



NORTHERN TERRITORY

# 2008-09 Budget



## Regional Highlights



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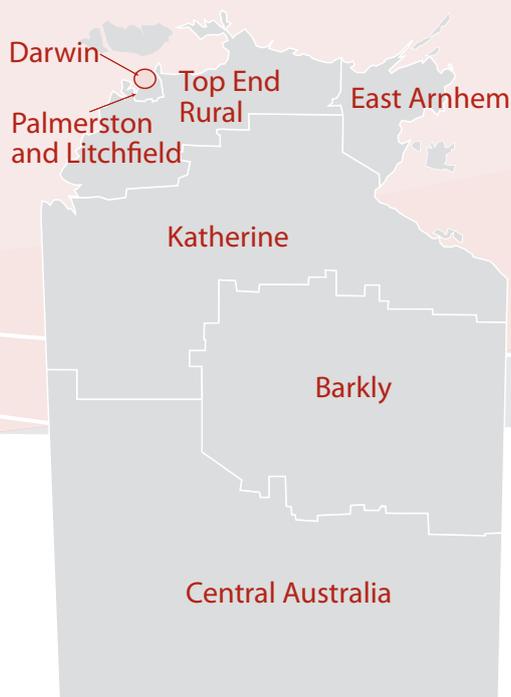
## Regional Highlights

Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and programs in the 2008-09 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 particular relevance to the communities in each of the Territory's regions.



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# Territory-wide

There are some initiatives that cannot be accurately apportioned between regions, however they are important and relevant across the Territory. Details of these initiatives are provided here, in addition to the information specific to each region in later sections.

## Supporting Business

- \$9.51M for surveying, mapping, imagery and valuation services to support the Territory's sustainable economic development
- \$5.5M to promote mining investment and mineral exploration in the Territory including Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$4.4M to facilitate major economic development projects
- \$2.21M for industry and trade support
- \$1.8M for veterinary laboratory services providing animal health testing to livestock industries
- \$1.52M for entomology, plant pathology and agricultural chemistry services for primary industries

- \$1.35M for renewable energy projects including Solar Cities, solar power and wind generation
- \$1.13M for small business support services
- \$1.05M for native and improved pastures research
- \$1M to promote the Territory as a great place to live, work and invest
- \$0.79M for a range of extension methods to increase Territory pastoral industry knowledge
- \$0.6M for the Business and Skilled Migration Strategy
- \$0.53M for the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy
- \$0.52M for business workshops, seminars, round tables and events to support small-medium enterprises
- \$0.44M for regionally based economic development officers

- \$0.29M to research Territory-wide crop water use efficiency
- \$0.24M to research and improve the growth rates of Territory cattle
- \$0.2M for the Economic Development Committees network
- \$0.17M to assist business with government procurement issues
- \$0.16M to expand markets for Territory livestock

## Jobs and Training

- \$21.11M to support and train trainees and apprentices
- \$1M for the Remote Workforce Development Strategy which supports remote NTPS employees
- \$0.74M to increase participation of Indigenous people in the pastoral industry of the Territory
- \$0.56M for 40 higher education scholarships

## Safer Communities

- \$8.8M for occupational health and safety training for industry, employers and employees
- \$5.96M for continued expansion of the Child Abuse Taskforce
- \$3M for payments to victims of crime
- \$2.3M to increase remote community policing
- \$1.5M for additional child protection workers including the establishment of a Therapeutic Services team
- \$0.8M for coronial services and related activities



- \$0.4M to prepare for, and respond to, incursions of pests and diseases of plants and animals
  - \$0.35M for the NT Research and Innovation Fund
  - \$0.3M for producers to increase and improve their stock watering facilities
  - \$0.3M for Make the Switch grants for tourism businesses to use sustainable energy
- \$0.3M for the Regional Economic Development Fund

- \$0.75M for child protection reform including the new *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007*
- \$0.5M for alcohol management plans to decrease alcohol consumption and reduce alcohol-related harm across the regions
- \$0.33M for Community Justice Centre dispute resolution services
- \$0.3M for increased alcohol regulatory capacity
- \$0.23M for the specialist drug court program CREDIT (NT)
- \$0.22M for dry areas signage under alcohol supply restrictions
- \$0.2M to help victims to clean up or repair locks after a crime has occurred
- \$0.16M for the Alcohol Court

### Better Schooling

- \$5.01M for early childhood education and children's services
- \$3.94M for Building Better Schools to improve access, outcomes and engagement of secondary students
- \$2.68M for the Accelerated Literacy Program to improve English literacy outcomes for students
- \$1.61M for a range of education programs for remote schools as part of Closing the Gap
- \$1.52M for community-based education organisations including the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Life Education Unit and School Sport NT
- \$1.5M for additional teachers in remote areas

### Better Health

- \$5.32M for pensioner and carer concessions
- \$3.35M to improve core services across hospitals including medical imaging, a surgical dental service at RDH, specialist respiratory services and patient activity coding

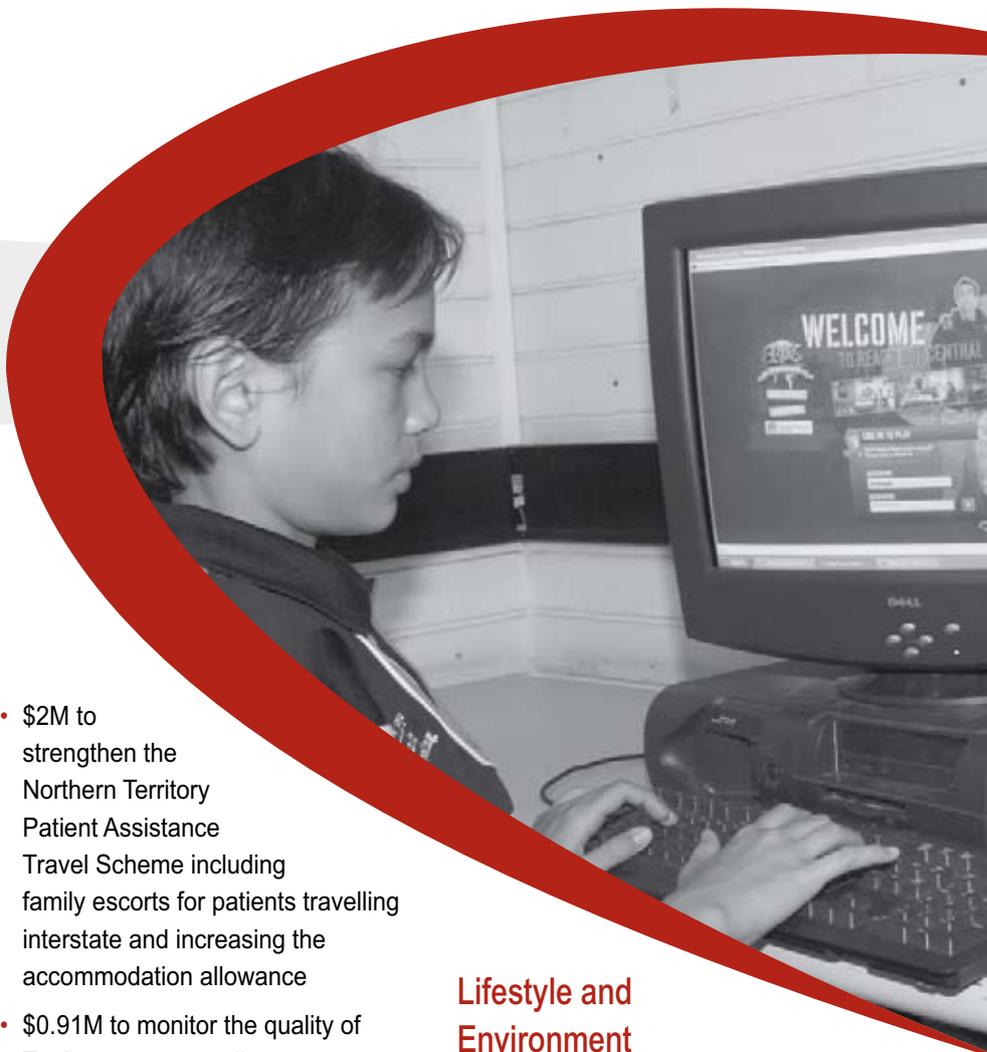
- \$2M to strengthen the Northern Territory Patient Assistance Travel Scheme including family escorts for patients travelling interstate and increasing the accommodation allowance
- \$0.91M to monitor the quality of Territory water supplies
- \$0.5M for additional resources for child health care
- \$0.24M to expand the Territory Independence and Mobility Equipment Scheme (TIMES)

