

# Regional Highlights



Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and significant programs in the 2004-05 Budget for the six 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, regional 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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# Barkly

The Barkly region extends from Barrow Creek to Elliott, east across the Barkly Tableland to Queensland, and north-east including the town of Borroloola. Fifty-one per cent of the region's population of about 6 700 is Indigenous. There is a high proportion of young people in the region, with almost 45 per cent under 26 years.

With the commencement of freight services on the Adelaide to Darwin railway and the anticipated development of a road-rail interchange for east-west traffic, Tennant Creek is expected to attract increased freight throughput. Pastoral, tourism and mining-related activities are major contributors to the regional economy.

Barkly

## Supporting Business

- \$0.15M for airborne geophysical surveys, to promote mineral exploration as part of Building the Territory's Resource Base
- \$0.32M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and regional marketing activities for the Barkly region
- \$0.19M for animal health services to ensure market access for Territory livestock to all available domestic and export outlets
- \$0.17M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products, including business planning advice and assistance,

- general business information services and links to departmental assistance programs
- \$65 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

## Jobs and Training

- \$0.88M Flexible Response Funding for training, leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth Project and the Regional Training Centre

## Safer Communities

- \$9.75M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region
- \$0.54M for Tennant Creek and Barkly community corrections, providing monitoring and supervision of adult and juvenile clients including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.11M to enable courts and tribunals to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Elliott, Ali Curung, Tennant Creek and Borroloola. Registry services are provided to the region through the Tennant Creek courthouse
- \$0.47M for child protection services to work intensively with families at risk

- \$0.1M to strengthen family support services in the region
- \$23 000 for volunteer bush fire brigades in the region

## Better Schooling

- \$6.88M to deliver early childhood, primary and post primary education in 14 remote schools
- \$4.12M to deliver secondary education to students at Tennant Creek High School
- \$2.9M to deliver primary and early childhood education at Tennant Creek Primary School
- \$1.2M to provide student and school support services including curricula for schools and special education needs support
- \$0.81M for open learning educational programs, and professional support for students and teachers in the specialist fields of music, language, health and physical education and for the Board of Studies
- \$0.38M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$0.15M to trial a support unit in the Barkly region to improve living conditions for teachers in remote communities



- \$0.28M for Territory student assistant travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.24M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, for example Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.21M for programs to support students with a disability

### Better Health

- \$7.2M for inpatient, non-admitted patients, Emergency Department and specialist clinical services at Tennant Creek Hospital
- \$6.3M for community-based health services in the region
- \$0.79M for a coordinated range of services with non-government organisations to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- \$0.5M for renal dialysis services including supporting clients in their homes and community-based treatment

### Regional Development

- \$1.72M in grants funding for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing stock for Indigenous clients
- \$0.15M for the priority repair and maintenance of various aerodromes in rural and remote areas of the region
- \$0.14M for regional libraries at Tennant Creek, Elliott and Borroloola
- \$30 000 to provide a tenancy support service, which assists Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing

### Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.4M for integrated fire and weed advisory and support services to landowners

### Infrastructure Highlights

- \$0.75M Tennant Creek Hospital – fire safety upgrade to the main building
- \$4.8M improve access to Borroloola – stage 1 including rehabilitation of sections of the Carpentaria Highway and Wologorang Road
- \$0.68M for Stuart Highway rehabilitation and widening
- \$0.5M pavement rehabilitation to maintain the integrity of local roads
- \$0.47M for Barkly Highway rehabilitation and widening
- \$0.28M Battery Hill Mining Centre – stage 1 development incorporating entry road and signage, car parking, new ablution facilities and visitor amenities and upgraded entry paths
- \$0.21M Alpururulam – water source investigation program, including drilling three constructed and tested bores
- \$0.16M Canteen Creek – construct new rising main
- \$64 000 Tennant Creek Primary School for shade structures
- \$60 000 Tennant Creek showgrounds, upgrade Peko Road entry
- \$50 000 Elliott for landscaping on Stuart Highway and at Youth Centre
- \$10 000 Corella Creek– water, shade and barbeque area

- \$0.3M to monitor and assess the quality and quantity of the region's groundwater and surface water resources
- \$0.29M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups, providing opportunities and pathways for itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles to either return to their home communities or lead a more productive lifestyle in town
- \$101 000 for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$40 000 for feral animal control programs
- \$40 000 to prepare revised plans of management for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management agreements
- \$27 000 for visitor management programs in the region's parks, and to provide resources and services, including tour guides, fact sheets and interpretive materials
- \$60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program in Borroloola to assist the local community to manage their sea country in conjunction with Commonwealth agencies
- \$37 000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance for remote schools and communities





# Katherine

The Katherine region has a population of about 16 300, of which 40 per cent is Indigenous. It covers a broad expanse, extending to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east and to the Ord-Bonaparte region in the west. The region contains many pastoral properties, Indigenous communities and tourist attractions, and is home to the RAAF Base Tindal.

Its industry base is diverse and includes tourism, mining and primary industries such as pastoralist, mixed farming and horticultural enterprises. The railway is creating a road-rail transport hub in Katherine, feeding road freight along the Victoria Highway to Western Australia.

