \$0.15M to landscape the Stuart Highway at Coolalinga
- \$90 000 for car park lighting at the Territory Wildlife Park

Better Schooling

- \$43.75M for primary and early childhood education in 11 urban schools
- \$18.86M assistance to non-government schools in the region
- \$18.56M for secondary education for students at Palmerston High School, Taminmin High School and the Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre
- \$2.58M to provide students and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
- \$2.06M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.47M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$0.62M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.58M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and teacher housing
- \$0.54M for early childhood and primary education at Middle Point School
- \$0.44M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- \$0.35M in Back to School payments to assist students with the cost of essential school items
- \$65 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program, including providing resources and assistance to schools and communities

Better Health

- \$2.6M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.9M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and to provide community-based treatments

Community Development

- \$33.6M under HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$0.15M across the Darwin and Palmerston and Litchfield regions

to Indigenous organisations for tenancy support to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing

- \$5000 for births, death and marriages registration services at the Palmerston Community Care premises

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.74M for public library services at Palmerston, Coomalie and Litchfield
- \$0.62M for weed management programs in parks
- \$0.61M for visitor programs in parks
- \$0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$0.15M to implement feral animal control programs
- \$0.13M for planning functions, including plans of management and other strategic planning for parks and reserves in the region
- \$60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program to provide financial and training support to Indigenous communities, including monitoring illegal activity, sacred site protection, feral animal and noxious plant control and community education
- \$30 000 for cane toad protection for the birds of prey holding area at the Territory Wildlife Park
- \$30 000 for interpretive materials at the Territory Wildlife Park

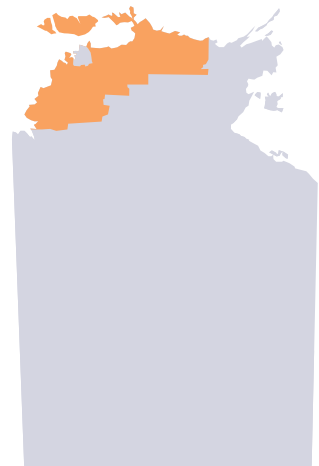


Top End Rural

The Top End Rural region covers a land mass of 140 000 square kilometres (about 10 per cent of the Territory's area) and has many small communities. The two largest communities are Wadeye and Jabiru. Around 65 per cent of the region's population of about 14 500 people are Indigenous. It has a relatively young population, with about 47 per cent aged 24 years and under, and only 4 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Mining projects in the region include Toms Gully, Woodcutters, Ranger and the proposed Brown's Oxide mine at Batchelor. Cattle farming and agriculture are also significant industries, supported by the Douglas Daly Research Farm. A pipeline from Wadeye to Darwin is proposed to supply gas from the Blacktip gas field to meet the Territory's long-term gas requirements from 2009.

The Tiwi Islands, Litchfield National Park and Kakadu National Park attract many tourists to the region. The Daly and other rivers in the region also attract many recreational fishers and campers.



Supporting Business

- \$0.82M to provide and manage the Douglas Daly Research Farm as the base for delivery of primary industry programs and to develop and test best farming systems for the region
- \$0.16M for animal health services, including inspection, treatment and certification, and animal disease surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$0.18M to identify superior African mahogany clones suitable for commercial forestry

- \$0.14M to support buffalo industry development through genetics, Tenderbuff and crossbreeding research programs

Jobs and Training

- \$2.21M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.45M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth and the Regional Training Centre

- \$73 000 for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs

Safer Communities

- \$6.7M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the Top End Rural region including nine police stations, one fire station and ten volunteer groups, and \$0.38M for repairs, maintenance and minor new works
- \$0.14M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru. Registry

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$9.2M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- \$4.66M for repairs and maintenance of roads in the region (work on flood-damaged roads will be in addition to this)
- \$4.5M for the Litchfield Loop stage 1
- \$4.5M for Wadeye – new secondary education facility
- \$1.1M for Dundee Beach – jointly-funded project with the Power and Water Corporation to extend the electricity supply
- \$1.1M to seal the Point Stuart Road to standard from Ch17 to Ch25 under the Beef Roads Upgrades Program
- \$0.96M to complete the seal on the Cox Peninsula Road from the Stuart Highway to Belyuen
- \$0.73M for Nguiu to drill and equip new bores
- \$0.5M for Mary River Wetlands – new and upgraded weirs and saltwater intrusion control works for desalination
- \$0.5M for the Gunbalanya Community Education Centre – three new classrooms
- \$0.57M for Channel Point to continue park infrastructure development, fencing and upgrade of the access road
- \$0.2M to build passing and deceleration lanes and seal the intersection at Byers Road and Stuart Highway
- \$0.2M to seal shoulders along the Arnhem Highway from Ch105 to Ch115
- \$0.15M to install flag lighting along rural arterial roads
- \$0.1M to construct guardrails at Hardy's Creek on the Cox Peninsula Road

services are provided through the Magistrates Court in Darwin

- \$0.37M for Wadeye, Jabiru and Tiwi Islands community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community

Better Schooling

- \$23.35M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 18 remote schools
- \$7.1M assistance to non-government schools in the region
- \$2.33M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$1.42M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.95M to provide students and school support services, including curricula for schools and special needs support
- \$0.76M for Australian Government targeted programs, including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.23M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.13M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers
- \$0.12M in Back to School payments to assist students with the cost of essential school items
- \$65 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program, including providing resources and assistance to remote schools

Better Health

- \$26.4M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.4M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatments



- \$0.2M for new home and community care services
- \$0.12M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- \$0.1M to increase visiting specialist mental health services

Community Development

- \$3.3M in grant funding to Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
- \$1M for production and supply of barramundi fingerlings for grow-out cages at Port Heard on Bathurst Island, and for liaison with international seafood industry on creation of a trepang hatchery adjacent to the Channel Island aquaculture hatchery
- \$0.36M for two development coordinators at Thamarrurr and the Tiwi Islands to assist in governance capacity development and to support regional local government
- \$70 000 across regions to facilitate and support Regional Economic Committees, to drive job and business growth, and to facilitate a number of Regional Economic Development Forums

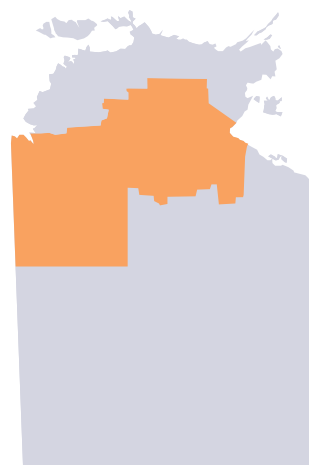
Lifestyle and Environment

- \$1.5M for a joint project with the Australian Greenhouse Office to harvest *Mimosa pigra* at Beatrice Hill to produce gas to drive power generators
- \$0.91M for bushfire mitigation and control operations in the Arafura, Vernon and Arnhem bushfire control regions
- \$0.58M for weed management, including expanding the Cabomba aquatic weed eradication program
- \$0.4M for weed management (mainly *Mimosa pigra*) throughout wetlands, parks and Aboriginal land around Murganella, including the Mary River Weed-a-thon volunteer program
- \$0.35M to monitor the environmental impact from operational and closed mine sites in the region, including at Nabarlek, Ranger Mine and Woodcutters
- \$0.23M for regional public library services at Jabiru, Wadeye, Peppimenarti and the Tiwi Islands
- \$0.31M to implement a policy to control native vegetation clearing in Top End Rural and Katherine regions

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

