

# **REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Regional Highlights presents an overview of key initiatives and programs in the 2018 Budget. It complements the extensive information contained in the other budget papers by presenting budget details of particular relevance to the communities in each of the Territory's seven regions.

This book details initiatives in service delivery, targeted specifically for each region and classified by the Government's strategic priorities of jobs and economy, putting children at the heart of government, investing in the bush, safer communities, and trust. It also includes Territory-wide initiatives, which apply across all regions.

Important infrastructure projects are identified for each region as well as on a Territory-wide basis.

Where Commonwealth funding is provided through national partnership agreements, and can be used flexibly, it is included under the title of the relevant agreement.

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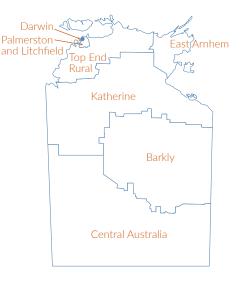
# **TERRITORY WIDE**

This section details important initiatives that cannot be accurately apportioned between regions.

### Jobs and economy

- \$140.4M over five years from 2016-17 to implement the Territory Government's Housing Strategy, to refresh the Territory's public housing stock and deliver a sustainable public housing program
- \$23.6M for repairs and maintenance of urban public and government employee housing across the Territory
- \$21.5M for minor new works to upgrade existing urban public and government employee housing across the Territory
- \$16.5M to continue supporting the headlease rental initiative of the Real Housing for Growth plan, including headleases for both affordable and social housing
- \$11M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training (VET)

- for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- \$9M over four years from 2016-17 to support the Territory screen production industry
- \$5M to ensure active mines (including exploration and extractive sites) operate in a manner that supports sustainable economic development
- \$4.4M to sustain and enhance primary industry market access and competitiveness through appropriate regulation to maintain disease-free and safe produce
- \$4M for the security system grant program to install or upgrade security at business premises
- \$4M over four years from 2018-19 to support regional transport capability
- \$3.75M for the smart energy grants program to enable Territorians to undertake energy-efficient measures in their homes
- \$3M to support the formation of a marketing agreement with China Southern Airlines for three years
- \$2.9M to support defence investment in the Territory and deliver the Defence Action Plan
- \$2.7M for management and research to ensure sustainability of Territory aquatic resources
- \$2.6M for the Land Management and Conservation Fund
- \$2.5M to deliver effective and efficient administration of mineral titles and tenure within the Territory to assist industry exploration
- \$2.4M to enhance delivery of geoscience and exploration data to the minerals and petroleum exploration



industry and promote investment opportunities

- \$2.4M to support the Northern Territory Institute of Sport
- \$2.3M to continue the Mapping the Future program to develop natural resource information
- \$2.2M to regulate and administer petroleum titles and petroleum exploration, extraction, processing and pipeline activities within the Territory in a manner that supports industry growth and ensures ecologically sustainable development
- \$1.87M to improve administration and regulation of water licences and permits, and water management across the Territory
- \$1.5M to enhance recreational fishing opportunities across the Territory as part of the \$50M recreational fishing infrastructure program
- \$1.5M over three years from 2018-19 to continue the Smarter Business Solutions program
- \$1.5M for employment programs, including \$0.7M for 45 Aboriginal teacher education scholarships to assist in increasing the number of Aboriginal teachers across Territory schools
- \$1M to provide environment grants to community groups, industry, schools, local government and business to benefit the Territory environment

#### TOURISM STIMULUS

As part of the \$103M tourism stimulus package:

- \$52.5M for tourism infrastructure
- \$26.6M for smarter and more targeted tourism marketing, to better promote the Territory's attractions, roll out marketing campaigns with key airlines, target niche markets and lure lucrative business events
- \$24.5M to enhance our existing festivals, events and other tourism offerings to cement the Territory's reputation as a vibrant, exciting place to live, work and visit

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

\$35.6M over four years to implement the Early Childhood Development Plan, including:

- to establish 11 and expand six child and family centres to deliver comprehensive early childhood services such as immunisation, parenting support, and housing and community services
- for an additional 14 Abecedarian early childhood programs to facilitate early childhood learning for children aged 0 to 4 and their parents
- to establish four additional Hearing Health Partnership locations at Families as First Teachers sites to promote good ear health and hygiene
- to deliver the Healthy Under 5 Kids Partnering with Families program in regional and remote primary health clinics
- to establish an independent Ministerial Advisory Council for children and young people
- \$1M for grants to encourage resource exploration in greenfield regions including engagement of local suppliers
- \$1M to employ and train Aboriginal interpreters to facilitate the successful implementation of the Remote Housing Investment Package and other government initiatives
- \$0.9M for the International Migrant Attraction Strategy
- \$0.8M to adapt intensive agricultural production systems for commodities into targeted markets to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability
- \$0.8M to support the Northern Territory Public Sector Indigenous Employment and Career Development Strategy 2015-2020
- \$0.5M to protect the Territory from aquatic pests and diseases
- \$0.4M to develop and maintain services to improve market access and increase agricultural exports through trade and industry delegations, and technical services to industry and importers of Territory commodities
- \$0.33M to support Water Advisory Committees to develop and review water allocation plans, and provide