### Community Development

- \$28M for rental rebates for low income families
- \$5M for one-off establishment grants for new local government shires
- \$1.4M to establish local community boards to promote Indigenous leadership and provide local community infrastructure
- \$0.6M for the Indigenous Business Development Program, a grant program which assists in establishing Indigenous owned businesses
- \$0.16M for the Marine Ranger Program in Indigenous communities
- \$61 000 for projects to develop agriculture on Indigenous lands

### Lifestyle and Environment

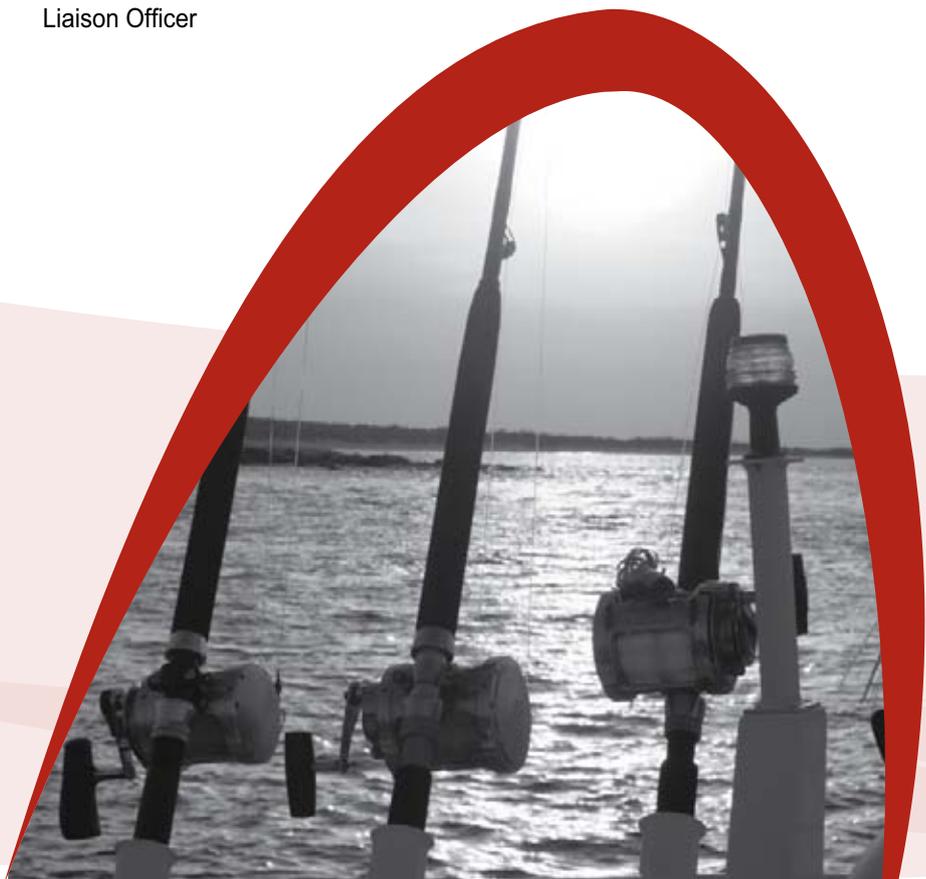
- \$7.55M to assist the thoroughbred racing industry
- \$7.47M for the sport and recreation grants program
- \$5.02M to facilitate and promote major sporting and cultural events
- \$3.65M for weed, biodiversity, feral animal, fire, visitor and cultural management on parks and reserves
- \$2.63M for Community Benefit Fund small grants, and gambling amelioration and research projects
- \$2.51M for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- \$2.37M for sustainable management of aquatic resources
- \$2.34M to support key arts organisations
- \$2M for businesses and households to respond to climate change
- \$2M to improve energy management in Government buildings
- \$1M for library resources



## Infrastructure Highlights

- » \$48.3M Strategic Indigenous Housing Infrastructure Program – construct housing in remote communities across the Territory
- » \$40.33M Indigenous housing capital grants
- » \$24.8M for general road repairs and maintenance across Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, and Top End Rural regions
- » \$18.54M to construct additional government employee housing in remote localities
- » \$7.31M Stuart, Victoria and Barkly highways – upgrade selected sections
- » \$6.74M for 27 new classrooms in 24 remote schools to meet greater enrolments
- » \$5.71M to upgrade police and priority housing in remote localities
- » \$4.98M Roads to Recovery – selected upgrades on local roads
- » \$3.76M to replace existing government employee housing in remote localities
- » \$3M to redevelop public housing unit complexes in urban areas such as Town Flats, Nhulunbuy and Shiers Street, The Narrows
- » \$2M for tailored upgrades to public housing in urban areas
- » \$1.64M for land servicing of government employee housing in remote localities
- » \$1.31M to construct general purpose public housing
- » \$1.11M to construct six self-care relocatable haemodialysis facilities in remote communities
- » \$1M capital grants for cyclone shelter upgrades in coastal communities
- » \$1M for improved recreational fishing infrastructure to provide safer and more readily accessible landing and boat launching facilities
- » \$0.85M to replace electricity meters with wide-mouth meters in remote communities
- » \$0.7M Black Spot Program – improve known danger areas on roads
- » \$0.38M for security screens to improve the safety of public housing tenants

- \$1.01M in grants to promote cultural and linguistic diversity and improve multicultural community facilities
- \$1M to expand remote sport and recreational facilities and programs
- \$0.97M to support volunteer bushfire brigades
- \$0.95M to ensure mining and petroleum operations meet statutory obligations for protection of the environment
- \$0.87M for the Environment Protection Authority
- \$0.81M for community support grants
- \$0.79M to assess proposed activities and ongoing regulation of the mining and petroleum industry
- \$0.5M for Water Allocation Plan implementation, regulation and compliance monitoring
- \$0.44M for flood forecasting
- \$0.39M to administer and regulate veterinary and agricultural chemicals
- \$0.3M to support artistic work created to enhance public spaces
- \$0.2M for a survey on the impact of recreational fishing in the Territory
- \$0.17M to monitor and evaluate biological diversity
- \$0.1M for community wildlife grants
- \$0.1M for a Defence Community Liaison Officer



# Central Australia

The Central Australia region occupies 40 per cent of the Territory's land area and is home to almost 19 per cent of the Territory's population. At the time of the 2006 Census, there were about 39 600 people living in the region, 42 per cent of whom were Indigenous. Alice Springs, the main centre, has a population of 26 200.

The region's main industries include mining, pastoralism, oil and gas, tourism, defence and Indigenous arts and culture. The cattle industry accounts for around 20 per cent of the Territory's \$200 million industry. The vast majority of the Territory's gold, and all its onshore oil and gas, is also sourced from the region.

Significant tourist destinations include Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon and the West MacDonnell Ranges. The strong Indigenous arts and culture industry is an important tourist attraction as well as a source of Indigenous employment.

## Supporting Business

- \$3.1M for the Territory Discoveries call centre providing tourism bookings and information on behalf of operators across the Territory
- \$1M for the Red Centre Way global marketing campaign leveraging from the National Landscapes program and building tourism visitation to Central Australia
- \$0.9M to provide new geoscience data and promote investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$0.62M for tourism marketing, industry improvement and visitor information services
- \$0.6M for the Alice Springs Town Council to assist in providing an urban bus service
- \$0.44M for services to ensure Territory livestock and horticulture produce meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$0.4M for Arid Zone, Old Man Plains and Ti Tree Research Farms as bases for primary industry research and extension programs
- \$0.26M for the Territory Business Centre to assist businesses with advice and information
- \$0.14M to develop technology to increase arid zone pastoral profitability, and increase Aboriginal involvement in the industry

- \$58 000 to support research on reclaimed water for horticulture development projects

## Jobs and Training

- \$14.77M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute and other service providers to deliver vocational education, training and tertiary programs
- \$1.23M to transition from CDEP to real jobs
- \$0.92M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment
- \$0.46M for capital equipment for the Desert Peoples Precinct
- \$0.19M for horticultural job-ready training for local Indigenous people in the Ti Tree region
- \$0.16M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$50 000 to replace the Motorcyclist Education Training and Licensing (METAL) fleet of motorcycles

## Safer Communities

- \$40.72M for police, fire and emergency services in police and fire stations, emergency services and volunteer units, including \$0.66M for the remote and highway traffic patrols
- \$26.06M for safe and secure custody at Alice Springs Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders

- \$2.55M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities. The Supreme Court sits at Alice Springs for 32 weeks a year, and magistrates sit in Papunya, Mutitjulu, Yuendumu, Ti Tree, Hermannsburg and Docker River
- \$2.15M for Alice Springs community corrections, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.6M to support Family Responsibility Agreements and Orders under the *Youth Justice Act*
- \$0.58M for Aranda House juvenile holding facility
- \$0.55M to Tangentyere Council for an improved Safe Families program
- \$0.35M to Tangentyere Council to provide return to country information and referral services to homeless and itinerant people
- \$0.3M to develop a 12-month pilot of an Aboriginal child protection and family support service which will support vulnerable children and their families
- \$0.26M for licensing identification systems in takeaway liquor outlets
- \$0.25M for land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration and public trustee services
- \$0.2M for the continued expansion of Sexual Assault Referral Centre services

## Infrastructure Highlights

- » \$26.45M for major electricity infrastructure in Alice Springs
- » \$12.5M Alice Springs Hospital – continuing upgrades
- » \$13.9M Alice Springs and Darwin Correctional Centres – new accommodation
- » \$10.79M Desert Peoples Centre for blocks 2, 6, 7 and administration and precinct headworks
- » \$9.3M for general road repairs and maintenance across the region
- » \$4M Pine Hill – gravelled access road to the horticultural district
- » \$4M Santa Teresa Road – selected upgrading
- » \$3.5M Maryvale Road – further upgrading of targeted sections
- » \$3.25M Tanami Road – continue selected upgrades of targeted sections to improve access
- » \$3M to upgrade police and priority housing in remote locations
- » \$2.25M Ross Park Primary School – new and continuing upgrade works
- » \$2M Arlparra – construct new middle school
- » \$2.22M Outback Way – continue selected improvements, including Kata Tjuta to Docker River
- » \$1.65M for repairs and maintenance along the Plenty Highway
- » \$1.5M West MacDonnell National Park – Red Centre Way Interpretive Centre
- » \$1.43M for works along the Stuart Highway
- » \$1.3M to refurbish office space in Katherine and Alice Springs for extra community corrections staff
- » \$1.3M Sandover Highway – seal between Arlparra and Urapuntja and other works
- » \$1.27M for repairs and maintenance along the Lasseter Highway
- » \$1.25M Yuendumu – improved school facilities
- » \$1.1M Papunya – upgrade aerodrome
- » \$1.1M for upgrades at Alcoota, Willowra, Titjikala, Yuendumu and other remote schools
- » \$1.1M for safer level crossings at Bradshaw Drive, Ilparpa Road and The Gardens Road
- » \$0.98M to connect Wallace Rockhole to the Hermannsburg power grid
- » \$0.8M Nyirripi – upgrade aerodrome
- » \$0.75M Kintore Road – selected upgrades between Papunya and Mt Liebigh Road
- » \$0.52M for repairs and maintenance along the Sandover Highway
- » \$0.51M Sexual Assault Referral Centre – complete fitout
- » \$0.5M Finke Road – to Titjikala and to Kulgera – selected upgrading
- » \$0.5M Willowra – expand power station
- » \$0.5M Papunya power station – increase fuel storage and bunding
- » \$0.5M to improve remote classroom acoustics in East Arnhem, Barkly, and Central Australia regions
- » \$0.36M urban roads landscaping in Alice Springs and Darwin
- » \$0.3M to improve air conditioning and capacity at Acacia Hill School
- » \$0.3M for Yulara Drive streetlighting
- » \$0.25M for street lighting on the Stuart Highway south of Ilparpa Road

- \$0.17M for a domestic violence legal and advocacy service
- \$92 000 for regional justice project officers to increase public safety and reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm
- \$70 000 for CCTV to reduce antisocial behaviour in Alice Springs

## Better Schooling

- \$27.33M for early childhood and primary education in seven urban schools
- \$24.64M to assist non-government schools
- \$20.86M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 29 remote schools
- \$8.46M for senior years at Centralian Senior Secondary College
- \$8.24M for middle years at Alice Springs and Anzac Hill Middle Schools
- \$4.21M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs
- \$3.09M for student and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- \$1.6M for isolated student education at Alice Springs School of the Air
- \$1.59M for open learning programs and support for students and teachers in music and language
- \$0.96M for school buses and special needs transport for students
- \$0.9M for Building Better Schools to improve access, outcomes and engagement of secondary students
- \$0.67M for Aboriginal Islander education workers in schools
- \$0.67M for new mobile preschools for children in remote communities
- \$0.49M for Commonwealth targeted programs including literacy, numeracy and special learning needs program and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.33M for community stakeholder partnerships in education
- \$0.33M for the Back to School scheme to assist parents with the cost of essential school items
- \$0.23M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.19M for new classrooms
- \$0.12M for extra school counsellors
- \$0.11M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing

## Better Health

- \$131.18M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and patient travel
- \$51.2M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$2.94M for additional beds at Alice Springs Hospital
- \$2.07M for home and community care services for those with a disability and the frail aged
- \$1M for a satellite dialysis unit in Alice Springs to provide services for up to 32 extra patients
- \$0.6M to expand Hospital in the Home (HITH) services at Alice Springs Hospital, and increase to a seven day a week operation
- \$0.28M to introduce the Community Midwifery Program in the region
- \$0.2M to expand the allied health service at Alice Springs Hospital
- \$0.13M for an additional psychiatry registrar position in Alice Springs to work with Congress and rural and remote communities

## Community Development

- \$9.2M for HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners purchase a home
- \$0.93M for Desert Knowledge Australia to manage the Precinct
- \$0.36M for development coordinators to assist in developing regional local government
- \$0.17M for the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
- \$0.1M for the Moving Alice Ahead Planning Forum
- \$0.1M to support the Hermannsburg/Western Aranda Tourism Development Plan

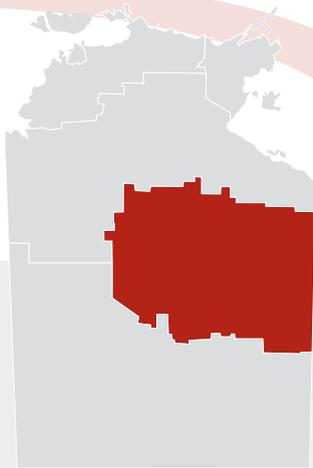
## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$6M for renewable energy projects and rebates and for industry support to develop technologies and skills

- \$3.96M for the Alice Springs Desert Park
- \$3.39M for programs, facilities and collections at the Araluen Centre
- \$1.94M for weed, biodiversity, feral animal, fire, visitor and cultural management on parks and reserves
- \$0.64M for public library services in Alice Springs, Uluru, Anmatjere and Lhere Artepe
- \$0.52M for cinema and film industries
- \$0.42M for an Indigenous Allstars NAB Cup football match and premiership match in Darwin and one in Alice Springs in 2009
- \$0.41M to manage threatened species in Alice Springs and Barkly
- \$0.4M to support key arts organisations
- \$0.36M for the Strehlow Research Centre collection
- \$0.36M to monitor and advise pastoralists on land and grazing conditions
- \$0.2M to advise landholders on weed management
- \$0.21M for repairs to Barrow Creek Telegraph Station
- \$0.19M for historical research through NT Archives
- \$0.17M for regional museums
- \$0.18M for the Alice Desert, Alice Springs and Beanie festivals

- \$0.15M to develop joint park management arrangements with traditional owners
- \$0.15M for Hermannsburg historic township urban enhancement
- \$0.15M for Santa Teresa historic areas urban enhancement
- \$0.15M to maintain herbarium plant collections and associated information services
- \$0.13M for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- \$0.12M for the Olive Pink Botanic Gardens
- \$0.12M for vegetation mapping in Alice Springs and Barkly
- \$0.12M for feral animal research and control
- \$0.12M to support volunteer bushfire brigades
- \$0.11M for wildfire suppression strategies in critical risk areas
- \$0.1M for Cool Communities in Darwin and Alice Springs
- \$0.1M for the Junior Ranger program





# Barkly

The Barkly region extends along the Stuart Highway from Barrow Creek to Elliott and east across the Barkly Tablelands to Queensland. The region covers about 21 per cent of the total Northern Territory land area. The main centre is Tennant Creek, with a population of around 3300. About 66 per cent of the region's population of 6200 are Indigenous, and the region's median age is 27 years.

Pastoral and mining-related activities are the major contributors to the regional economy. This includes the Bootu Creek mine, which commenced mineral exports in mid 2006, and the Peko Rehabilitation Project near Tennant Creek.

The cattle industry in the region accounts for about 30 per cent of the total Territory cattle industry.

