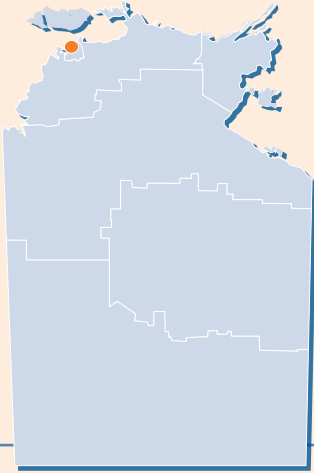


# Darwin



Darwin is the Northern Territory's capital city and also the main population and administrative centre. In 2006, about 71 300 people lived in Darwin, 9 per cent of whom were Indigenous. Although still having a relatively young population, with 37 per cent aged 24 years and under, Darwin also has the highest proportion of the population aged over 65 years of the Territory regions, at 5 per cent.

Major industries in Darwin include construction, defence and tourism. The Northern Territory public sector is a substantial source of employment for the people in the region. Darwin has experienced strong population growth and construction sector growth in recent years. Several tourism-related, residential and lifestyle developments are currently under way or in the planning stage. The Darwin Convention Centre, due for completion in mid 2008, and the Darwin Waterfront Development, are expected to increase the number of tourists visiting Darwin. Darwin is also an important defence base and is home to Larrakeyah Barracks, RAAF Base Darwin and Defence Establishment Berrimah.

## Supporting Business

- › \$1.94M for animal health testing services to livestock industries at Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories
- › \$1.8M for the management of the Darwin Waterfront Corporation, including the associated marketing of the Waterfront Precinct
- › \$0.64M to deliver visitor information services and intra-Territory marketing through local partnerships
- › \$0.54M for primary industry services, including research and demonstration programs
- › \$0.5M to promote the Top End as a business tourism destination to attract travellers from the convention, meeting, exhibition and incentive markets
- › \$0.19M to develop, coordinate and manage commercial operations on parks and reserves

## Jobs and Training

- › \$20.71M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$5.41M for tertiary programs at Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education

- › \$0.75M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth
- › \$0.6M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- › \$50 000 to train and employ traditional owners for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements

## Safer Communities

- › \$147M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including three police stations, two fire stations, one emergency service unit and one volunteer group, a police college and forensic laboratory
- › \$2.44M for land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration, and agent for the Public Trustee, including a wills service
- › \$1.81M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- › \$0.24M for domestic violence advocacy and legal services in Darwin
- › \$0.52M for park playground equipment and laneway lighting
- › \$0.14M to expand the Darwin Sexual Assault Referral Centre



## Better Schooling

- › \$64.36M for primary and early childhood education in 19 schools
- › \$53.9M for secondary education for students in seven high schools
- › \$34.47M to assist non-government schools in Darwin
- › \$14.12M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in music and language
- › \$6.78M to provide student and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
- › \$4.6M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- › \$3.45M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$2.82M for the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program to improve Indigenous education
- › \$1.42M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$1.11M to employ Aboriginal and Islander education workers

- › \$0.69M in Back to School payments to assist students with the costs of essential school items

## Better Health

- › \$314.84M for acute care services at Royal Darwin Hospital, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$220.27M for non-acute health and community services in Darwin
- › \$4.74M for an additional 15 beds for the Rapid Admission and Planning Unit at Royal Darwin Hospital
- › \$2.8M for 12 new beds at Royal Darwin Hospital
- › \$0.2M to prevent homelessness by actively supporting youth at risk, with the aim of reconnecting them with their families and communities
- › \$0.1M for psychological assessment and intervention for children in the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program
- › \$0.1M to provide mental health services to prison offenders
- › \$0.1M to evaluate the Drink Driver Education Course
- › \$50 000 for four frail aged care places to help the transition from hospital back to the community

