Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and significant programs in the 2007-08 Budget for the seven 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, community 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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Darwin

Darwin Waterfront Corporation, including the associated marketing of the Waterfront Precinct.

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

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.
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
› $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 WWlll 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

- $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
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- $33M in minor works across agencies

- $0.17M for signage and displays in parks and reserves
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- $0.15M to upgrade landscaping at Karama Shopping Centre
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- $0.13M for strategic planning and management of parks and reserves
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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.
- $0.1M for research on sustainable commercial use of native pasture.
- $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
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$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 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
$12.4M 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

**Infrastructure Highlights**
$50.9M 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 crossovers
$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

**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
$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
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$25.11M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
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$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

$5M for Borroloola Community Education Centre upgrade
$2M to upgrade Katherine wastewater treatment plant
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$1.05M for Jilkminggan to connect to the Darwin to Katherine electricity grid
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6.88M to implement new local government reform including $4.95M for one-off establishment grants
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$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, Yugal 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

$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
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$0.12M for joint management agreements with traditional owners for parks and reserves
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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 landholders on weed management control, prevention, best practice and identification
- $0.36M for water allocation, including advice and monitoring services to landholders 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 landholders
- $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...
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
- $0.55M 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

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
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- $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
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- $0.75M for renal dialysis and kidney disease health management services
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- $1.86M to encourage Indigenous business development and industry participation
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- $10.06M 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

Better Health

- $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
- $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
- $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
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› 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

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
The Barkly region extends along the Stuart Highway from Barrow Creek to Elliott and east across the Barkly Tableland to Queensland. Almost 60 per cent of the region’s population of about 6000 are Indigenous. A high proportion of people living in the region are young, with 48 per cent aged 24 years and under, and only 4 per cent over the age of 65. The Barkly region covers 283,648 square kilometres, 21 per cent of the total Northern Territory land area.

Pastoral and mining-related activities are the major contributors to the regional economy. Bootu Creek mine, which commenced mineral exports in mid 2006, has added to regional economic activity and employment opportunities.

The value of cattle production in the Barkly region is estimated at more than $91 million, almost 40 per cent of total Territory pastoral production.

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› $6.8M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including four police stations, one fire station and five volunteer groups, including $0.19M for repairs and minor works
› $0.5M for Tennant Creek community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful community reintegration
› $0.5M for the Fire and Rescue Service’s Major Fire Appliance Replacement program to replace old tankers for the Elliott and Timber Creek Fire and Emergency Response Groups
› $0.22M for child protection to deal with domestic violence and family support services in the region
› $0.13M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Elliott and Ali Curung, with registry services through Tennant Creek courthouse
› $50 000 for park playground equipment and laneway lighting projects in Tennant Creek
› $20 000 for child abuse prevention for the Elliott community

Better Schooling

› $5.76M for secondary education at Tennant Creek High School
› $5.3M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 11 remote schools
› $5.13M for the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program to improve Indigenous education outcomes
› $4.23M for primary and early childhood education at Tennant Creek Primary School
› $1.62M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme and teacher housing
› $0.78M to provide student and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
› $0.53M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
› $0.19M to employ Aboriginal and Islander education workers
› $0.16M for programs to support students with a disability
› $51 000 in Back to School payments to assist students with the costs of essential school items

Better Health

› $10.92M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
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Community Development

› $1.6M to Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
› $1M for HomeNorth Schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
› $0.18M for a development coordinator to assist in developing and facilitating regional local government

Lifestyle and Environment

› $0.34M for joint management agreements with traditional owners for parks and reserves

Infrastructure Highlights

› $1.95M for repairs and maintenance along the Stuart Highway
› $1.52M for repairs and maintenance along the Barkly Highway
› $1M for Tennant Creek Hospital fire safety upgrade to the main building
› $0.46M for repairs and maintenance along the Tablelands Highway
› $0.4M to repair various sections of Ranken Road
› $0.3M to continue upgrading the Sandover Highway and $0.2M for repairs and maintenance

Power and Water Projects

› $0.8M to upgrade Tennant Creek pump station
› $0.7M for Wutunugurra (Epenarra) to upgrade water production capacity
The East Arnhem region covers East Arnhem Land and includes the neighbouring Groote Eylandt and Elcho Island, with major population centres Nhulunbuy and Alyangula. Access for travellers and freight is mainly by air or sea as roads to the region cross very difficult terrain.

Mining production, including the alumina/bauxite production on the Gove Peninsula and manganese on Groote Eylandt, is the region’s main economic activity. Other industries in East Arnhem include buffalo farming, aquaculture and fishing. Traditional Indigenous cultural experiences and the remote and natural wilderness attract many tourists to the region.

