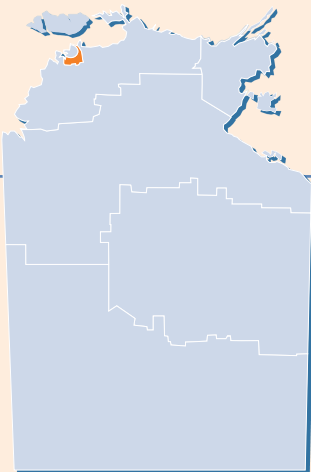


Palmerston and Litchfield



Strong population growth and active property markets will continue to shape the Palmerston and Litchfield region into the future. The region has a relatively young population, with about 45 per cent of the population aged 24 years and under, and only 3 per cent of the population aged 65 years and over. Approximately 10 per cent of the region's 42 600 people counted in 2006 were Indigenous.

Significant industries in Palmerston and Litchfield include primary industry, such as mangoes and tropical fruit, other horticulture and aquaculture, cattle and crocodile farming, and defence. East Arm Wharf and Darwin Business Park, also located in the region, significantly add to the Territory's transport, logistics and industry capability. The region is also home to Roberston Barracks, including the 1st Brigade with new Abrams tanks and 1st Aviation Regiment with new Tiger helicopters. Residential construction in the region is strong.

Supporting Business

- › \$0.73M for a range of programs including interstate quarantine and grower accreditation and certification to ensure Territory horticulture produce meets domestic and export standards
- › \$0.62M for Coastal Plains and Beatrice Hill research farms as bases for delivery of primary industry programs and to develop and test production systems
- › \$0.19M for aerial photography and mapping to assist industry activity relating to land and resources

Jobs and Training

- › \$1.09M for tertiary programs at Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education

- › \$6.34M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$0.2M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- › \$0.12M for Flexible Response Funding leading to Indigenous employment, including Training for Remote Youth

Safer Communities

- › \$28.79M for safe and secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation of adult offenders
- › \$12M for police, fire and emergency services, including one police station, one fire station, one combined police and fire station and seven volunteer groups, including \$0.69M for repairs, maintenance and minor new works

Infrastructure Highlights

- › \$10M for Berrimah Road duplication between Wishart Road and Tiger Brennan Drive
- › \$8.43M to complete Palmerston High School facilities for middle years
- › \$7M for Bellamack headworks for new residential subdivision
- › \$4.25M to complete Taminmin High School facilities for middle years
- › \$3M for landscaping and irrigation maintenance across the Top End
- › \$2.8M for new East Arm boat ramp
- › \$1.91M to repair and maintain urban and rural roads across the Top End
- › \$1.5M for Nightcliff High School, Casuarina Senior College and Taminmin High School to upgrade facilities used as public cyclone shelters
- › \$0.98M to complete the Darwin Port container crane upgrade
- › \$0.7M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- › \$0.31M to complete the Darwin Industry Fuel Terminal fire safety works
- › \$0.18M for new special needs facilities at Humpty Doo Primary School

Power and Water Projects

- › \$43.5M to construct Weddell power station
- › \$6.3M for Archer Zone Substation
- › \$4.9M to augment network capacity for Weddell power station
- › \$4M for Howard East borefield to meet Darwin, Palmerston and the rural area water needs
- › \$3M to commence development of East Arm wastewater treatment plant
- › \$2.5M to upgrade the Hudson Creek System Control Centre
- › \$0.5M for pressure reducing valves to balance water pressure across Palmerston
- › \$0.5M for additional power supply requirements in the new East Arm Wharf area



- › \$3.99M for safe and secure juvenile detention services at Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including rehabilitation of young offenders
- › \$1.1M for Palmerston Community Corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including reintegration into the community
- › \$0.1M for Girraween School bike path link to allow children to travel safely to school

Better Schooling

- › \$44.72M for primary and early childhood education in 11 urban schools
- › \$18M for secondary education for students at Palmerston High School and Taminmin High School
- › \$14.59M for non-government schools
- › \$3.3M for student and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
- › \$2.22M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- › \$1.36M for the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program to improve Indigenous education outcomes

- › \$1.66M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme and teacher housing
- › \$1.25M for early childhood and primary education at Middle Point School
- › \$0.69M to support students with a disability
- › \$0.38M to employ Aboriginal and Islander education workers
- › \$0.34M in Back to School payments to assist students with the costs of essential school items

Better Health

- › \$2.58M for non-acute health and community services
- › \$0.99M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$0.12M to establish youth health services in Palmerston
- › \$0.1M to establish a mental health team in Palmerston

Community Development

- › \$12.4M for HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- › \$0.18M for a development coordinator to assist and facilitate regional local government

- › \$0.15M for Indigenous organisations in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield regions to provide tenancy support to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing
- › \$5000 for births, deaths and marriages registration services at Palmerston Community Care premises

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$5.52M for the Territory Wildlife Park
- › \$0.43M for public library services in Palmerston
- › \$0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- › \$0.15M for feral animal control
- › \$0.15M for feral and vertebrate pest research and control on camels, dingoes, horses and donkeys
- › \$0.13M for management and strategic planning of parks and reserves in the region

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

- › \$33M improve access to affordable housing through rebates, grants and concessions
- › \$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
- › \$0.61M for 40 higher education scholarships
- › \$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 for new local government reform including \$4.95M for one-off establishment grants
- › \$1.86M to encourage Indigenous business development and participation
- › \$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