Katherine

## Supporting Business

- \$1.25M for research programs at Douglas Daly Research Farm to support mixed farming development including peanuts and irrigated hay
- \$1M for pastoral, agricultural and irrigated crop research at Katherine Research Station
- \$0.92M for integrated land, water and weed management advice to land-holders to promote sustainable agriculture
- \$88 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development
- \$1.07M for geophysical surveys, to promote mineral exploration as part of Building the Territory's Resource Base
- \$0.48M for monitoring and extension services to pastoralists
- \$0.54M for animal health services to ensure market access for Territory livestock to all available domestic and export outlets
- \$0.5M for cattle and rangeland research programs at Victoria River Research Station
- \$0.22M for horticultural industry development including research and extension services for the mango, citrus, crop and vegetable industries and improved information services for industry
- \$0.4M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and tourism marketing
- \$0.18M to develop strategic approaches and region-specific promotional campaigns for the Territory as a tourist destination
- \$0.25M to complete the national tuberculosis eradication program
- \$0.25M for the collaborative project with Heytesbury Beef and Meat and Livestock Australia investigating the more efficient use of pastoral land
- \$0.18M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products

## Jobs and Training

- \$0.92M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.06M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$0.32M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$0.15M to coordinate tourism, horticulture and industry opportunities in the region

## Safer Communities

- \$14.49M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region
- \$1.2M for child protection services to work with families at risk
- \$0.1M to strengthen region-specific family support services
- \$0.85M for community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients



- \$0.27M for courts and tribunals to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Beswick, Kalkaringi, Lajamanu, Ngukurr and Timber Creek
- \$0.26M to purchase a large fire fighting rescue vehicle for Katherine Fire Station
- \$0.15M for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region

## Better Schooling

- \$15.41M for primary and early childhood education in 6 urban schools
- \$14.9M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 15 remote schools
- \$3.69M for secondary education to students at Katherine High School
- \$2.51M for education to isolated students through the Katherine School of the Air
- \$2.26M for assistance to non-government schools
- \$1.58M for student and school support services including curricula to schools and special education needs support
- \$1.36M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.03M for school and special transport services
- \$0.87M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, for example Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.7M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.4M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.31M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in the specialist fields

of music, language, health, and physical education and for the Board of Studies

- \$0.13M for the Accelerated Literacy Project to improve English literacy outcomes for students

## Better Health

- \$21.8M for community-based health services in the region
- \$18.3M for acute medical, surgical, and obstetrical services at Katherine Hospital
- \$1M for a range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- \$0.7M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment

## Regional Development

- \$3.94M for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations for housing in remote communities
- \$0.51M to repair and maintain various airstrips in remote areas
- \$0.32M for libraries at Katherine, Pine Creek, Lajamanu, Ngukurr, Mataranka and Barunga-Mayalluk
- \$0.11M to manage Crown land and associated buildings

## Lifestyle and Environment

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

- \$1.11M for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs in parks
- \$0.9M to monitor and assess the region's groundwater and surface water resources
- \$0.7M to implement joint park management arrangements
- \$0.5M grant for Katherine sports ground upgrade
- \$0.45M to provide bushfire mitigation and control operations
- \$0.36M for feral animal control
- \$0.17M for problem vertebrate management (eg flying foxes)
- \$0.36M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerants
- \$0.23M for Indigenous tenancy support services
- \$0.12M for Junior Park Rangers
- \$0.1M for crocodile management
- \$0.2M to monitor and conserve biodiversity on pastoral lands
- \$0.1M for flood forecasting services for the Katherine, Victoria, Waterhouse and Roper Rivers
- \$50 000 for a Year of the Built Environment competition for a greenhouse-friendly house

## Infrastructure Highlights

- \$1.5M Kalkaringi – construct a new health centre
- \$5M Victoria Highway, upgrade Victoria River and Lost Creek bridges
- \$1.99M for Stuart and Victoria Highways rehabilitation and widening
- \$0.6M Lajamanu – upgrade rising main and install new water tank
- \$0.58M Limmen National Park – improve visitor facilities and environmental works at Southern Lost City, Butterfly Springs and Towns River
- \$0.5M Gregory National Park, Victoria River sector – provide river access and boat ramp to improve visitor experience
- \$0.5M Katherine Cultural Precinct headworks
- \$0.5M Dorisvale Road – selected gravelling and drainage enhancements
- \$0.23M to modify and upgrade police holding cells at Maranboy
- \$0.15M for access and development at the new hot springs
- \$46 000 Clyde Fenton Primary School upgrading works

# Arnhem and Tiwi Islands



The Arnhem and Tiwi Islands region covers Arnhem Land and adjacent coastal islands. Mining is the dominant industry and employment source for the region, and the mining towns of Nhulunbuy and Alyangula (on Groote Eylandt) are the region's major centres. Nhulunbuy is home to the vast Alcan bauxite project while high-grade manganese is produced on Groote Eylandt. Other industries include buffalo harvesting, aquaculture, forestry and fishing. The natural beauty of the Tiwi Islands, Cobourg Peninsula and Gove Peninsula, with abundant Indigenous art and crafts, attracts many tourists to the region.

Forty per cent of the region's widely dispersed and comparatively young population of about 21 000 is Indigenous. More than 50 per cent is aged under 26, with only 2.2 per cent over 65 years.

