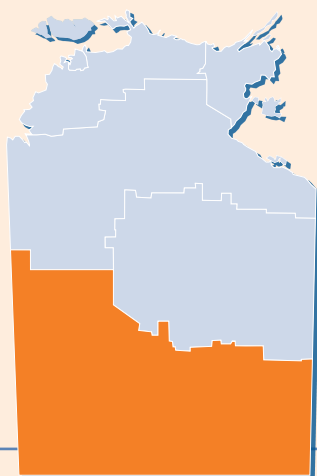


Alice Springs



The Alice Springs region, which occupies 40 per cent of the Territory's land area, is home to almost 20 per cent of the Territory's population. There were approximately 39 700 people living in the region in 2006, 35 per cent of whom were Indigenous. The region has a relatively young population, with 42 per cent aged 24 years or less and only 4 per cent aged over 65 years.

The region's main industries include mining, pastoralism, oil and gas, tourism, defence and Indigenous arts and culture. Pastoralism contributes about \$48 million annually to the regional economy, which is 20 per cent of the total Territory cattle production. More than 80 per cent of the Territory's gold and all its onshore oil and gas is also sourced from the region. Tanami Gold's Coyote gold mine, on the border with Western Australia, is currently under construction and may provide significant employment opportunities in the region.

Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon and the West MacDonnell Ranges are significant tourist destinations and the continued construction of the Red Centre Way and increased marketing of the Centre's natural attractions are likely to see increased levels of tourism-related economic opportunities in the region.

Supporting Business

- › \$3M for the Holiday Call Centre for tourism information, enquiries and bookings across the Territory
- › \$0.95M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment opportunities under Bringing Forward Discovery
- › \$0.65M for bushfire mitigation control that provides assistance to landholders to implement fire mitigation and prevention works including scientific and technical support for web-based fire hot spot and mapping services
- › \$0.64M to deliver visitor information services and intra-Territory marketing through local partnerships
- › \$0.56M to provide monitoring and advisory services to pastoralists through satellite monitoring to observe land and grazing conditions
- › \$0.52M to advise land-holders on weed management control, prevention, best practice and identification
- › \$0.36M for water allocation, including advice and monitoring services to land-holders and industry
- › \$0.5M to promote Central Australia as a business tourism destination
- › \$0.39M to provide and manage the Arid Zone Research Station, Old Man Plains Research Station (at Owen Springs) and Ti Tree Research Farm as operations bases for the delivery of primary industry services, and to develop and demonstrate industry best practice
- › \$0.32M for animal health services including inspection, treatment and certification services, and disease surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet standards for domestic and export outlets
- › \$0.22M to provide monitoring and advisory services to land-holders
- › \$0.16M to assist pastoralists to manage pastoral production activities in a highly variable arid zone climate
- › \$0.14M for aerial photography and mapping to assist industry activity relating to land and resources
- › \$0.13M for horticulture programs including interstate quarantine and grower accreditation and certification to ensure Territory produce meets domestic and export standards
- › \$0.1M to market tourism business opportunities and implement the



Hermannsburg Regional Tourism Development plan

- › \$72 000 for the Territory Business Centre to provide information on business services and products
- › \$59 000 to develop, coordinate and manage commercial operations on parks and reserves
- › \$50 000 for grazing strategy trials to develop industry best practice guidelines for Central Australia

Jobs and Training

- › \$11.45M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$0.96M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth
- › \$0.75M to train and employ traditional owners for parks and reserves
- › \$0.36M for tertiary programs at Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education
- › \$0.21M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- › \$0.19M for horticultural job-ready training for local Indigenous people in the Ti Tree region
- › \$60 000 for Revive and Refocus forums for remote Territory public sector workers

Safer Communities

- › \$35.7M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including ten police stations, one police post, two fire stations, two emergency service units and 12 volunteer groups, including \$0.65M to establish remote and highway traffic patrols
- › \$0.55M for Aranda House juvenile holding facility

- › \$22.76M for safe and secure custodial services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre, including offender rehabilitation
- › \$2.34M for courts to administer justice in Alice Springs, Ti Tree Papunya, Mutitjulu, Yuendumu, Hermannsburg and Docker River, with registry services through the Magistrates Court in Alice Springs
- › \$1.78M to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile community corrections clients
- › \$0.33M to expand the Alice Springs Sexual Assault Referral Centre
- › \$0.24M for land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration, and agent for the Public Trustee
- › \$0.17M for domestic violence advocacy and legal services
- › \$50 000 for park playground equipment and laneway lighting