advice to government on water management

# Putting children at the heart of government

- \$16.4M in grants to support sports in the Territory, including the sports voucher scheme
- \$2.7M for round 2 of Building Better Schools grants to non-government schools, providing \$300 000 per school for refurbishments and upgrades to school facilities to enhance student learning
- \$1M to effectively attract, retain and manage school staff to meet the needs of their students and school community

- \$0.7M to engage and develop quality teachers and school leaders through training, coaching and mentoring programs, targeted professional learning opportunities and improved performance management
- \$0.5M to upskill teachers in digital literacy and introduce computer coding training into primary and secondary schools
- \$0.3M to perform a digital assessment of Territory schools, including technology and connectivity

### Investing in the bush

- \$1.1B from 2017-18 for the 10-year Remote Housing Investment Package, comprising:
  - \$500M to construct new public housing
  - \$200M for new government employee housing in remote communities, including housing for local employees
  - \$200M to build additional living areas in existing housing stock under the Room to Breathe program
  - \$200M for repairs and maintenance
- \$550M over five years from the Commonwealth to match the Territory's investment in remote Indigenous housing



#### **ROYAL COMMISSION**

\$229.6M over five years in additional funding to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, including:

- \$71.4M to construct a purposebuilt youth justice training centre
- \$66.9M for a new comprehensive and robust client management system with full data integration to support and improve front-line government service delivery
- \$22.9M to transform youth detention centre operations
- \$12.9M to engage young people through regional youth services including after school and holiday programs
- \$11.4M to expand the network of family support services to deliver universal, as well as targeted and intensive services to local children and families
- \$9.9M to enhance youth outreach and re-engagement programs

- and expand supported bail accommodation services
- \$8.9M to support communities to design and deliver services
- \$5.7M to develop an effective family group conferencing model in the Territory
- \$5.4M to transform out of home care services
- \$5.2M to support transition of young people leaving out of home care by providing access to stable accommodation
- \$2.8M to improve care and protection practice
- \$2.5M to support evidence-based service delivery
- \$2.5M to expand the functions of the Children's Commissioner to provide strong independent oversight for all children and young people in the Territory, with a particular focus on children and young people in care or youth detention
- \$1.2M to establish and operate a new Youth and Children's Court in Alice Springs
- \$76.1M for the Indigenous Essential Services program to continue providing electricity, water and sewerage services in 72 remote Aboriginal communities
- \$25.5M over two years from 2017-18 for urgent repairs and maintenance works in town camps throughout the Territory
- \$24.3M in 2018-19 for land servicing, essential services and headworks infrastructure to support the 10-year Remote Housing Investment Package
- \$21.6M to continue providing municipal and essential services to homelands and outstations
- \$14M over four years from 2018-19 as part of a joint Territory Government

- and Telstra co-investment program, totalling \$28M to further expand telecommunications services across remote Territory locations
- \$6M for the Homelands Jobs Program
- \$6M including an additional \$1M in 2018-19, for the Homelands Extra Allowance program to improve existing housing in homelands
- \$5.1M for the Strategic Local Government Infrastructure Fund for projects that improve key infrastructure in remote communities
- \$5M to upgrade major essential services infrastructure in remote communities
- \$3.8M to expand the Regional Network (support personnel to

- coordinate and facilitate service delivery) as part of the Government's Local Decision Making policy
- \$3.3M to lead whole of government coordination in developing and implementing Aboriginal affairs-related policies
- \$2.1M to support Aboriginal ranger groups to purchase essential capital items
- \$1.6M for agreements with traditional owners to ensure recreational and commercial fishing access
- \$1.4M for rangelands monitoring of natural resources on pastoral lands
- \$0.76M to continue the regional bus program and trial new intra-town passenger services in priority regional and remote areas
- \$0.64M to fund marine patrols and facilitate training to support marine ranger career pathways to achieve inspector powers
- \$0.5M for sustainable management of the Territory recreational fishing sector
- \$0.5M in Commonwealth national partnership funds to establish pest and weed management for wild dogs, acacia and mimosa
- \$0.4M for training and support of Aboriginal people to start and operate fishing or aquaculture businesses in remote communities