Arnhem and Tiwi Islands

## Supporting Business

- \$0.64M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and regional marketing activities for the Top End region (encompassing Darwin, Coomalie, Outer Darwin, Jabiru, Kakadu and East Arnhem Land)

## Jobs and Training

- \$0.87M Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres

## Safer Communities

- \$10.23M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region

- \$1.4M for child protection services, working with families at risk
- \$0.1M to strengthen family support services in the region
- \$0.56M for Groote Eylandt, Nhulunbuy and Tiwi Islands community corrections to monitor and supervise of adult and juvenile clients including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.21M to establish a new Arnhem Land Fire Control Region to improve fire control and management services to the various Indigenous communities in Arnhem Land
- \$0.16M to enable courts and tribunals to administer justice for

- regional and remote communities, including Pirlangimpi (Pularumpi) and Nguui on the Tiwi Islands, Alyangula, Galiwinku, Maningrida, Nhulunbuy, Oenpelli and Yirrkala. Registry services are provided through the courthouses in Nhulunbuy and Darwin
- \$50 000 for building law and justice plans in Galiwinku and Maningrida

## Better Schooling

- \$32.51M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 19 remote schools in the region
- \$5.48M for primary and early childhood education in Nhulunbuy Primary School
- \$4.43M for assistance to non-government schools in the region
- \$3.28M for secondary education at Nhulunbuy High School
- \$1.72M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.1M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, such as Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy





- \$1.51M to provide open learning educational programs and professional support to students and support for teachers in specialist fields of music, language, health, physical education and the Board of Studies
- \$1.22M to provide student and school support services including curricula for schools and special education needs support
- \$0.98M in Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.18M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.14M for the Accelerated Literacy Project to improve English literacy outcomes for students

## Better Health

- \$13.3M for community-based health services in the region
- \$13M for acute medical, surgical and obstetrical services at Gove District Hospital
- \$0.49M for renal dialysis services including supporting clients in their home and community-based treatment, including \$0.39M for the operation of the clinic at Nguiu, with the balance for smaller clinics through East Arnhem
- \$0.19M for a coordinated range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

## Regional Development

- \$4.73M in grant funding for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing stock (includes the Miwatj and Northwest Regional Governing Council areas)
- \$0.46M to provide school and special transport services in the Nhulunbuy region
- \$0.25M for the priority repair and maintenance of various aerodromes and barge landings in the region
- \$0.25M for libraries in Nhulunbuy, Milingimbi, Angurugu, Alyangula, Umbakumba, Pirlangimpi, Ramingining, Milikapiti and Nguiu
- \$0.22M to resource Groote Eylandt Regional Coordinator Position – to address a need for greater coordination of Government service delivery and provide strategic direction for developments in the region

## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.19M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups, to assist itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles to either return to their home communities or lead a more productive lifestyle in town

- \$0.16M for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program in Maningrida and Tiwi Islands to assist the local community to manage their sea country in conjunction with Commonwealth agencies
- \$0.1M for visitor management programs in regional parks to provide resources and services, including tour guides, fact sheets and interpretive materials
- \$72 000 for feral animal control programs
- \$30 000 funding for the Garma Festival to celebrate traditional and contemporary culture of the Yolngu people from north-east Arnhem Land
- \$7 000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance for remote schools

## Infrastructure Highlights

- \$2M for upgrading remote schools across the Territory which will include \$1M for a new secondary school facility at Shepherdson College
- \$1M for new police post at Numbulwar comprising reception area, office, interview room, two cells, exercise area, and separate visitors' area and communications facilities
- \$1M for selected gravelling of Oenpelli Link – Cahill's Crossing to Central Arnhem Road
- \$0.31M to equip new production bores and rising mains at Oenpelli
- \$0.12M Nhulunbuy High School classroom and other upgrades
- \$80 000 urban enhancement for Nhulunbuy town entrance statement



# Alice Springs

The Alice Springs region comprises 40 per cent of the Territory's land mass, with about 39 000 people that account for almost 20 per cent of the Territory's population. The region extends to the Western Australian, South Australian and Queensland borders and includes the mineral-rich Tanami Desert. Alice Springs is home to the joint defence facility at Pine Gap.

Major industries in the region include pastoralism, mining, oil and gas, tourism and Indigenous arts and culture. Increased access to the Centre by both air and rail will ensure the growth of the tourism industry, recovering from the recent international difficulties.

Alice Springs

## Supporting Business

- \$2.8M for the Northern Territory Holiday Centre, located in Alice Springs, which sells Territory Discoveries packages and provides information on holidays for the benefit of all regions
- \$0.64M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and tourism marketing activities for Central Australia
- \$0.33M to develop strategic approaches and region-specific promotional campaigns for the Territory as a tourist destination
- \$0.2M for specific tourism promotion of Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- \$1.25M in incentive payments for Alice Springs Convention Centre
- \$0.85M to provide monitoring, extension and advisory services to land-holders in the region
- \$0.22M to develop new table grape varieties, and to support the industry to improve productivity and quality
- \$0.19M for animal health services to ensure market access for Territory livestock to all available domestic and export outlets
- \$0.15M for a new arid zone pastoral research area of about 500km<sup>2</sup> on a portion of Owen Springs Station to assist the pastoral industry

- \$0.36M for drilling program to promote mineral and petroleum exploration in the Amadeus Basin as part of Building the Territory's Resource Base
- \$0.32M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products
- \$0.15M for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

## Jobs and Training

- \$14.4M Desert Knowledge Precinct construction under way
- \$0.5M support for Desert Knowledge Australia Corporation and the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
- \$1.05M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$3M grant to construct higher education facilities to assist with the merger of Centralian College with Charles Darwin University
- \$0.18M for the driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$50 000 for services to young people with disabilities with high support needs, to allow development of skills and training in pursuit of employment and participation in the community

- \$0.58M for Flexible Response Funding for training, leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.39M for Footprints Forward to assist with employment opportunities for Indigenous youth in Alice Springs

## Safer Communities

- \$30.5M for the operation of police, fire and emergency services facilities in the Alice Springs region
- \$20.92M for custodial services for adult offenders at Alice Springs Correctional Centre
- \$0.55M for Aranda House juvenile holding facility
- \$1.31M for community corrections for adult and juvenile clients
- \$2.4M for child protection services, to work with families at risk
- \$0.1M to strengthen region-specific family support services
- \$1.97M for courts and tribunals to administer justice in the region. The Supreme Court sits at Alice Springs for 29 weeks a year and magistrates travel to Papunya, Mutijulu and Yuendumu
- \$0.62M for justice services, including Community Justice, Reintegration and Diversion, the Office of Crime Prevention and Consumer and Business Affairs