## Supporting Business

- \$0.46M for services to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$0.25M for new generation geoscience data and to promote investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$0.2M for the Territory Business Centre to assist businesses with advice and information
- \$0.14M for tourism marketing and industry improvement
- \$0.1M for a local tourism development officer
- \$90 000 to the Battery Hill Mining Centre for visitor information services

## Jobs and Training

- \$2.57M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$1.02M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment, including the Regional and Remote Training Centre

- \$1.09M to transition from CDEP to real jobs

## Safer Communities

- \$7.06M for police, fire and emergency services in four police stations, one fire station and five volunteer groups
- \$1.2M for Tennant Creek community corrections including successful reintegration into the community

## Infrastructure Highlights

- » \$4.51M for general road repairs and maintenance across Barkly region
- » \$2.3M for continuing fire safety upgrades at Tennant Creek Hospital
- » \$1.91M to re-gravel sections of Calvert Road, Wollogorang Road, Ranken Road and the Barkly Stock Route
- » \$1.5M for resealing, linemarking and shoulder repair works on various sections of Stuart Highway
- » \$1.44M to replace electricity generator Set 15 in Tennant Creek
- » \$1.3M for a new sobering-up shelter in Tennant Creek
- » \$1M to replace Cabbage Gum pump station
- » \$1M for new senior years facilities at Alekorange
- » \$0.76M for upgrades along the Tablelands Highway
- » \$0.54M to extend culverts on the Carpentaria, Stuart and Barkly highways
- » \$0.53M to reseal various sections of the Carpentaria Highway
- » \$0.53M for resealing, linemarking and shoulder repair works on various sections of the Barkly Highway
- » \$0.5M to improve remote classroom acoustics in East Arnhem, Barkly and Central Australia regions
- » \$0.43M to replace electricity generator Set 1 in Elliott with higher capacity engine and generator
- » \$0.32M to install and commission power station standby diesel units at Tennant Creek
- » \$0.25M to upgrade the Tennant Creek main works depot including sewerage works and perimeter security fencing
- » \$0.11M to upgrade the Ali Curung and Barrow Creek airstrips
- » \$0.1M to upgrade the Elliott sport and recreation centre
- » \$80 000 to upgrade the Ali Curung Health Centre



- \$0.3M to develop a 12-month pilot of an Aboriginal child protection and family support service which will support vulnerable children and their families
- \$0.16M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Elliott and Ali Curung. Registry services from Tennant Creek courthouse
- \$0.1M to expand Sexual Assault Referral Centre services
- \$0.1M to work directly with at-risk children and families in their homes, linking them to other services including the Interventions for Family Violence program in Elliott
- \$92 000 for regional justice project officers, to increase public safety and reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm
- \$90 000 for local management of gambling, liquor and related activities
- \$60 000 to review liquor supply restrictions in Tennant Creek
- \$55 000 for lighting projects in urban parks

### Better Schooling

- \$6.3M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 11 remote schools
- \$4.62M for early childhood and primary education at Tennant Creek Primary School
- \$3.01M for senior years education at Tennant Creek High School
- \$2.61M for middle years education at Tennant Creek High School
- \$2.15M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$2.02M for Commonwealth targeted programs including literacy, numeracy and special learning needs and the National Drug Education Strategy

- \$0.96M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.75M for student and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- \$0.47M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.33M for new mobile preschools for children in remote communities
- \$0.13M for Aboriginal Islander education workers in schools
- \$0.11M for Building Better Schools to improve access, outcomes and engagement of secondary students
- \$55 000 for the Back to School scheme to assist parents with the cost of essential school items
- \$45 000 for additional classrooms

### Better Health

- \$12.32M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport and patient travel
- \$5.81M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.55M to provide home and community care services for those with a disability and the frail aged

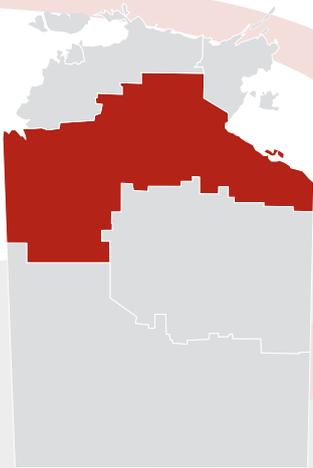
### Community Development

- \$0.36M for development coordinators to assist in developing regional local government
- \$0.14M to facilitate Indigenous employment in the pastoral industry
- \$0.1M to manage Crown land and associated buildings
- \$30 000 for the Barkly Region Tourism Development Plan



### Lifestyle and Environment

- \$1.18M for weed, biodiversity, feral animal, fire, visitor and cultural management of parks and reserves
- \$0.41M to manage threatened species in Alice Springs and Barkly
- \$0.4M for a combined Katherine and Barkly marketing campaign targeted at the tourist drive market
- \$0.17M for environmental monitoring of operational and closed mines in the region
- \$0.15M for public library services in Tennant Creek and Elliott
- \$0.12M for vegetation mapping in Alice Springs and Barkly
- \$0.1M to advise landholders on weed management
- \$45 000 for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- \$10 000 towards the Brunette Downs races



# Katherine

The Katherine region extends from the Ord Bonaparte area in the west to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east. Katherine is the main centre, with about 9000 people. At the time of the 2006 Census, the region's population was about 18 600 people with a median age of 27 years, and 55 per cent were Indigenous.

Major industries include tourism, mining, pastoralism, farming and horticulture. It includes the \$110 million project at McArthur River mine near Borroloola to change operations from underground mining to open cut.

Modern road and rail infrastructure, and strategic location, position Katherine to develop as a regional freight hub servicing industries in both the Territory and Kimberley region. RAAF Base Tindal is located near Katherine, and Nitmiluk Gorge, Edith Falls and Mataranka attract tourists to the region.

## Infrastructure Highlights

- » \$35.81M for continuing upgrade work and new bridges along the Victoria Highway
- » \$8.33M for general road repairs and maintenance across the region
- » \$5M continuing works at Borroloola to replace and extend education facilities
- » \$2.6M for power and sewerage works in Borroloola
- » Repairs and upgrades:
  - \$2.02M for Stuart Highway
  - \$1.41M for Victoria Highway
  - \$1.24M for Buntine Highway
  - \$0.87M for Central Arnhem Highway
  - \$0.82M for Buchanan Highway
  - \$0.73M for Carpentaria Highway
- » \$2M to improve water supply at Mataranka
- » \$2M to expand the Katherine wastewater treatment plant
- » \$1.6M to construct new power station at Bulman
- » \$1.3M for a Katherine Sobering-up Shelter
- » \$1.15M to improve and expand Ngukurr education facilities
- » \$1.14M to complete the new Pigeon Hole aerodrome
- » \$1.13M to connect Rittarangu to the Ngukurr power grid
- » \$2M for electricity infrastructure in Katherine
- » \$0.91M to remodel and extend Minyerri and Bulla Health Centres
- » \$0.3M for extra classroom space at Bulman School
- » \$80 000 to upgrade the dental clinic at Ngukurr Health Clinic

- \$0.26M to support plant industry development
- \$0.25M for Katherine Town Council visitor information services
- \$0.16M for tourism marketing and industry improvement
- \$0.15M for research on the reproductive performance of female cattle herds in northern Australia
- \$0.1M for mango industry support
- \$0.1M for a local tourism industry development officer

## Jobs and Training

- \$7.56M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.97M to transition from CDEP to real jobs
- \$0.93M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment, including the Regional and Remote Training Centre
- \$30 500 for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

## Safer Communities

- \$18.6M for police, fire and emergency services in nine police stations, one fire station and 12 volunteer groups, including \$0.66M for remote and highway traffic patrols
- \$1.64M for Katherine community corrections

## Supporting Business

- \$1M for Katherine and Victoria River Research Stations as bases for primary industry research and extension programs
- \$0.88M for services to ensure Territory livestock and horticulture produce meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$0.26M for the Territory Business Centre to assist businesses with advice and information