- › \$30 000 to evaluate the Alice Springs alcohol management plan

Better Schooling

- › \$26.2M to assist non-government schools in the region
- › \$23.71M for primary and early childhood education in seven urban schools
- › \$20.72M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 28 remote schools
- › \$15.8M for secondary education at Alice Springs High School, Anzac Hill High School and Centralian Senior Secondary College
- › \$3.18M to provide student and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
- › \$1.61M for isolated student education through the Alice Springs School of the Air

Across the Territory

Some initiatives cannot be accurately apportioned between regions. A summary of these are provided here.

- › \$52.66M to subsidise tariffs for electricity, water and sewerage customers
- › \$33M improve access to affordable housing through rebates, grants and concessions
- › \$9.29M for business and industry development and support services
- › \$6.69M to support mining including Bringing Forward Discovery
- › \$3.56M assisting primary producers and land managers
- › \$24.69M for training, apprenticeships and employer incentives, including Jobs Plan 2 and 3
- › \$6.88M to implement new local government reform including \$4.95M for one-off establishment grants
- › \$0.61M for 40 higher education scholarships
- › \$7.62M for legal and court-related services
- › \$4.35M for road safety reforms and policing
- › \$12.4M for Building Better Schools

- › \$2.69M to improve English literacy outcomes for students
- › \$1.51M for community education organisations
- › \$0.75M for renal dialysis and kidney disease health management services
- › \$0.48M for the rotavirus vaccination program for infants in the Territory
- › \$1.86M to encourage Indigenous business development and industry participation
- › \$13.65M to support sporting and recreation organisations
- › \$11.06M for renewable energy, water and environment projects
- › \$5.33M for major and key regional sporting, cultural and arts events
- › \$5.25M for grants and sponsorship including the Community Benefit Fund

Infrastructure

- › \$33.7M for housing-related projects
- › \$16.26M for new and continuing works on highways, local roads and blackspots
- › \$6.7M for Indigenous Essential Services minor works
- › \$33M in minor works across agencies

Infrastructure Highlights

- › \$10.5M to continue Red Centre Way upgrade along Namatjira Drive
- › \$8.09M for the Desert People's Centre to construct blocks 2 and 7
- › \$6.05M to continue work at the Desert People's Centre for blocks 3 and 6 and the administration building
- › \$6M for Alice Springs Hospital Emergency Department
- › \$4.41M for Alice Springs Hospital to continue fire protection and remediation works
- › \$3M for Alice Springs Hospital to upgrade emergency power and electrical systems
- › \$2M to upgrade various sections of the Tanami Road
- › \$1.96M to continue Outback Way improvements

Power and Water Projects

- › \$8.9M to commence upgrade of Brewer Estate to Alice Springs transmission line
- › \$6.2M for a new power station at Brewer Estate
- › \$0.8M for new bores at Roe Creek borefield
- › \$0.6M for Titjikala to replace water storage tank
- › \$0.55M for switchboard upgrade at Ron Goodin power station
- › \$0.49M for Amoonguna for an additional sewerage pond
- › \$0.48M to refurbish Power and Water remote operations building at Sadadeen Valley
- › \$0.45M for Hermannsburg to replace borefield rising main

- › \$2.16M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- › \$1.29M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in music and language

- › \$1.87M for Alice Springs Hospital to upgrade and expand renal facilities
- › \$1.47M to complete Desert Knowledge Precinct headworks
- › \$1.4M to continue the Maryvale Road upgrade
- › \$1.3M to continue Mount Johns Valley subdivision headworks
- › \$1M to upgrade Ross Park Primary classroom facilities
- › \$1M to complete the Alice Springs Hospital kitchen upgrade
- › \$1M for urban roads landscaping in Alice Springs and Darwin
- › \$0.5M to continue upgrading the Sandover Highway
- › \$0.76M to complete visitor facilities at West MacDonnell National Park
- › \$0.43M to complete Flynn Drive Renal Unit facilities upgrade
- › \$0.4M for the Sexual Assault Referral Centre to complete fitout
- › \$0.25M to complete volatile substance abuse treatment facilities at Aranda House
- › \$1.25M for the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program to improve Indigenous education
- › \$0.67M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$0.65M to employ Aboriginal and Islander education workers
- › \$0.34M in Back to School payments to assist students with costs of essential school items
- › \$0.4M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme and teacher housing