- \$0.32M for a fire fighting tanker vehicle for Alice Springs Fire Station
- \$38 000 for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- \$0.27M for the Ombudsman's Office, including health and community services complaints

## Better Schooling

- \$23.4M to deliver primary and early childhood education in 7 urban schools
- \$20M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 28 remote schools
- \$19M for assistance to non-government schools

- \$13.05M to deliver secondary education to students at Alice Springs High School, Anzac Hill High School and Charles Darwin University at the Centralian College campus
- \$2.49M for student and school support services including curricula for schools, and special education needs support
- \$2.47M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.05M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing

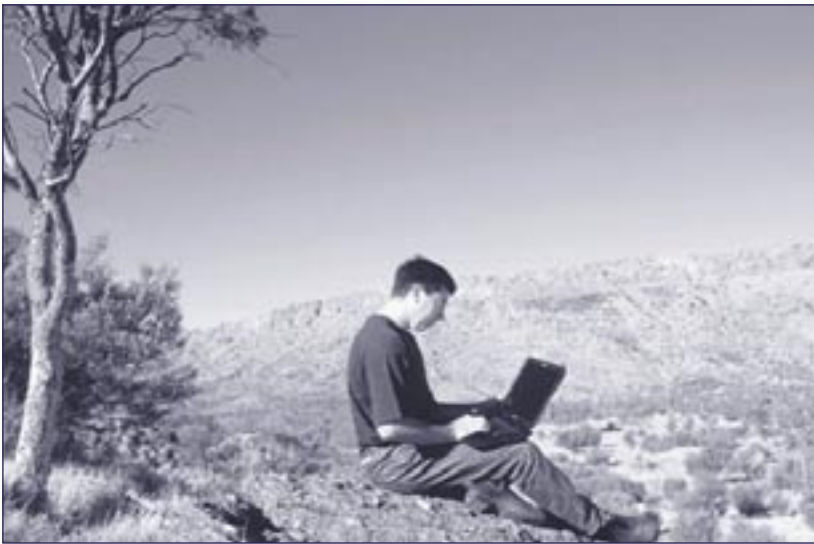
- \$2.42M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in specialist fields of music, language, health and physical education and for the Board of Studies
- \$1.58M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, such as Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.43M for education to isolated students through School of the Air
- \$0.6M to provide school and special transport services
- \$0.43M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.19M for the Accelerated Literacy Project in Gillen Primary School and Anzac Hill High School to improve English literacy outcomes for school students

## Better Health

- \$70.5M for inpatient, non-admitted patients, Emergency Department and specialist services at Alice Springs Hospital
- \$40.3M for community-based health services in the region

## Infrastructure Highlights

- \$10M Mereenie Loop road, including Namatjira and Larapinta Drives, various reconstruction and sealing
- \$1M Tanami Road, for selected flood immunity upgrading and sealing to improve access
- \$1M to upgrade strength-deficient bridges at Chinaman Creek and Salt Creek to meet higher mass limits
- \$1.7M Traeger Park stage 2 – 200 seat grandstand and other works to improve sporting facilities in Alice Springs for local and national sporting events
- \$1M Mt Johns Valley residential subdivision headworks
- \$1M to construct general-purpose public housing in Alice Springs
- \$0.9M for fire safety upgrade to main ward plant room and the Liebig, Stafford, Dennison and Wedge residential accommodation buildings at the Alice Springs Hospital
- \$0.46M for Stuart Highway rehabilitation and widening
- \$0.41M Docker River – construct new power station to replace unsafe termite-riddled building
- \$0.4M Nyirripi – to construct new power station to replace demountable and allow for third generator
- \$0.36M Yuendumu – new 600 kilowatt generating set
- \$0.25M for Gillen Primary School to complete airconditioning upgrade
- \$0.23M Alice Springs Desert Park upgrades
- \$0.22M to upgrade the police holding cell at Ti Tree
- \$0.27M Alcoota – to drill and equip bores
- \$0.16M Hermannsburg – new 270 kilowatt generator
- \$0.15M Imanpa – extend power station to allow for third generator
- \$0.15M Wills Terrace footbridge – pathway landscaping
- \$0.14M Golf Course estate drainage works



- \$5.5M for renal dialysis services, to support clients in their homes and in community-based treatment
- \$2.1M for a coordinated range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- \$2M ongoing funding for an expanded Intensive Care/High Dependence Unit at Alice Springs Hospital, enabling medical specialists to be recruited and reducing the need to airlift critically-ill patients to interstate hospitals for treatment
- \$0.61M for improved drug rehabilitation services in Darwin and Alice Springs

## Regional Development

- \$7.49M in grants funding for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing for Indigenous clients
- \$0.61M for the priority repair and maintenance of various aerodromes in the region
- \$0.79M to provide public transport services in Alice Springs
- \$0.26M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing

- \$0.65M funding for public, community and joint-use library services in the region
- \$0.17M to manage Crown land and associated buildings in the region
- \$50 000 to review and amend the Northern Territory Planning Scheme as it applies to Alice Springs and the region, within the framework of the *Planning Act*