- \$0.76M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Beswick, Ngukurr, Timber Creek, Kalkarindji, Borrooloola and Lajamanu
- \$0.35M for Mission Australia to provide return to country, information and referral services to homeless and itinerant people
- \$0.3M to develop a 12-month pilot of an Aboriginal child protection and family support service to support vulnerable children and their families
- \$0.26M for identification systems in public takeaway liquor outlets
- \$0.25M for the Peace at Home project to deal with domestic violence and child protection issues
- \$0.2M to establish Sexual Assault Referral Centre services
- \$0.2M for support to victims of crime, witnesses and their families through the criminal justice process
- \$0.1M for management of liquor, gambling and related activities
- \$0.1M for family violence intervention services for men at Borrooloola
- \$92 000 for regional justice project officers, to increase public safety and reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm
- \$2.3M for support services including curricula for schools and special needs support
- \$2.14M for non-government schools
- \$1.66M for school buses and special needs student transport, including services to RAAF Base Tindal
- \$1.38M for Commonwealth targeted programs including literacy, numeracy and special learning needs program and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.61M for Building Better Schools to improve access, outcomes and engagement of secondary students
- \$0.66M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.32M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.2M for Aboriginal Islander education workers in schools
- \$0.18M for the Back to School scheme to assist parents with the cost of essential school items
- \$50 000 for regional senior studies hostels to support education for children in remote communities
- \$24 000 for new classrooms
- \$0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program in Indigenous communities to monitor illegal activity, protect sacred sites, control feral animals and noxious plants, and education

## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$5.91M for weed, biodiversity, feral animal, fire, visitor and cultural management on parks and reserves
- \$1M for surface/ground water studies and improved monitoring in Katherine and Top End mining areas
- \$0.81M to develop joint park management arrangements with traditional owners
- \$0.42M for public library services in Katherine, Pine Creek, Lajamanu, Borrooloola, Mataranka, Yugul Mangi and Nyirranggulung
- \$0.4M for a combined Katherine and Barkly tourism drive campaign
- \$0.4M to advise landholders on weed management
- \$0.34M to monitor and assess the Daly River catchment in Katherine and Top End Rural
- \$0.28M to monitor and advise on pastoral land and grazing conditions
- \$0.24M for volunteer bushfire brigades
- \$0.17M for bushfire mitigation and wildfire suppression strategies
- \$0.15M for research and control of wild dogs, horses and donkeys
- \$0.1M for Pine Creek urban enhancement
- \$82 000 to monitor surface and groundwater sustainability at operating and closed mine sites
- \$60 000 for crocodile management and associated activities
- \$40 000 to support arts and festivals including Milperri, Flying Fox, Barunga, Merepin and Katherine Country Music Festivals
- \$40 000 for regional museums

## Better Schooling

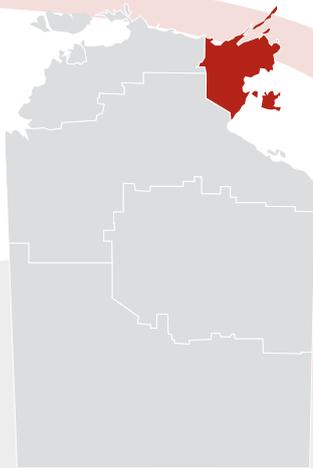
- \$23.15M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 20 remote schools
- \$14.57M for early childhood and primary education in urban schools
- \$5.31M for senior years education at Katherine High School
- \$4.48M for middle years education at Katherine High School
- \$3.51M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$2.54M for isolated student education through the Katherine School of the Air

## Better Health

- \$27.13M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport and patient travel
- \$20.73M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.13M to expand the psychiatry registrar training program
- \$71 000 for four transition care beds

## Community Development

- \$1.5M for HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$0.36M for development coordinators to assist in developing regional local government
- \$50 000 to facilitate Indigenous employment in the pastoral industry



# East Arnhem

The East Arnhem region covers East Arnhem Land and includes the neighbouring Groote Eylandt and Elcho Island, with the major population centres of Nhulunbuy and Alyangula servicing major mines in the region. Access for travellers and freight is mainly by air or sea, as roads to the region cross very difficult terrain.

At the time of the 2006 Census, the East Arnhem region had a population of 15 900, of whom 64 per cent were Indigenous. The main centre, Nhulunbuy, has a population of around 4400. The median age in the region is 27 years.

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

## Supporting Business

- \$0.16M for the Indigenous Tourism Hub to support emerging Indigenous entrepreneurs
- \$20 000 to assist tourism operators gain accreditation

## Jobs and Training

- \$6.67M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.74M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment including the Regional and Remote Training Centre

- \$0.2M for an extra ranger each year from 2007 in Galiwin'ku, Lanhapuy Homelands, Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy under the Indigenous Ranger Group Development Program
- \$0.14M to transition from CDEP to real jobs

## Safer Communities

- \$7.64M for police, fire and emergency services in two police stations, one fire station and five volunteer groups
- \$0.41M for Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy community corrections, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.16M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Alyangula, Nhulunbuy and Galiwin'ku. Registry services from the Nhulunbuy courthouse
  - \$0.12M to implement licensing identification systems in public takeaway liquor outlets
- \$92 000 for regional justice project officers, to increase public safety and reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm

## Better Schooling

- \$34.7M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 11 remote schools

- \$6.08M for early childhood and primary education at Nhulunbuy Primary School
- \$3.51M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$2.96M for senior years education at Nhulunbuy High School
- \$2.52M for middle years education at Nhulunbuy High School
- \$2.11M for student and school support services including curricula for schools and special needs support
- \$1.75M for assistance to non-government schools
- \$1.66M for Building Better Schools to improve access, outcomes and engagement of secondary students
- \$1.5M for Commonwealth targeted programs including literacy, numeracy and special learning needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.1M for school buses and special needs transport for students in Nhulunbuy, Jabiru and Groote Eylandt
- \$0.71M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.5M for new mobile preschools for children in remote communities



- \$0.35M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.16M for extra school counsellors
- \$0.16M for the Back to School scheme to assist parents with the cost of essential school items
- \$0.1M for community stakeholder partnerships in education
- \$0.1M for Aboriginal Islander education workers in schools

### Better Health

- \$19.64M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme
- \$13.08M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.35M to provide home and community care services for those with a disability and the frail aged

### Community Development

- \$0.36M for development coordinators to assist in developing and facilitating regional local government
- \$0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program in Indigenous communities to monitor illegal activity, protect sacred sites, control feral animals and noxious plants, and community education
- \$50 000 for tourism infrastructure in East Arnhem Land such as signage, car parking and toilet facilities

### Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.41M for crocodile management, surveys, signage and community awareness campaigns in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, Top End Rural and East Arnhem regions
- \$0.36M for public library services in Nhulunbuy, Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Alyangula, Umbakumba and Angurugu
- \$0.35M for marine biodiversity conservation and management in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield,

Top End Rural and East Arnhem regions

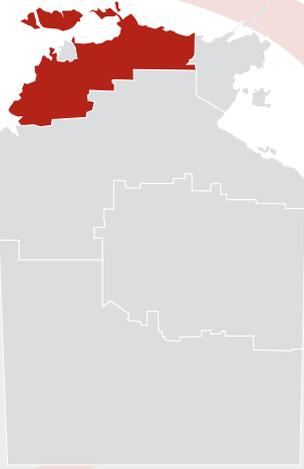
- \$0.27M for environmental monitoring of both operational and closed mines in the region
- \$0.14M to protect wildlife in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, Top End Rural and East Arnhem regions through monitoring trade and increasing community awareness of wildlife management
- \$0.13M for weed, biodiversity, feral animal, fire, visitor and cultural management on parks and reserves
- \$75 000 for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- \$60 000 to monitor and evaluate biological diversity
- \$51 000 for the Garma Festival
- \$20 000 for strategic planning and management of parks and reserves

- \$20 000 to manage threatened species
- \$15 000 for the Galiwin'ku Gumurr Marthakal festival
- \$10 000 for the Milingimbi Gatjirrk Cultural Festival
- \$10 000 for the Yindi Bungul Festival at Ramingining



### Infrastructure Highlights

- » \$5.85M for ongoing construction of the new police station at Galiwin'ku
- » \$4.5M for a new Milingimbi health centre
- » \$3M to upgrade police and priority housing in remote locations
- » \$2M to convert the Yilpara Homeland Centre to a school to provide additional learning and teaching space
- » \$1.55M to replace the current demountable block with four new classrooms at Yirrkala Community Education Centre
- » \$1.28M to upgrade Milyakburra aerodrome (Bickerton Island)
- » \$1.25M to expand capacity at Ramingining Community Education Centre
- » \$1.17M for general road repairs and maintenance across the region
- » \$0.99M to replace the emergency power generator at Gove District Hospital
- » \$0.65M to regravell various sections of Central Arnhem Road and Maningrida Road
- » \$0.5M to improve remote classroom acoustics in East Arnhem, Barkly and Central Australia regions
- » \$0.3M for upgrade works on Central Arnhem Road
- » \$0.3M for a computer room at Nhulunbuy High School
- » \$0.3M for tree clearing at the Ramingining and Milyakburra aerodromes
- » \$0.16M to upgrade Numbulwar Health Centre



# Top End Rural

The Top End Rural region covers the area south of Litchfield Shire, over to East Arnhem and south to the Katherine region. It encompasses Jabiru, Wadeye and Batchelor, many small communities and pastoral and agricultural properties. At the time of the 2006 Census, about 16 000 people lived in the region, 73 per cent of whom were Indigenous.