Better Health

- › \$122.38M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$50.34M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- › \$2.8M for 12 new beds at Alice Springs Hospital

- › \$0.7M to provide increased renal services in Alice Springs Hospital
- › \$0.24M to expand Volatile Substance Abuse treatment services through Aranda House upgrade
- › \$0.13M to establish viable Home and Community Care services in Amoonguna, Urapuntja and Anmatjere including centre-based day care, meals, domestic assistance and social support
- › \$0.1M to provide mental health services to prison offenders
- › \$50 000 for four frail aged care places to help the transition from hospital back to the community

Community Development

- › \$8.3M for HomeNorth Schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- › \$4.8M for Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
- › \$0.93M in grant funding to Desert Knowledge Australia, to build networks and partnerships to create thriving desert knowledge economies and societies across Australia
- › \$0.36M for two development coordinator positions in Central Australia to assist in governance and other capacity development in regional local government and other local issues
- › \$0.17M for the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre to strengthen research between Government, industry, research and training institutions
- › \$0.15M to Indigenous organisations to provide tenancy support to assist Indigenous people obtain and maintain public housing
- › \$50 000 for a Tenancy Support Service for Alice Springs providing support for 'at risk' public housing tenancies in an effort to keep people housed

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$5.29M for the Alice Springs Desert Park
- › \$3.49M for programs, facilities and collections at the Araluen Centre
- › \$1.5M for visitor management programs in parks including Territory Parks Alive free walks and talks
- › \$0.8M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- › \$0.59M to implement joint management agreements with traditional owners for parks and reserves
- › \$0.58M for national fixtures in Alice Springs and Darwin including basketball, football and rugby league
- › \$0.58M for regional public library services at Alice Springs, Uluru, Anmatjere and Ltyentye Apurte
- › \$0.5M to implement feral animal control programs
- › \$0.5M for the Alice Springs Masters Games
- › \$0.25M for flood forecasting
- › \$0.18M to maintain herbarium plant collections and associated information services
- › \$0.16M to prepare for the nomination of West MacDonnell National Park for National Heritage and World Heritage listing
- › \$0.16M for the Alice Desert Festival
- › \$0.12M for signage, education displays and safety messages in parks and reserves
- › \$97 000 for environmental monitoring of operational mine sites
- › \$50 000 for efficient use of water as part of the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek water initiative
- › \$50 000 to develop parks joint management planning documents
- › \$20 000 for feral and vertebrate pest research and control on camels, horses and donkeys

Moving Alice Ahead

Eleven individual projects addressing key economic, social and community issues affecting Alice Springs are now under way. Moving Alice Ahead is about building a strong, safe and secure future for Alice Springs in partnership with local business, industry and the wider community. The projects are:

- › Lifestyle – developing strategies and infrastructure that make Alice Springs an even better place to live and work.
- › Red Centre Way – developing opportunities for economic growth and development along the Red Centre Way.
- › Standardising Town Camps – redeveloping town camps to become part of urban Alice Springs, improving living conditions and addressing visitor and resident accommodation needs.
- › Alice Springs International Charter Airport Status – improving the capacity at Alice Springs Airport to attract and retain more international air carriers.
- › Responsible Alcohol Management Framework – developing strategies to reduce the incidence of alcohol-related harm in Alice Springs.
- › Regional Service Centre – developing Alice Springs as the preferred centre for sourcing and supplying goods and services to industries in Central Australia.
- › Workforce Development – developing a framework that will see more local people employed in the private and public sector in Central Australia.
- › Desert Knowledge – developing and supporting strategies and projects that position Alice Springs as a centre for smart and sustainable desert living.
- › Growing the Indigenous Arts and Cultural Industry – initiating and supporting strategies that place Alice Springs at the forefront of developments in the Indigenous art and culture industry.
- › Tanami Road Upgrade – developing strategies and partnerships to ensure the continued development of the Tanami Road to meet current and future needs.
- › Residential and Industrial Land Availability – ensuring land is available to meet the future needs for residential, commercial and industrial development.

- › \$20 000 for the Beanie Festival
- › \$11 000 for cultural management programs that preserve areas of cultural significance such as Alice

- Springs Telegraph Station and John Flynn's grave
- › \$10 000 for the annual race meeting at Harts Range