## Lifestyle and Environment

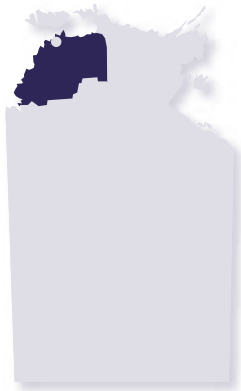
- \$5.07M to manage facilities and collections at the Araluen Centre, Museum of Central Australia and the Strehlow Research Centre
- \$2.74M funding to support the Alice Springs Desert Park
- \$0.5M for education, breeding and research activities supporting biodiversity and conservation of natural habitats in Central Australia
- \$0.87M for visitor management programs in regional parks
- \$0.8M to monitor and assess

the quality and quantity of the region's groundwater and surface water resources

- \$0.66M for weed management and feral animal control programs
- \$0.61M for bushfire mitigation and control operations
- \$0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and flora and fauna in parks
- \$0.28M to implement joint park management arrangements
- \$2.7M to stage the Alice Springs Masters and the Arafura Games in Darwin
- \$0.26M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups, to assist itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles to either return to their home communities or lead a more productive lifestyle in town
- \$0.17M to prepare revised management plans for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements
- \$0.1M funding for the Alice Springs Desert Song festival
- \$50 000 for a competition to design and construct a greenhouse-friendly house in Alice Springs to celebrate the 2004 Year of the Built Environment
- \$37 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program in schools
- \$30 000 for flood forecasting services for the Todd River



# Palmerston and Rural



Palmerston and Rural is the fastest growing Territory region, with a population of about 46 950. It has a relatively young population with about 40 per cent under the age of 26 and less than 5 per cent over 65 years. Covering 77 933 square kilometres, the region encompasses the city of Palmerston and Robertson Barracks, the East Arm Port development, Litchfield and the Daly region, and extends south to Adelaide River and east to Kakadu.

The region is home to many significant tourist attractions. Primary industries include horticulture, cattle, crocodiles and aquaculture. The operation of the railway and completion of stage 2 of East Arm Port is creating a regional transport and logistics hub linking southern Australia with Darwin and Asia.

## Supporting Business

- \$2.69M to boost the Territory aquaculture industry through seeding various aquaculture hatchery projects including barramundi and mudcrabs, and to pursue the creation of a trepang hatchery
- \$0.8M for animal health services to ensure market access for Territory livestock to all available domestic and export outlets
- \$0.64M for local organisations to provide visitor information and regional tourism marketing for the Top End
- \$0.52M on horticultural project development, including



citrus, nursery, cut flower and tropical fruit sectors, improving information services, monitoring banana varieties for resistance to Panama disease, assessing the suitability of cocoa production in the Territory, and continued research into bamboo and various ginger varieties

- \$0.31M to facilitate trade development, including international trade and the AustralAsia trade route
- \$0.25M for research and development programs to assist the buffalo industry
- \$0.24M for mango industry development activities and continued participation in the national project to develop new varieties which will aid future market growth in the Territory
- \$0.03M for airborne and ground geophysical surveys
- \$24 000 for land information and associated services to support sustainable development, including upgrading the accuracy of land boundaries

## Jobs and Training

- \$0.67M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs

- \$0.23M for Flexible Response Funding for training, leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.2M for services to young disabled people with high support needs, to help develop skills and training for employment and participation in the community

## Safer Communities

- \$15.36M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region
- \$24M for safe, secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- \$4.04M safe, secure juvenile detention services at Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including rehabilitation and care of young offenders
- \$2.5M for child protection services to work with families at risk
- \$150 000 to strengthen region-specific family support services
- \$1.2M for Palmerston, Wadeye and Jabiru community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients
- \$72 000 for courts and tribunals to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru

## Infrastructure Highlights

- East Arm Port works:
  - \$10.3M for oil pipelines for infrastructure to transfer fuel from the new bulk liquids berth at East Arm Wharf to the proposed Joint Use Terminal
  - \$7M for the bulk loading facility at East Arm Port
  - \$2M for an incinerator to manage quarantine and hazardous waste
  - \$0.45M for minor new works including mud treatment, replacing navigation buoys, infrastructure and workshop improvements
- \$3.8M capital grant to PowerWater for power to Dundee plus \$1.35M from PowerWater
- \$8M Darwin Correctional Centre – low security facility
- \$4.5M Litchfield Loop road – stage 1, sealing further 15 kilometres
- \$1.6M Cox Peninsula Road – complete seal to Belyuen
- \$1.3M for traffic signals at the Berrimah Road and Export Drive intersection and duplication to Cochrane Street
- \$0.5M Fog Bay Road – upgrade and seal 3 kilometres between Cox Peninsula Road and Namarada Drive
- \$0.5M for drainage improvements and partial sealing of beef roads - Oolloo, Fleming and Cadell Roads
- \$0.5M Mary River Wetlands – saltwater intrusion control works, at Sampan and Tommycut Creeks
- \$1.8M Palmerston Recreation Centre – headworks necessary prior to the construction of a multi-purpose recreation centre
- \$0.38M upgrade water storage at Peppimenarti
- \$0.37M upgrade high voltage distribution at Palumpa
- \$0.23M upgrade police holding cell at Batchelor
- \$0.15M Driver Primary School upgrade
- \$0.13M Bakewell Primary School upgrade



- \$0.65M for bushfire mitigation and control services in the region
- \$0.64M for volunteer bushfire brigades in the region
- \$10 000 for births, death and marriages registration services at the Palmerston Community Care premises
- \$50 000 for an emergency response call out service for Darwin and Palmerston, to help people with disabilities to remain living independently
- \$10M for the Palmerston secondary facility
- \$4.73M for school and special transport services in the Darwin and Palmerston regions
- \$1.48M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$2.81M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.8M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, for example Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy

### Better Schooling

- \$36.18M for primary and early childhood education in 11 urban schools
- \$19.19M assistance to non-government schools
- \$12.39M secondary education at Palmerston High School, Taminmin High School and Don Dale Centre
- \$9.93M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 11 remote schools
- \$3.27M for student and school support services including curricula to schools and special education needs support

### Better Health

- \$16.5M for community-based health services in the region
- \$2.8M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and community-based treatment

- \$0.64M for a coordinated range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

## Regional Development

- \$0.46M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
- \$12.24M to provide public transport services in Darwin, Palmerston and Outer Darwin
- \$4.11M for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing stock for Indigenous clients
- \$0.45M funding for regional libraries at Palmerston, Taminmin, Batchelor, Adelaide River, Wadeye, Peppimenarti and Jabiru

## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$2M grant for the Palmerston Magpies Football to relocate to Charles Darwin University Palmerston campus
- \$1.6M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy in Darwin and Palmerston, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups
- \$1.04M for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$0.9M to monitor and assess the region's groundwater and surface water resources



- \$0.61M for visitor management programs in parks
- \$0.32M to implement joint park management arrangements
- \$0.15M for feral animal control programs
- \$0.19M to monitor biodiversity in Kakadu and Litchfield Parks
- \$0.26M for conservation and interpretive projects for Territory WWII heritage sites
- \$75 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program in schools
- \$55 000 to assess biodiversity values in Darwin and Litchfield wetlands
- \$50 000 for a competition to design and construct a greenhouse-friendly house in Palmerston to celebrate the 2004 Year of the Built Environment
- \$40 000 for flood forecasting services for the Daly River
- \$10 000 to monitor the impact of bushfire smoke on air quality
- \$60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program in Wadeye
- \$3.84M funding to support the Territory Wildlife Park
- \$0.59M funding to support biodiversity and conservation activities for natural habitats in the Top End

Palmerston and Rural



# Darwin



With a population of over 68 500 and covering an area of 122 square kilometres, Darwin is the Territory's capital and houses the centre of Government. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city with 30 per cent of its population born overseas and 8.6 per cent of its population Indigenous. The public sector, together with construction, defence and tourism, are the region's major economic drivers.

Darwin is Northern Australia's gateway with Asia and attracts both domestic and international tourists. The new Darwin City Waterfront development, incorporating a world class convention centre and exhibition centre, is expected to significantly boost Australian and international visitor numbers when it is completed (planned for 2006). The full waterfront project, involving significant residential and commercial facilities, will continue over the next decade or so. Darwin also represents a strategically important Defence base with a significant army, navy and air force presence.

Darwin

## Supporting Business

- \$0.79M for the Territory Business Centre, the first contact point for businesses needing to access Government services and products
- \$0.7M for diagnostic services at the Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories for the Territory's livestock industries
- \$0.64M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and regional marketing activities for the Top End region (encompassing Darwin, Coomalie, Outer Darwin, Jabiru, Kakadu and East Arnhem Land)
- \$0.46M to maintain market access for Northern Territory produce through a range of programs

- including development of grower accreditation programs and certification of Territory products
- \$0.37M to develop strategic approaches and region-specific promotional campaigns for the Territory as a tourist destination
- \$0.27M to continue specific resource protection programs to detect incursions of plant and animal diseases and exotic fruit fly first port of call surveillance to protect Territory horticulture and environment (jointly Commonwealth funded)
- \$0.27M for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

- \$0.34M funding for the marine and fishing industries through a tidal-free facility, servicing the seafood industry and small pleasure crafts
- \$2.03M tourism industry support through managing the Wharf Precinct and cruise ship terminal
- \$20 000 for promotional activities to encourage cruise ships to include Darwin in their itineraries

## Jobs and Training

- \$7.52M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs
- \$1.11M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres
- \$0.76M for the driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

## Safer Communities

- \$78.71M for the operation of police, fire and emergency services facilities in Darwin including the Peter McAulay Centre
- \$13.18M for courts to administer justice for Darwin and the Palmerston and Rural regions



- \$2.8M for child protection services to work with families at risk
- \$0.15M to strengthen region-specific family support services
- \$2.1M for safe navigation and pilotage in the harbour
- \$1.57M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections for adult and juvenile clients
- \$1.85M for Ombudsman's services, including health and community services complaints
- \$0.1M for the Community Justice Centre pilot
- \$0.1M for additional prosecutorial services
- \$50 000 for an emergency response call out service for Darwin and Palmerston, to help people with disabilities to remain living independently

### Better Schooling

- \$59.82M to deliver primary and early childhood education in 19 urban schools
- \$46.45M to deliver secondary education in 6 high schools
- \$18.89M assistance to non-government schools
- \$7.2M Darwin High School upgrade under way
- \$2.03M to complete the Parap Primary School upgrade
- \$3.29M for Territory student assistance travel schemes

### Infrastructure Highlights

- \$1M Alawa Primary School – stage 1 redevelopment
- \$1M Nakara Primary School – stage 1 redevelopment
- \$0.22M Casuarina Senior College – lift for disabled access to library
- \$2.5M Darwin Birth Centre
- \$6M for Darwin City Waterfront redevelopment – stage 2 site preparation
- \$2.5M for cruise ship terminal at Fort Hill Wharf
- \$1M Hidden Valley Raceway – remedial works to improve overall safety
- \$0.5M Darwin Soccer Stadium headworks
- \$0.36M to construct a mineralised drill core building, including a core-handling workshop

- \$9.62M for open learning educational programs and professional support for students and teachers in music, language, health and physical education, and for the Board of Studies
- \$9.14M to provide student and school support services including curricula for schools, and special education needs support
- \$4.25M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$4.73M to provide school and special transport services in the Darwin and Palmerston regions
- \$2.72M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, for example Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.04M for programs to support students with a disability