- \$259M over five years from 2017-18, including \$70.2M in 2018-19 for the health Core Clinical Systems Renewal Program
- \$139.35M for disability services, including community care and support
- \$67.44M to provide mental health services across the Territory including suicide prevention programs
- \$57.25M for alcohol and other drugs services, including treatment and care options to reduce harm

- \$29.6M to provide road ambulance services
- \$27.32M for hearing, oral and cancer screening services including the hearing workers' initiative and mobile breast-screening services
- \$23.3M for homelessness services to support homeless or at-risk Territorians
- \$19.42M to provide disease control services including disease prevention and early intervention, immunisation and disease surveillance
- \$17.12M to provide primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- \$8.5M to continue enhancing recreational fishing infrastructure
- \$8.4M to further develop the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) collections, including managing the Alcoota fossil bed exhibition in Alice Springs
- \$8M over four years from 2016-17 for Motor Sports Northern Territory
- \$6M for the Banned Drinker Register
- \$5M for environmental health services including surveillance and monitoring of the environment and health standards
- \$5M for the remote sporting infrastructure program
- \$4.43M to promote and protect the interests of adults with impaired decision-making capacity across

- the Territory by providing information, education, advocacy, support investigations and guardianship
- \$4.15M to eradicate browsing ant from the Territory
- \$3.6M to strengthen community corrections and continue electronic monitoring
- \$3.5M to continue the urban and regional oval lights program
- \$2.4M for river and groundwater resource monitoring and flood forecasting
- \$2.1M to provide quality-assured veterinary laboratory services that support diagnostic, regulatory and research programs for animal health
- \$2M for infrastructure upgrades of community art galleries
- \$2M in additional funding to assist volunteer bushfire brigades and residents in wildfire management and preparedness
- \$1.7M to deliver two Australian Football League premiership games in the Territory
- \$1.56M to assist victims of crime by providing crisis counselling, advocacy and referrals, and implementing the Safe at Home program
- \$1.5M to trial an alternative to prison arrangement in East Arnhem and



Central Australia for people who have offended or are at risk of offending

- \$1.49M to assess and monitor threatened and significant wildlife, and reduce threats from fire and feral cats
- \$1.1M to enhance animal welfare in the Territory through a robust compliance program
- \$1.1M to establish the Aboriginal Justice Unit
- \$1M to support National Rugby League games in the Territory
- \$0.6M for additional Australian rules football community participation programs
- \$0.53M to provide aged care services across the Territory, including home and community care services

#### HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

\$5.3M over three years from 2018-19 to implement the 135 recommendations of the Independent Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory, including:

- lifting the moratorium
- introducing new mandatory codes of practice
- implementing robust compliance and monitoring strategies
- completing regional environmental baseline assessments
- separating industry promotion from regulation

#### Trust

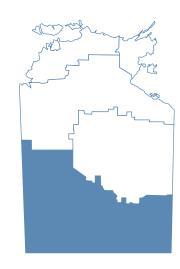
- \$3M to establish the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption
- \$0.93M in additional funding to meet demand for environmental assessments of major projects to support informed decision making

# **CENTRAL AUSTRALIA**

The Central Australia region occupies about 42 per cent of the Territory's land area and is home to 16 per cent of the Territory's population. There are about 39 700 people living in the region, of whom around 39 per cent are Aboriginal. Alice Springs, the main centre in the region, has a population of about 26 800. About 36 per cent of the region's population are aged 24 years or under, and about 7 per cent are aged 65 years or older.

The main industries in the Central Australia region include pastoralism, tourism, defence, Aboriginal arts and culture, mining, and oil and gas exploration.

Domestic and international visitors are important contributors to economic activity. Tourist attractions in Central Australia include Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon, Uluru and the West MacDonnell Ranges.



### Jobs and economy

- \$16.3M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver VET for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- \$6.18M to operate the Alice Springs Desert Park
- \$1.1M for new generation geoscience technology to assess resource potential and promote exploration investment
- \$0.79M to support regional tourist organisations and visitor information centres to deliver marketing and visitor information services
- \$0.76M for Charles Darwin University to support the tertiary education sector
- \$0.7M for research and development to assist the cattle industry to improve productivity
- \$0.6M to operate the Arid Zone and Old Man Plains research stations
- \$0.3M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty

# Putting children at the heart of government

• \$81.03M for primary school education in government and non-government schools

- \$32.19M for middle years education in government and non-government schools, including improving transition between primary, middle and senior school
- \$26.82M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- \$23.57M for out of home care
- \$7.95M for preschool education in government schools
- \$5.74M to implement stage 2 of the Indigenous Education Strategy, including continuing the Families as First Teachers program, support for students accessing secondary

