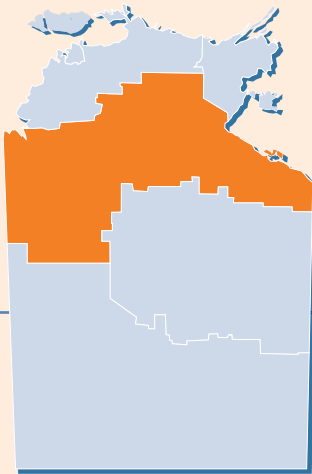


Katherine



The Katherine region extends from the Ord Bonaparte area in the west to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east. Industries in the region include tourism, mining, pastoralism, farming and horticulture. Nitmiluk Gorge, Leliyn (Edith Falls), Mataranka and the Douglas Daly area attract tourists to experience the pristine natural environment in the region. Modern road and rail infrastructure, and strategic location, position Katherine to develop as a regional freight hub servicing industries in both the Territory and Kimberley region. RAAF Base Tindal is also located in the region.

In 2006 the region had a population of about 17 900 people, 47 per cent of whom were Indigenous. About 46 per cent of the population is aged 24 years and under, and about 4 per cent are 65 years and over.

Supporting Business

- › \$0.98M for Katherine and Victoria River research stations, as bases for primary industry programs, developing and testing production systems
- › \$0.75M for animal health services including inspection, treatment and certification services and disease surveillance and preparedness programs to ensure Territory livestock meet domestic and export standards
- › \$0.49M to deliver visitor information services and intra-Territory marketing through local partnerships
- › \$0.48M for advisory services to pastoralists through satellite monitoring to observe land and grazing conditions
- › \$0.47M to advise landholders on weed management
- › \$0.45M for bushfire mitigation control, assisting landholders to implement fire mitigation and prevention works including scientific and technical support for web-based fire hot spot and mapping services
- › \$0.38M for integrated land and vegetation advice to landholders
- › \$0.17M to support the Territory mango industry with a series of workshops to improve the uptake of mango production technology
 - › \$0.17M for research on sustainable commercial use of native pasture
 - › \$0.13M for a range of programs including interstate quarantine and grower accreditation and certification to ensure Territory horticultural produce meets domestic and export standards
- › \$0.11M to develop, coordinate and manage commercial operations on parks
- › \$0.1M to grow the live cattle export market in South East Asia, including exploring new options in Eastern Malaysia and Vietnam
- › \$0.1M for an employment liaison officer to mentor employers of Indigenous Territorians in the cattle industry
- › \$90 000 to monitor the environmental impact from operational and closed mine sites in the region (excluding Mt Todd)
- › \$89 000 for aerial photography and mapping to assist industry activity relating to land and resources
- › \$75 000 to investigate farming systems for horticultural and crop products
- › \$72 000 for the Territory Business Centre, which provides information on business services and products
- › \$50 000 to develop tourism plans for Mataranka, Larrimah and Daly River
- › \$47 000 to improve transport and logistics for the mango industry using a fruit crop forecasting system

Jobs and Training

- › \$6.66M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$40 000 to employ an Indigenous park ranger at Borroloola

- › \$0.97M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth
- › \$0.3M to train and employ traditional owners for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements

Safer Communities

- › \$16.8M for police, fire and emergency services, including nine police stations, one fire station and 12 volunteer groups, including \$0.65M for remote and highway traffic patrols
- › \$1.22M to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile community corrections clients, including reintegration into the community
- › \$0.74M for the Peace at Home project to deal with domestic violence and child protection issues
- › \$0.61M for courts to administer justice in the region, including

Infrastructure Highlights

- › \$45.9M for the Victoria Highway to improve flood immunity and access
- › \$5.5M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- › \$5M for Borroloola Community Education Centre upgrade
- › \$3.45M to complete the Wugularr School at Beswick
- › \$2.7M for Kalkarindji to complete the new health centre
- › \$1.46M for Nitmiluk National Park to replace the ablution facility at the visitor centre and complete gorge crossings
- › \$1.22M to complete the new Pigeon Hole aerodrome
- › \$0.97M to complete redevelopment of Katherine High School for middle years
- › \$0.8M for rural arterial roads such as the Buntine Highway
- › \$0.6M for resealing various sections of the Stuart Highway

Beswick, Ngukurr, Timber Creek, Kalkarindji and Lajamanu, with registry services through the Magistrates Court in Katherine