- \$0.24M for the Accelerated Literacy Project in Ludmilla Primary, Nightcliff High and Dripstone High Schools, to improve students' English literacy

### Better Health

- \$138.2M for inpatient, non-admitted patients, Emergency Department and specialist clinical services at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$8M for renal dialysis services, to support clients in their homes and in community-based treatment
- \$7.9M for a coordinated range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- \$0.9M to train staff in preparation for the opening of the hospice at the Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$0.61M for improved drug rehabilitation services in Darwin and Alice Springs



### Regional Development

- \$12.24M to provide public transport services in Darwin, Palmerston and Outer Darwin
- \$1.63M to repair and maintain arts, museums and library facilities including the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Fannie Bay Gaol, Frog Hollow Centre for the Arts, Brown's Mart, QANTAS Hangar, Lyons Cottage and Australian Pearling Exhibition
- \$2.21M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing
- \$1.3M funding for public, community and joint-use libraries
- \$0.38M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
- \$0.3M to implement outcomes of the review of the *Building Act*
- \$0.2M to review and amend the Northern Territory Planning Scheme as it applies to the City of Darwin and the region within the framework of the *Planning Act*
- \$0.7M to upgrade Darwinbus automatic ticketing system to smartcard technology to improve efficiency and ease of use, and reduce maintenance costs
- \$0.31M for Indigenous organisations to provide a tenancy support service to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing



- \$2.83M to renegotiate contracts for the delivery of bus services in the Darwin area

### Lifestyle and Environment

- \$1.6M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy in Darwin and Palmerston, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups, providing opportunities and pathways for itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles to return to their home communities or lead a more productive lifestyle in town
- \$0.21M for the Marine Ranger Program in Darwin to assist the local community to manage their sea country in conjunction with Commonwealth agencies
- \$2.7M to stage the Arafura Games in Darwin and the Alice Springs Masters Games
- \$0.1M contribution to Sky Channel coverage for the Darwin Cup
- \$0.23M for the Festival of Darwin and the International Guitar Festival
- \$0.5M to manage the Leanyer Water Park
- \$0.46M to monitor and report on the health of Darwin Harbour
- \$0.4M for the Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management, to protect ecosystems and maintain the harbour's value as a recreational, cultural, commercial and scenic resource
- \$0.32M to implement joint park management arrangements
- \$0.49M for visitor management programs in Darwin parks
- \$0.3M for crocodile management in Darwin Harbour
- \$0.36M for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$81 000 direct expenditure on protecting the environment
- \$76 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program in schools
- \$70 000 for Parks Master Plan – biodiversity hotspots and irreplaceability
- \$56 000 for the Northern Territory Sports Awards which recognise and celebrate the achievements of the Territory's top athletes
- \$55 000 to assess biodiversity values in wetlands (Darwin-Litchfield)
- \$20 000 to monitor and assess the quality and quantity of the region's groundwater and surface water resources
- \$20 000 to monitor the impact of bushfire smoke on air quality





# Territory-wide

In addition to the information specific to each region, there are some initiatives that cannot be accurately apportioned between regions, but that are nevertheless important and broadly relevant to all regions.

## Supporting Business

- \$28M to market and promote the Territory as a tourist destination, with programs directed at overseas and domestic markets
- \$8.3M for First Home Owner Grants
- \$7.2M to raise the payroll tax threshold for business from \$0.6M to \$0.8M from 1 July 2004 and then to \$1M from 1 July 2005
- \$4M to facilitate the development of tourism infrastructure
- \$2.7M to abolish the HIH levy, paid on workers' compensation insurance premiums
- \$2.2M for Building the Territory's Resource Base, to promote mineral and petroleum exploration
- \$2.04M to assist eligible industry associations that support their industry or commercial segment
- \$1M for investment missions led by the Chief Minister, and other marketing efforts, to position the Territory as a great place to live, work and invest

- \$1M for additional strategies in the horticultural, pastoral and fisheries sectors to improve Indigenous economic outcomes
- \$0.9M to service Indigenous and industry clients to ensure delivery of minerals and energy knowledge-building programs in remote regions
- \$0.68M to promote and develop the Territory's capability to participate in and service petroleum and mining industries
- \$0.6M for land and water resource management on pastoral properties
- \$0.58M for defence industry support to attract, expand and enhance defence-related services and support industries including improving the Territory's skills
- \$0.56M to produce a Senior's Card Tourism and Leisure Directory to promote Territory businesses to local and interstate seniors
- \$0.49M for business enterprise improvement programs

- \$0.4M to further develop the Territory Business Channel, online business licensing, registration and online payments, and other internet-based transactions between businesses and Government
- \$0.17M for an internet-based payroll tax lodgement system
- \$90 000 for a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealers online system
- \$0.36M for the Trade Support Scheme to assist firms with new opportunities and existing markets for international trade
- \$0.36M for business information and support programs including October Business Month, Women in Business, Youth in Business and client consultations

## Jobs and Training

- \$51.68M for the Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training (VET) including:
  - \$12.39M to support and train apprentices and trainees, including \$0.98M for 200 extra public sector trainees
  - \$0.66M to employ extra regional VET coordinators
- \$1M for training and development opportunities for remote public sector employees to attract staff and improve retention, particularly nurses and teachers
- \$0.83M to a total of \$1.58M for new labour market programs
- \$0.45M to complete the commitment to 5 Indigenous Community Fisheries Officers in coastal communities
- \$0.35M for the Business and Skilled Migration Strategy to attract skilled workers and business from overseas