Mining is a major economic activity, including Ranger uranium mine near Jabiru, the Browns oxide project near Batchelor, gold mining at the Union Reefs plant near Pine Creek and Tom's Gully, and iron ore from the Frances Creek mine.

Other important industries include cattle, farming, horticulture and agriculture, supported by the Coastal Plains and Douglas Daly research farms. There is forestry and mineral sand mining on the Tiwi Islands and hard wood forestry plantations at Douglas Daly. Tourism and recreational fishing are also industries in the region.

## Supporting Business

- \$1M for the Kakadu global tourism marketing campaign
- \$0.97M for animal health services to ensure Territory livestock meet necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$0.96M for Douglas Daly Research Farm as the base for delivery of primary industry research and extension programs
- \$0.32M to support plant industry development
- \$0.23M for continued service to support the Territory mango industry
- \$0.13M to support forestry development in the Territory
- \$0.15M to provide new geoscience data and promote investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$50 000 to develop a Best Practice Manual for the buffalo industry

## Jobs and Training

- \$2.62M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.47M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment including the Regional and Remote Training Centre

- \$2.5M to transition from CDEP to real jobs

## Safer Communities

- \$7.16M for police, fire and emergency services in nine police stations, one fire station and 12 volunteer groups
- \$0.52M for Wadeye, Jabiru and Tiwi Islands community corrections, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.15M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru
- \$0.1M for family violence intervention services in Milikapiti

## Better Schooling

- \$25.17M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 18 remote schools
- \$9.39M for assistance to non-government schools
- \$2.22M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs
- \$1.15M for student and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- \$1.1M for school buses and special needs transport for students in Nhulunbuy, Jabiru and Groote Eylandt

- \$0.75M for Commonwealth targeted programs including literacy, numeracy and special learning needs program and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.4M for Building Better Schools to improve secondary student outcomes
- \$0.36M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.17M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.13M for the Back to School scheme to assist parents with the cost of essential school items
- \$0.1M for extra school counsellors
- \$67 000 for Aboriginal Islander education workers in schools
- \$50 000 for regional senior studies hostels to support education for children in remote communities
- \$24 000 for additional classrooms

## Better Health

- \$30.81M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$1.06M for home and community care services for those with a disability and the frail aged
- \$0.13M for an additional psychiatry registrar to work with rural and remote communities in the Top End

## Infrastructure Highlights

- » \$5.83M Port Keats Road, stage 2
- » \$4.4M to upgrade Wangi Falls and other visitor facilities
- » \$3.06M to improve level crossing safety at Fountain Head Road, Leonino Road, Elizabeth River Boat ramp and Kakadu Highway
- » \$3.1M to continue work on the new Wadeye health clinic
- » \$2.2M to upgrade stream crossings on the Daly River Road and Nauiyu access roads
- » \$2M Palumpa – reseal airstrip
- » \$2M for a Marrakai Zone Substation to meet growing electricity demand
- » \$1.64M Peppimenarti – reseal airstrip
- » \$1.5M for the McMinns Tank additional water storage capacity
- » \$1.5M Minjilang – upgrade to all-weather aerodrome
- » \$1.5M Fog Bay Road – upgrade and seal between Cox Peninsula Road and Namarada Drive
- » \$1.1M to complete upgrade of Warruwi aerodrome
- » \$1M for ten turn around points and bus bays in rural areas
- » \$0.8M rural arterial roads such as the Arnhem Highway
- » \$0.52M for Arnhem Highway repair works at Mary River Bridge
- » \$0.5M for minor new works at Nganmariyanga School
- » \$0.5M for recreational fishing infrastructure in Top End Rural, Palmerston and Litchfield regions
- » \$0.44M to replace elevated water storage tanks in Daly River
- » \$0.39M for minor new works at Milikapiti, Pularumpi, Jabiru, Belyuen and Peppimenarti schools
- » \$0.35M for upgrade works at Peppimenarti, Palumpi and Nguuiu health centres
- » \$0.25M for Wadeye main street beautification
- » \$0.1M for Pine Creek beautification
- » \$80 000 to extend the airstrip away from the hills at Eva Valley

- \$0.35M for marine biodiversity conservation and management across the Top End
- \$0.34M to monitor and assess the Daly River catchment in Katherine and Top End Rural regions
- \$0.33M for wildfire suppression strategies in critical risk areas
- \$0.24M to develop joint park management arrangements with traditional owners
- \$0.18M to operate Window on the Wetlands
- \$0.18M for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- \$0.14M for public library services in Jabiru, Wadeye, Peppimenarti, Coomalie and Tiwi Islands
- \$0.14M for research and control of feral cats and wild dogs, horses and donkeys
- \$0.14M to protect wildlife across the Top End by monitoring trade and increasing community awareness
- \$0.12M to support volunteer bushfire brigades
- \$70 000 for fire management projects to offset greenhouse gases
- \$10 000 for the Gunbalanya Cultural Open Day

## Community Development

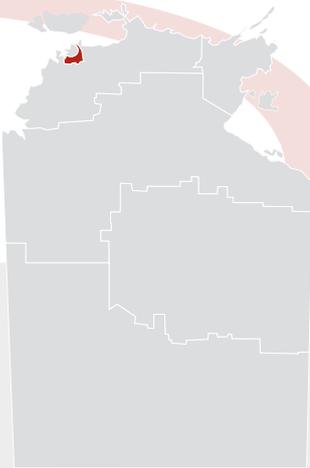
- \$0.36M for development coordinators to assist in developing regional local government
- \$0.24M for the Marine Ranger Program in Indigenous communities to monitor illegal activity, protect sacred sites, and control feral animals and noxious plants
- \$0.1M for approach lighting at Daly River airstrip
- \$50 000 for tourism signage and carparking at Daly River

## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$1M for surface/ground water studies and improved monitoring in Katherine and Top End mining areas

- \$0.95M for weed, biodiversity, feral animal, fire, visitor and cultural management on parks and reserves
- \$0.71M to support volunteer bushfire brigades
- \$0.45M to monitor surface and ground water at operating and closed mine sites in the region
- \$0.4M to advise landholders on weed management
- \$0.41M for crocodile management, surveys, signage and community awareness in coastal areas





# Palmerston and Litchfield

The region encompasses the city of Palmerston and the Litchfield Shire, including East Arm and Robertson Barracks. The area extends east across Cape Hotham Forestry Reserve, following the Adelaide River south to the Darwin River Dam and across to Wickham Point. The region has been growing strongly, with nearly 5 per cent growth over 2006-07. At the time of the 2006 Census, there were 42 400 people in the region with more than 25 000 living in Palmerston.

Industry in the region includes LNG production at Wickham Point, cattle and crocodile farming, mango and tropical fruit farming, other horticulture, aquaculture and defence. Recreational fishing is an important tourism activity, in this and other Top End regions.

There is also significant transport and logistics infrastructure including East Arm Wharf, Darwin Business Park and the passenger and freight terminals for the Adelaide to Darwin railway. Development in the region continues, with relatively strong residential construction.

## Supporting Business

- \$2.26M to provide strategic industrial land at East Arm for developments associated with the port, rail, defence and the oil and gas industry
- \$0.73M for a range of programs including interstate quarantine and grower accreditation and certification to ensure Territory horticulture produce meets necessary standards for domestic and export outlets
- \$0.56M for Coastal Plains and Beatrice Hill Research Farms as bases for primary industry research and extension programs

## Jobs and Training

- \$8.83M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education, training and tertiary programs
- \$0.19M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$97 000 for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment

## Safer Communities

- \$34.52M for safe and secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders

- \$11.15M for police, fire and emergency services at one police station, one fire station, a combined police and fire station and seven volunteer groups
- \$4.11M to provide safe and secure juvenile detention services at Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including rehabilitation and care of young offenders
- \$1.22M for Palmerston community corrections including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.36M for Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation to provide return to country information and referral services to homeless and itinerant people

## Better Schooling

- \$47.86M for early childhood and primary education in 11 schools
- \$16.31M for assistance to non-government schools
- \$11.8M for senior years education at Palmerston High School and Taminmin High School
- \$9.93M for middle years education at Palmerston High School and Taminmin High School
- \$3.22M for support services including curricula for schools and special needs support