- › \$0.5M for the Fire and Rescue Service Major Fire Replacement Program to replace tankers at Elliott and Timber Creek
- › \$0.1M for a family violence prevention program in Borroloola

Better Schooling

- › \$20.54M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 19 remote schools
- › \$15.24M for primary and early childhood education in six urban schools
- › \$8.59M for secondary education at Katherine High School
- › \$3.07M for the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program to improve Indigenous education outcomes
- › \$2.62M to assist non-government schools in the region
- › \$2.53M for isolated student education through the Katherine School of the Air
- › \$2.39M for student and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
- › \$1.63M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- › \$1.03M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme and teacher housing

- › \$0.5M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$0.19M in Back to School payments to assist students with the costs of essential school items
- › \$0.13M to employ Aboriginal and Islander education workers

Better Health

- › \$25.11M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$20.4M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- › \$0.1M for eight frail aged care places to help the transition from hospital back to the community

Community Development

- › \$3.1M for Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
- › \$1.9M for HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- › \$0.54M for three development coordinators in Nyirranggulung and the Victoria River and Gulf regions to assist in development and facilitating regional local government
- › \$0.25M for Katherine main street refurbishment
- › \$0.15M to Indigenous organisations to provide tenancy support to Indigenous people in obtaining and maintaining public housing

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$1.23M for visitor management programs in parks

Power and Water Projects

- › \$5M for Borroloola to increase sewerage treatment capacity
- › \$2M to upgrade Katherine wastewater treatment plant
- › \$0.51M to refurbish the Power and Water Corporation depot building on the Victoria Highway, near Katherine
- › \$1.05M for Jilkminggan to connect to the Darwin to Katherine electricity grid
- › \$0.66M for Pigeon Hole to relocate the power station to improve flood immunity
- › \$0.47M for Daguragu to replace water tanks

Across the Territory

Some initiatives cannot be accurately apportioned between regions. A summary is provided here.

- › \$52.66M to subsidise tariffs for electricity, water and sewerage customers
- › \$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
- › \$13.65M to support sporting and recreation organisations
- › \$12.4M for Building Better Schools

- › \$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
- › \$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
- › \$11.06M for renewable energy, water and environment projects

- › \$33M improve access to affordable housing through rebates, grants and concessions
- › \$1.86M to encourage Indigenous business development and participation
- › \$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

- › \$0.76M for feral and vertebrate pest research and control on camels, dingoes, horses and donkeys
- › \$0.63M towards a rehabilitation strategy for the Mt Todd mine site
- › \$0.62M to monitor surface and ground water for sustainability
- › \$0.57M for flood forecasting
- › \$0.48M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- › \$0.42M for public library services at Katherine, Pine Creek, Lajamanu, Borroloola, Mataranka, Yugul Mangi and Nyirranggulung communities
- › \$0.36M for feral animal control
- › \$0.3M to connect solar dishes to community power systems
- › \$0.24M for water management, including bore monitoring project and water allocation planning
- › \$0.17M for problem vertebrate animal management
- › \$0.15M for strategic park planning and management in the region
- › \$0.15M to gather traditional knowledge on biodiversity
- › \$0.1M to develop joint management for Gregory National Park

- › \$0.13M for a collaborative research project between Parks and Wildlife, Queensland Department of Primary Industries, the University of California and the USA Center for Conservation Medicine to research the distributional shifts of flying foxes, using satellite telemetry
- › \$0.12M for joint management agreements with traditional owners for parks and reserves
- › \$0.1M for crocodile management through trapping and relocation at Katherine, Flora and Roper rivers
- › \$96 000 to develop and protect the Nganalam art site in Keep River National Park
- › \$60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program, including support to Indigenous communities to monitor illegal activity, protect sacred sites, control feral animals and noxious plants
- › \$30 000 for joint management between traditional owners and Parks and Wildlife Service

- › \$57 000 for signage and displays in parks and reserves
- › \$50 000 for joint management for the Flora Nature Reserve
- › \$50 000 to conduct flying fox control programs in Katherine and Batchelor
- › \$45 000 to showcase Territory arts at regional festivals such as the Katherine Flying Fox and Wugularr Walking With Spirits festivals
- › \$30 000 for fire management and early burning projects in Gregory and Keep River national parks
- › \$15 000 for the annual Devils Claw Festival, to survey and control potentially invasive weeds