About 62 per cent of the region’s 14 400 population in 2006 were Indigenous. The region’s population is relatively young and dispersed, with 48 per cent aged 24 years and under and less than 2 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Infrastructure Highlights

› $8.7M for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
› $1M for repairs and maintenance along Central Arnhem Road
› $0.3M for replacement of the pontoon at Nhulunbuy
› $0.23M to finish the Gove District Hospital public health screening facility
› $0.74M to complete Nhulunbuy High School – new classrooms and school facilities for implementation of middle years schooling
› $0.4M to replace the emergency power generator at Gove District Hospital
› $0.18M to complete the upgrades for remote health centres at Galilwinku, Umbakumba and Ramingining
› $0.3M to complete the Yirrkala health clinic upgrade

Power and Water Projects

› $1.2M for Milingimbi to construct additional sewerage ponds

Supporting Business

› $0.19M for aerial photography and mapping to assist industry activity relating to land and resources

Jobs and Training

› $4.46M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
› $0.77M for Flexible Response Funding, leading to Indigenous employment, including Training for Remote Youth
› $60 000 for Revive and Refocus forums for remote Territory public servants

Safer Communities

› $6M for police, fire and emergency services, including two police stations, two police posts, one fire station and five volunteer groups, including $0.34M for maintenance and works

Better Schooling

› $30.02M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 11 remote schools in the region
› $5.2M for primary and early childhood education at Nhulunbuy Primary School
› $4.7M for secondary education for students at Nhulunbuy High School
› $2.81M for the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program to improve Indigenous education outcomes
› $2.02M to provide student and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
› $1.63M for non-government schools
› $1.37M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
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Better Health
$18.62M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
$13.13M for non-acute health and community services in the region
$0.1M to monitor the health, social and economic impact of kava use in East Arnhem communities
$40 000 for volatile substance abuse treatment services in Angurugu

Community Development
$2.6M for Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
$0.36M for two development coordinators to assist in developing and facilitating regional local government
$0.23M to support Dhimurru Land Management’s construction of new ranger and museum facilities
$0.1M for the Indigenous Ranger Group Development Program for an extra ranger each year from 2007 in Galiwinku, Laynhapuy Homelands, Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy

Lifestyle and Environment
$0.35M for library services at Nhulunbuy, Galiwinku, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Alyangula, Umbakumba and Angurugu
$0.22M for environmental monitoring of operational and closed mine sites
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$60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program, including financial and training support to Indigenous communities, monitoring of illegal activity, sacred site protection, feral animal and noxious plant control and community education
$50 000 for Garma Festival
$10 000 for Gove Peninsula Festival
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.

Regional Highlights

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
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› $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

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

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

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

**Better Health**

$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
**Top End Rural**

The Top End Rural region covers the area to the south of Palmerston and Litchfield, east to East Arnhem and south to the Katherine region, encompassing many small communities. In 2006 approximately 14 700 people lived in the region, 70 per cent of whom were Indigenous. The region’s population is relatively young, with 48 per cent aged 24 years and under, and only 3 per cent 65 years and older.

Mining, including Toms Gully, Ranger and Browns Oxide mines, contributes significantly to the region’s economic activity. Other important industries include cattle, farming, horticulture and agriculture, which are supported by the Coastal Plains Horticultural Research Farm and Douglas Daly Research Farm. A project to construct an onshore treatment plant and connecting pipeline to source gas from the Blacktip gas fields is currently under way.

Tourism is growing in importance, with the Tiwi Islands, Litchfield National Park and Kakadu National Park, as well as the Daly and other rivers, all within the region’s borders.

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- **$12.27M** for Port Keats Road for continuing and further upgrade works
- **$9.2M** for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- **$4.5M** to continue work on the Litchfield Loop
- **$3.11M** for new Wadeye health clinic
- **$1.2M** for Warruwi aerodrome upgrade at Goulburn Island
- **$0.5M** for Mary River Wetlands saltwater intrusion control works
- **$0.31M** for Channel Point park infrastructure
- **$1.91M** for repairs and maintenance of urban and rural roads across the Top End
- **$3M** for landscaping and irrigation maintenance across the Top End
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- **$1.91M** for repairs and maintenance of urban intrusion control works
- **$0.5M** for Mary River Wetlands saltwater intrusion control works
- **$1.2M** for Warruwi aerodrome upgrade at Goulburn Island
- **$0.5M** for Milikapiti to connect community to Nguiu electricity grid
- **$0.45M** for Maningrida to upgrade sewer main