- \$2.59M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$2.11M for Commonwealth targeted programs including literacy, numeracy and special learning needs program and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.5M for early childhood and primary education at Middle Point
- \$0.49M for Territory student assistance travel schemes
- \$0.41M for Aboriginal Islander education workers in schools
- \$0.34M for the Back to School scheme to assist parents with the cost of essential school items
- \$0.28M for Building Better Schools to improve access, outcomes and engagement of secondary students
- \$0.27M for community stakeholder partnerships in education

## Better Health

- \$2.65M for non-acute health and community services
- \$1M for acute care services, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and patient travel

## Infrastructure Highlights

- » \$89M to extend Tiger Brennan Drive from Berrimah Road to the Stuart Highway
- » \$60.2M for East Arm Wharf:
  - overland conveyor to improve bulk ship loading operation and environmental and traffic safety
  - reclamation of land and additional hardstand
  - complete the security upgrade
- » \$9.8M for additional power supply in the Palmerston area
- » \$9.5M for headworks for new Rosebery primary and middle schools
- » \$9M for the Wickham Point gas pipeline interconnect to Darwin LNG plant
- » \$8.2M for further work at Weddell power station
- » \$7M to continuing headworks for Bellamack subdivision
- » \$6.5M for increased pipeline capacity in the Palmerston area
- » \$5.5M to raise Darwin River Dam by 1.3m to increase its capacity
- » \$4.6M to complete works for the new East Arm boat ramp including land access
- » \$2.5M for subdivision and earthworks within the former Trade Development Zone
- » \$2M for industrial wastewater treatment facilities for the East Arm precinct
- » \$1.5M Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve – reconstruct boardwalk and wetlands lookout as part of the Monsoon Forest Walk
- » \$1.5M to reseal various sections of the Kakadu and Arnhem highways
- » \$1M to improve safety and traffic flow at Girraween/Henning Road intersection
- » \$1M for a residential care unit at Bees Creek
- » \$1M for road access to the Defence Support Precinct
- » \$0.55M for traffic management improvements to Arnhem Highway at Humpty Doo and Freds Pass
- » \$0.52M for regravelling at various locations on Fog Bay, Ooloo and Gunn Point roads
- » \$0.5M for improved recreational fishing infrastructure in Top End Rural and Palmerston and Litchfield regions
- » \$0.5M for the Humpty Doo bus interchange
- » \$0.25M to improve traffic flow and safety at Freds Pass Road and Arnhem Highway intersection
- » \$0.15M for the Stuart Highway – Coolalinga landscaping stage 2
- » \$0.1M for works to address safer level crossings on Wishart Road

## Community Development

- \$11.2M for HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$0.44M to manage Crown land and associated buildings

## Lifestyle and Environment

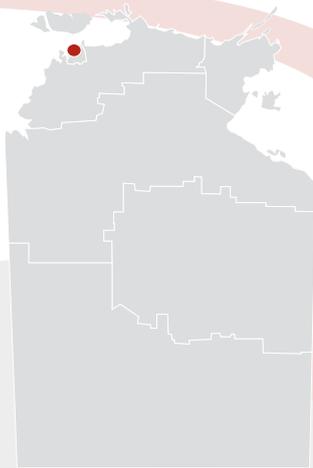
- \$3.96M for the Territory Wildlife Park
- \$2.58M for weed, biodiversity, feral animal, fire, visitor and cultural management on parks and reserves
- \$0.75M to monitor and advise pastoralists on land and grazing conditions
- \$0.6M to maintain herbarium plant collections and associated information services
- \$0.44M for public library services in Palmerston and Litchfield
- \$0.41M for crocodile management, surveys, signage and community awareness campaigns in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, Top End Rural and East Arnhem regions

- \$0.35M for marine biodiversity conservation and management in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, Top End Rural and East Arnhem regions
- \$0.25M to eradicate cabomba weed in the Darwin River
- \$0.19M to develop joint park management arrangements between traditional owners and the Parks and Wildlife Service
- \$0.15M to remediate disturbed areas in the upper reaches of Mitchell Creek, Palmerston
- \$0.14M for research and control of wild dogs, horses and donkeys
- \$0.14M to protect wildlife in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, Top End Rural

and East Arnhem regions through monitoring trade and increasing community awareness of wildlife management

- \$42 000 for signage and displays in parks and reserves
- \$20 000 to share traditional knowledge on biodiversity conservation





# Darwin

Darwin is the Northern Territory's capital city and the main population and administrative centre. At the time of the 2006 Census, about 71 900 people lived in Darwin, with a median age of 33 years, and 12 per cent Indigenous.

Major industries in Darwin include construction, defence and tourism, with the Northern Territory public sector also a substantial source of employment. Construction is strong, with large residential apartment-style developments in the city, residential construction in the new suburb of Lyons, and the Darwin Waterfront Development under way. Darwin is also an important defence base and is home to Larrakeyah Barracks, RAAF Base Darwin and Defence Establishment Berrimah.

## Supporting Business

- \$2.33M contribution towards management of the Darwin Waterfront precinct, including the community infrastructure
- \$0.93M for the Territory Business Centre to assist businesses with advice and information
- \$0.63M for tourism marketing, industry improvement and visitor information services
- \$0.6M for marketing to leverage interest from *Australia the Movie*, highlighting Darwin and the Territory as a tourism destination

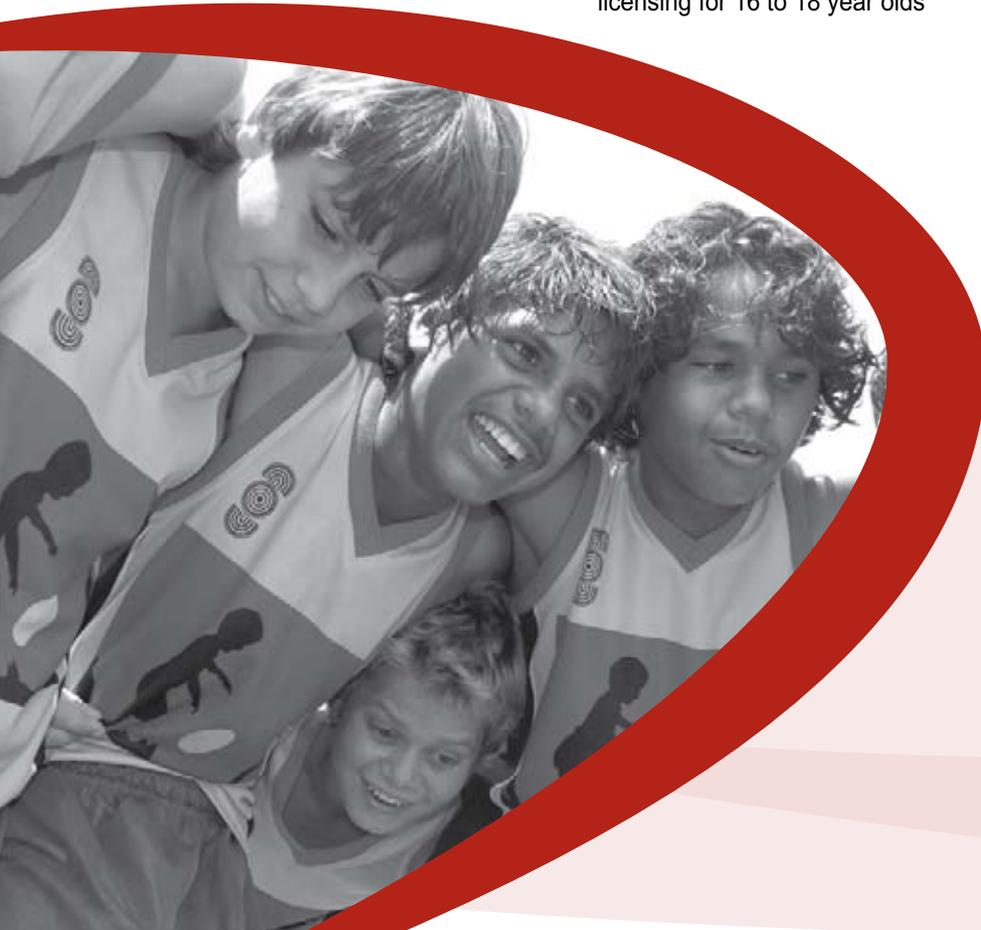
- \$0.52M for Berrimah Farm as the base for primary industry research services and extension programs
- \$0.15M to host the 2009 Australian Tourism Export Council Symposium

## Jobs and Training

- \$26.96M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training and tertiary programs
- \$0.72M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment
- \$0.64M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds

## Safer Communities

- \$157M for police, fire and emergency services in police and fire stations, emergency services and volunteer units, a police college and forensic laboratory
- \$2.57M for land titles, births, deaths and marriages registration and public trustee and wills services
- \$2.36M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections
- \$1.4M for Family Responsibility Agreements and Orders under the *Youth Justice Act*
- \$0.94M for the First Response Patrol to respond to antisocial behaviour
- \$0.65M for Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation for return to country information and referral services to homeless and itinerant people
- \$0.6M for a community operated night patrol
- \$0.75M for transport safety officers for the Darwin Bus Network
- \$0.24M for a domestic violence legal and advocacy service
- \$0.11M for a 24 hour phone hotline to report antisocial behaviour
- \$92 000 for regional justice project officers, to increase public safety and reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm



## Better Schooling

- \$70.47M for early childhood and primary education in 19 schools
- \$35.65M for assistance to non-government schools
- \$35.17M for secondary education at four schools
- \$22.06M for middle years education at six schools
- \$14.68M for open learning programs and support for students and teachers in music and languages
- \$6.56M for student and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- \$4.29M for Commonwealth targeted programs including literacy, numeracy and special learning needs program and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$3.23M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$2.04M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$1.55M for Building Better Schools to improve access, outcomes and engagement of secondary students
- \$1.24M for Aboriginal Islander education workers in schools
- \$0.99M for Territory student assistance travel schemes
- \$0.71M for the Back to School scheme to assist parents with the cost of essential school items
- \$0.26M for community stakeholder partnerships in education
- \$0.12M for extra school counsellors

## Better Health

- \$353.36M for acute care services at Royal Darwin Hospital, including road and aero-retrieval transport services and patient travel
- \$246.19M for non-acute health and community services

- \$5.6M to provide home and community care services for those with a disability and the frail aged
- \$5.5M grant to Menzies School of Health Research to extend facilities at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$1.47M for six additional beds at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$0.3M for intervention and treatment services for short-stay prisoners
- \$0.2M to coordinate health services for clients referred through the criminal justice system

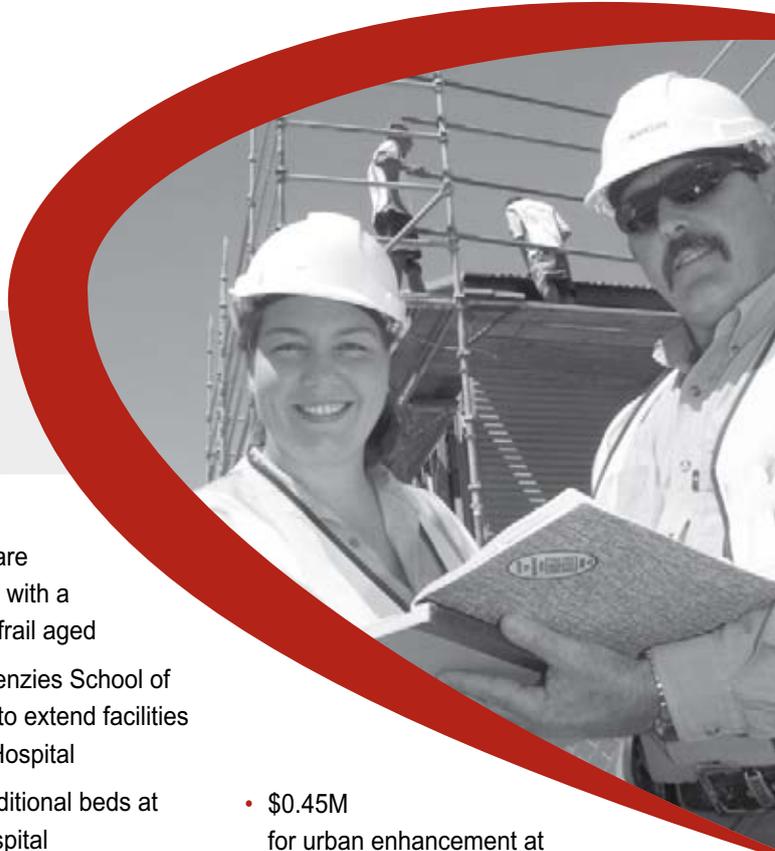
## Community Development

- \$12.1M for HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$0.6M for the Interpreting and Translating Service NT

## Lifestyle and Environment

- \$8.65M for art, cultural and history collections at the Museum and Art Galleries of the NT
- \$2.66M for weed, biodiversity, feral animal, fire, visitor and cultural management on parks and reserves
- \$2.1M to secure a five-year international cricket agreement
- \$1.71M for the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens
- \$1.24M for public library services in Darwin, Nightcliff, Casuarina and Karama
- \$1.13M for historical research through NT Archives
- \$0.77M to support the Darwin Festival
- \$0.7M for an air quality program

- \$0.45M for urban enhancement at Anula, Nakara and Sabine Road shopping centres
- \$0.42M for an Indigenous Allstars NAB Cup football match and premiership match in Darwin and one in Alice Springs in 2009
- \$0.41M for crocodile management across coastal areas
- \$0.35M for marine biodiversity conservation and management
- \$0.3M to launch the Darwin CBD Urban Planning Forum Action Plan
- \$0.19M to stage an Australian Rugby League pre-season game in February 2009 at Richardson Park
- \$0.14M to protect wildlife across the Top End by monitoring trade and increasing community awareness of wildlife management
- \$0.12M for Darwin region arts festivals including Wordstorm
- \$0.1M for the Junior Ranger program
- \$0.1M for Cool Communities in Darwin and Alice Springs
- \$85 000 for the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- \$75 000 to stage a National Basketball League (Perth Wildcats) fixture at Marrara Indoor Stadium



## Infrastructure Highlights

- » \$19.76M Darwin Waterfront Development – continue headworks and roadworks, and demolish Iron Ore Wharf
- » \$17.6M for power, water and sewerage infrastructure
- » \$16.6M capital grant to Power and Water Corporation to complete works for the undergrounding of power to Nightcliff, Rapid Creek and Millner
- » \$13.9M Darwin and Alice Springs Correctional Centres to meet rising prisoner numbers
- » \$6.14M to complete the new Casuarina police station
- » \$6M Myilly Point upgrade
- » \$5.2M Leanyer Recreation Park, stage 2 – waterslides, lifeguard towers, food kiosk, additional shade and seating, and skate park
- » \$5M to upgrade facilities and accommodation at the Ben Hammond Complex
- » \$4.8M Marrara netball centre
- » \$4.35M Development House – complete the fitout
- » \$2.53M Parliament House – complete the communications and security upgrade
- » \$2.5M for passing lanes on Tiger Brennan Drive
- » \$2.5M for additional short-term managed accommodation units
- » \$2.5M Bagot Road/Stuart Highway and Trower Road/Rothdale Road intersections and Wishart Road cycle path improvements
- » \$2.11M Australian Technical Colleges – facilities upgrades at Casuarina Senior College, Palmerston and Taminmin high schools
- » \$2M to construct a third lane and approach at the Stuart Highway/ Deviney Road intersection
- » \$2M Alawa Primary School stage 2 – classroom upgrades
- » \$2M Leanyer School upgrade, stage 2 – classroom upgrades
- » \$2M Nakara Primary School, stage 2 – classroom upgrades
- » \$1.92M public housing – redevelop blocks 4, 5 and 6 at Kurringal
- » \$1.5M for the Accident Prevention Program, reviewing and upgrading roads including Kalymnos Drive and McMillans Road
- » \$1.35M Hidden Valley Raceway – continue facilities upgrade
- » \$1.3M Museum and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory – replace the airconditioning system
- » \$1.08M Fishermans Wharf – complete the remedial works
- » \$1M Malak Primary School – upgrade the assembly area
- » \$1M Darwin CBD to airport landscaping
- » \$0.95M Millner Primary School – upgrade assembly area
- » \$0.75M for strengthening of urban arterial roads, Bagot Road
- » \$0.5M Jingili Primary School – upgrade drop off zone in Knowles Street
- » \$0.5M Casuarina Senior College – upgrade existing school facilities used as a public cyclone shelter
- » \$0.5M for new and upgraded existing bus shelters
- » \$0.45M for urban enhancement at East Point, Mindil Beach and Casuarina Coastal Reserve
- » \$0.45M Dinah Beach boat ramp
- » \$0.4M Nakara oval lighting
- » \$0.4M for lighting in urban parks
- » \$0.36M urban roads landscaping in Alice Springs and Darwin
- » \$0.35M for resealing various sections of Tiger Brennan Drive
- » \$0.24M to repair underground storm water pipes on Bagot Road



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