## Infrastructure Highlights

- › \$12.05M continuing with Darwin Waterfront Development Stage 4, \$5M for Stage 5
- › \$12.35M to complete the new Darwin Middle School
- › \$6M for Myilly Point redevelopment including Flagstaff Park upgrade
- › \$4.8M for Marrara outdoor netball centre
- › \$4.8M for the new Casuarina Police Station
- › \$4M capital grant to upgrade Banyan House
- › \$3.75M for Parliament House to upgrade communications and security
- › \$3.5M to continue with Classified Goods Facility headworks
- › \$3.1M to complete Development House fitout
- › \$3M for landscaping and irrigation maintenance across the Top End
- › \$2.5M for Darwin Middle School road works
- › \$2.21M to complete Royal Darwin Hospital National Trauma Centre works
- › \$1.98M to complete Rapid Admission and Planning Unit, Royal Darwin Hospital
- › \$1.92M to continue redevelopment of public housing at Kurringal
- › \$1.91M for repairs and maintenance of urban and rural roads across the Top End
- › \$1.5M to replace the autoclave system at Royal Darwin Hospital
- › \$1.5M to upgrade Nightcliff High School, Casuarina Senior College and Taminmin High School cyclone shelter facilities
- › \$1.07M to continue Fishermans Wharf remedial works
- › \$1M for urban roads landscaping in Alice Springs and Darwin
- › \$1M to upgrade the assembly area at Millner Primary School
- › \$1M to upgrade Wanguri Primary School facilities
- › \$1M to dredge near Fort Hill Wharf
- › \$0.95M to complete upgrading lifts at Royal Darwin Hospital
- › \$0.85M for upgrades at Hidden Valley Raceway
- › \$0.75M to improve surfaces on major urban arterial roads
- › \$0.75M for an alternative deep water harbour entry channel
- › \$0.7M for the Darwin Port Security Plan
- › \$0.35M to construct a skate park and amenities in Nightcliff
- › \$0.33M to complete service to five new blocks at Batten Road
- › \$0.2M to replace incandescent traffic signal lamps with LED lamps
- › \$60 000 for Arafura Park – new shade structure

## Power and Water Projects

- › \$8.4M to underground overhead powerlines in Darwin suburbs
- › \$2.1M for the ongoing sewer relining program
- › \$1.5M to upgrade West Bennett switch station to improve reliability in the city area
- › \$0.66M to improve the reliability of the transmission line from Darwin to Katherine
- › \$0.56M to replace Berrimah to Casuarina underground power cable
- › \$0.44M to commence diverting sewage outflow from the Larrakeyah outfall to the Ludmilla plant
- › \$0.32M to upgrade street lighting to eliminate potential electric shock from metal streetlight columns

### Creating Darwin's Future – A Tropical Harbour City

Creating Darwin's Future brings together proposals and new ideas on how Darwin could develop in the future. Key proposals and initiatives put forward include:

- › \$6M for Myilly Point redevelopment including Flagstaff Park
- › \$1M for urban roads landscaping
- › \$0.25M to engage stakeholders and scope a Darwin Experience, including WWII museum
- › \$0.25M to develop a masterplan for the Civic Heritage Precinct, including a pedestrian link from the Waterfront to the Mall

Other initiatives may be proposed as Government consults with councils, business and the community in the coming months.

### Community Development

- › \$10.5M for HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- › \$0.6M for Indigenous community housing organisations to manage community housing
- › \$0.36M to develop mud crab aquaculture at Kulaluk



### 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
- › \$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
- › \$6.88M to implement new local government reform including \$4.95M for one-off establishment grants
- › \$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 works on highways, local roads and blackspots
- › \$6.7M for Indigenous Essential Services minor works
- › \$33M in minor works across agencies

- › \$0.25M for new Darwin bus schedule
- › \$0.15M in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield regions to provide tenancy support to Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing

### Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$1.22M for public library services
- › \$0.9M for herbarium plant collections and associated information services
- › \$0.88M to manage and operate Leanyer Recreation Park
- › \$0.68M to survey and develop a protected marine area strategy
- › \$0.58M for national fixtures in Alice Springs and Darwin including basketball, football and rugby league
- › \$0.47M for the Darwin Festival
- › \$0.2M for Nightcliff foreshore exercise station and history marker
- › \$0.2M towards filming the Bazmark film 'Australia' at Stokes Hill Wharf

- › \$0.17M for signage and displays in parks and reserves
- › \$0.16M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- › \$0.15M to upgrade landscaping at Karama Shopping Centre
- › \$0.15M to upgrade landscaping at Wulagi Shopping Centre
- › \$0.13M for strategic planning and management of parks and reserves
- › \$78 000 towards a pre-season A-League football match at the new Darwin Football Stadium
- › \$50 000 for biodiversity monitoring on parks and reserves
- › \$25 000 for the Darwin International Guitar Festival
- › \$15 000 towards an international women's cricket series competition
- › \$10 000 for the Seabreeze Festival