Territory-wide



- \$0.63M for 10 VET and 40 higher education scholarships

## Safer Communities

- \$16M to implement recommendations of the O'Sullivan Review – Building Our Police Force
- \$0.5M for the Northern Territory police recruitment campaign
- \$4.42M for occupational health and safety training for industry, employers and employees
- \$0.3M to upgrade the Work Health Information System
- \$3.06M to begin implementing the recommendations of the Review of Adult Custodial Services
- \$2.8M as part of extra funding for child protection services
- \$2.7M for land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration, and estate and trust management
- \$2.52M for Office of Crime Prevention activities
- \$0.4M in community crime prevention grants
- \$5M for the Safe Pool Grant Scheme to improve pool safety
- \$0.62M for support to victims of crime, witnesses and their families
- \$0.5M for the Domestic Violence and Aboriginal Family Strategies

## Infrastructure Highlights

- \$0.67M Blackspot road safety program to improve known danger areas
- \$0.58M minor new works grants for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education sites
- \$0.9M renal facilities – stage 2, to provide local, community-based renal services at selected locations across the Territory
- \$3M Urban Enhancement and Heritage Program including landscape upgrades to shopping centres and other urban locations
- \$0.5M National Highways – road safety upgrade of selected intersections
- \$13M for new, upgraded and replacement Government employee housing in remote localities
- \$4.5M to improve the quality, amenity and security of public housing in urban centres
- \$3M land servicing for housing in remote communities
- \$1.56M Community Harmony Strategy – short term accommodation and day centres, including refurbishment of existing facilities
- \$0.5M for community crisis accommodation and medium-term housing
- \$0.5M for improved recreational fishing infrastructure, including access roads, boat ramps and car parking
- \$20M for minor new works across all Territory agencies

Territory-wide

- \$0.4M for counter terrorism security initiatives and equipment
- \$0.15M to continue Northern Territory Drug Court operations

## Better Schooling

- \$2.5M information technology infrastructure improvements in schools
- \$2.9M for 40 extra teachers, completing the Government's election commitment

- \$1.39M for community-based education organisations
- \$1.27M to provide laptop computers for teachers
- \$1.25M to expand the Accelerated Literacy Program to improve literacy for Indigenous students
- \$1.2M to continue to employ Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in urban schools
- \$1M for English as a second language coordinators for remote schools
- \$0.96M in assistance to non-government schools
- \$0.75M to replace and upgrade domestic furniture in remote teacher housing
- \$0.61M for a literacy and numeracy testing program for students in years 3, 5 and 7
- \$0.6M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme and for remote teacher housing



- \$0.5M to meet the capital equipment needs of schools in remote and urban areas
- \$0.28M to support the new Teacher Registration Board
- \$0.27M for 20 extra student teacher bursary places, to meet Government's commitment
- \$0.3M per annum for three years to facilitate public consultation on the Secondary Education Report
- \$0.3M grants program for Government schools in need
- \$0.25M to increase availability of programs for students with disabilities
- \$0.25M to improve bandwidth and connectivity services in schools
- \$0.18M for Marvin software, an interactive learning package for use in Indigenous schools

### Better Health

- \$11.58M to complete the Government's commitment to an extra 75 hospital nurses
- \$3.7M extra to meet increasing demand for community-based mental health services
- \$2M to improve HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention
- \$0.38M for the operation of a Water Microbiology Laboratory ensuring the standard of water supplies in the Territory
- \$0.3M to upgrade children's dental clinic equipment in schools
- \$4M for foster carers to care for children (an extra \$0.6M)



### Regional Development

- \$42.31M for local government grants
- \$46M for PowerWater to provide power, water and sewerage services to 32,000 people in remote Indigenous communities
- \$38M for HomeNorth Schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$26M for rental rebates to assist low income families to access public housing
- \$1M for community organisations to purchase or upgrade properties to accommodate people who have special housing needs or who are homeless and in crisis
- \$21.71M to manage arts, cultural and scientific facilities, research and collections
- \$3M grants to support seniors, women, multicultural, youth and other community sectors
- \$0.7M for Community Benefit Fund small grants
- \$0.6M for the Capacity Development Fund to help develop Indigenous governance
- \$0.5M for the Regional Development Fund to support regional development
- \$0.36M extra for the Priority Partnership Task Force to coordinate implementation of initiatives identified in Regional Development Plans
- \$0.27M for training and capacity building for Northern Territory incorporated associations
- \$0.18M for demographic research to improve Territory population estimation, which affects funding flows from the Commonwealth

### Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.5M extra for sports and recreation grants



- \$3.44M for arts sponsorship programs, including:
  - \$1.1M for the Indigenous Arts Strategy – Building Strong Arts Business;
  - \$0.14M for arts grants; and
  - \$0.1M for film, television and new media development
- \$3.3M for childcare subsidies and assistance to child care centres
- \$1M for including greenhouse, waste management and environmental protection policy
- \$0.8M for environmental assessment and compliance monitoring for major projects, including Darwin City Waterfront, Alcan, and Blacktip gas production
- \$0.57M for conservation management of Government owned heritage properties
- \$0.33M for the Northern Territory Heritage Grant Program and the National Trust
- \$0.5M to improve ethnic community facilities under the new Multicultural Community Facility Development Program
- \$0.63M for grants to reduce litter and encourage recycling, and support for Keep Australia Beautiful and Territory Tidy Towns
- \$0.3M to support the 2004 "Bass-in-the-Grass" concerts
- \$0.25M for gambling research and amelioration programs
- \$0.2M to combat the effects and spread of cane toads

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