### Supporting Business

- **$1.12M** to advise land-holders on weed management for control, prevention, best practice and identification
- **$0.98M** 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
- **$0.92M** to manage the Douglas Daly Research Farm as the base for delivery of primary industry programs and to test best farming systems
- **$0.64M** to provide integrated land and vegetation advice to land-holders by raising potential soil erosion issues, sediment control and effects of clearing
- **$0.4M** to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment opportunities under Bringing Forward Discovery
- **$0.39M** to provide monitoring and advisory services to pastoralists through satellite monitoring to observe land and grazing conditions
- **$0.38M** to monitor the environmental impact from operational and closed mine sites in the region, including Ranger and Woodcutters mines
- **$0.17M** to support the Territory mango industry with a series of workshops to improve the uptake of mango production technology
- **$0.17M** to support Indigenous community housing organisations to construct and upgrade Indigenous housing
- **$0.48M** to support the Territory mango industry with a series of workshops to improve the uptake of mango production technology

### Power and Water Projects

- **$1.2M** to meet growing demand for electricity supplies to horticultural, residential and commercial customers in the Corroboree Park area east of Humpty Doo
- **$1M** for Maningrida to upgrade power generation
- **$0.54M** to continue upgrading electrical feeders to improve reliability
- **$0.5M** for Milikapiti to connect community to Nguiu electricity grid
- **$0.45M** for Maningrida to upgrade sewer main
$50 000 for tourism plans for Mataranka, Larimah and Daly River

$47 000 to improve transport and logistics for the mango industry using a fruit crop forecasting system to predict maturity dates

$23 000 for aerial photography and mapping to assist industry activity relating to land resources

Jobs and Training

$2.27M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training

$0.5M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth

$90 000 to train and employ traditional owners for parks and reserves in accordance with joint management arrangements

$60 000 for Revive and Refocus forums for remote Territory public sector workers

Safer Communities

$7.6M for police, fire and emergency services, including nine police stations, one fire station and 12 volunteer groups, including $0.35M for repairs, maintenance and minor new works

$0.53M for Wadeye, Jabiru and Tiwi Islands community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community

$0.1M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court in Darwin

Better Schooling

$23.09M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 17 remote schools

$8.08M to assist non-government schools in the region

$2.55M for the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program to improve Indigenous education outcomes

$1.18M to provide student and school support services, including curricula and special needs support

$0.8M for Australian Government Targeted Programs including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
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$0.6M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme and teacher housing
$0.26M for children’s early learning and family support to help children get to school in Wadeye
$0.25M for programs to support students with a disability
$0.13M 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
$0.60M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme and teacher housing
$0.26M for children’s early learning and family support to help children get to school in Wadeye
$0.25M for programs to support students with a disability
$0.13M in Back to School payments to assist students with the costs of essential school items
$0.13M to employ Aboriginal and Islander education workers

Community Development
$3.3M to Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
$0.36M for two development coordinator positions at Pine Creek and the Tiwi Islands to assist in governance capacity development and to support regional local government
$0.14M for regional public library services at Jabiru, Wadeye, Coomalie, Peppimenarti and the Tiwi Islands

Lifestyle and Environment
$0.1M for the Adelaide River railway beautification project
$35 000 for technological expertise and crablets to support mud crab aquaculture at Maningrida as a model for other low-tech aquaculture ventures, to provide employment and training opportunities for local Indigenous people
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$35 000 for technological expertise and crablets to support mud crab aquaculture at Maningrida as a model for other low-tech aquaculture ventures, to provide employment and training opportunities for local Indigenous people

Better Health
$32.56M for non-acute health and community services in the region
Community Development
$3.3M to Indigenous community housing organisations to maintain and manage community housing
$0.36M for two development coordinator positions at Pine Creek and the Tiwi Islands to assist in governance capacity development and to support regional local government
$0.14M for regional public library services at Jabiru, Wadeye, Coomalie, Peppimenarti and the Tiwi Islands

Lifestyle and Environment
$1.13M for a joint project with the Australian Greenhouse Office to harvest and chip Mimosa pigra at Beatrice Hill to produce gas to drive power generators
$1.13M for bushfire mitigation and control operations in the Arafura, Vernon and Arnhem Bushfire Control regions
$0.61M for water management, including bore monitoring and water allocation planning
$0.43M for crocodile management through trapping and relocation at Wangi Falls and Berry Springs
$0.32M to support the Daly River Management Advisory Committee
$0.25M to eradicate Cabomba aquatic weed from Darwin River
$0.24M for the Marine Ranger Program, including financial and training support to Indigenous communities, monitoring of illegal activity, sacred site protection, feral animal and noxious plant control and community education
$0.21M to implement joint management agreements with traditional owners for parks and reserves
$0.16M to monitor surface and ground water for sustainability
$0.16M for flood forecasting
$20 000 to develop joint park management arrangements between traditional owners and Parks and Wildlife Service
$20 000 to develop new joint park management arrangements for the Mary River region
$10 000 for the Jabiru Mahbilil Festival

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