- \$23.8M in Commonwealth and Territory funding for the Northern Australia Roads Program to continue to extend the seal along the Plenty Highway
- \$20.5M for Turbocharging Tourism
  - \$5.6M for an iconic five-day walking track
  - \$11.9M for a new adventure cycling track at West MacDonnell National
  - \$3M for Hermannsburg Historical Precinct upgrades in the West MacDonnell region
- \$19.8M for City Deals for revitalising infrastructure in the Alice Springs CBD
- \$8.4M in Commonwealth and Territory funding to continue to extend the seal along Tjukaruru Road
- \$7M to continue upgrading the Domestic Violence Court in Alice Springs
- \$6.3M to redevelop the administration and student services facilities and two new classrooms at Acacia Hill School
- \$4.2M to improve security at the Alice Springs Correctional Centre
- \$3.67M for repairs and maintenance of government schools, including homeland schools
- \$3.29M to upgrade government schools, including round 2 of Building Better Schools projects, and the rooftop solar in schools program
- \$2.5M to seal sections of the Tanami Road

boarding schools and implementing the community-led schools initiative

- \$4.94M for child protection services
- \$4.17M for early childhood education and care including early childhood services subsidies
- \$3.72M for isolated student education allowances through the Alice Springs School of the Air and distance education
- \$1.9M for school bus services
- \$1.36M for early intervention and support to tackle challenging behaviours and assist students with additional needs, including a new autism unit
- \$1.17M to continue the Back to School Payment scheme
- \$1.01M to provide nationally accredited VET and support for employment pathways in schools
- \$0.75M to improve educational services to young people in detention
- \$0.75M additional support for non-government schools to provide boarding services for Aboriginal students in the region
- \$0.2M to continue the Families as First Teachers program at Larapinta child and family centre

# Investing in the bush

 \$1.7M for the Regional Network (support personnel to coordinate and facilitate service delivery) as part of the Government's Local Decision Making policy

- \$243.3M for hospital services including patient travel and aeromedical retrieval services
- \$64.53M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including nine police stations, and a further six police stations funded under the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment



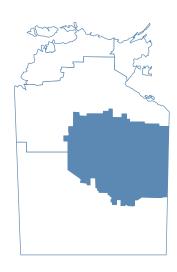
- at Finke, Haasts Bluff, Imanpa, Mutitjulu, Nyirripi and Santa Teresa, and two fire stations and 12 volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$40.75M to provide primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- \$34.6M to provide safe, secure and humane care of adult prisoners at Alice Springs Correctional Centre while offering a range of therapeutic and reintegration interventions to assist in their rehabilitation
- \$13.77M for youth justice services
- \$10.21M for seniors and carers, including the new NT Concession and Seniors Recognition schemes
- \$10.19M for domestic and family violence services
- \$6.56M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities.
  The courts sit in Papunya, Mutitjulu, Yuendumu, Ti Tree, Ntaria and Kaltukatjara. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court in Alice Springs

- \$6.46M to continue the Alcohol Harm Minimisation Strategy, addressing alcohol-related violence and point-ofsale interventions
- \$5.94M to provide family support services
- \$2.3M to manage and operate the Apmere Mwerre Visitor Park and Stuart Lodge in Alice Springs
- \$2M to invest in the Alice Springs Centre for Excellence in Solar Energy
- \$1.31M for public bus services
- \$1.01M to promote gender equity and provide social inclusion services
- \$0.65M to improve visitor experience and safety at Red CentreNATS
- \$0.5M for digital modelling and testing of detention basin options in the upper catchment of the Todd River as part of the Alice Springs flood mitigation program
- \$0.3M to support the National Indigenous Cricket carnival and Imparja Cup for three years

# **BARKLY**

The Barkly region covers about 22 per cent of the land area of the Territory and extends along the Stuart Highway from Barrow Creek to Elliott and east across the Barkly Tableland to Queensland. The region has a population of about 6200, of whom 63 per cent are Aboriginal. The main centre in the region is Tennant Creek, with a population of about 3300. A high proportion of people living in the region are young, with about 41 per cent aged 24 years and under, and about 6 per cent aged 65 or older.

Government services, pastoral and mining-related activities are the major contributors to the regional economy. The Barkly and Tennant Creek pastoral district accounts for a substantial proportion of the Territory's total cattle industry. The construction of the Northern Gas Pipeline, connecting the Territory to the eastern gas market, is expected to provide employment opportunities and economic activity in the Barkly region over the next few years.



### Jobs and economy

- \$4.8M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver VET for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- \$1.5M to provide new generation geoscience to assess resource potential and promote exploration investment
- \$0.4M for research and development to assist the cattle industry to improve productivity
- \$96 000 to support regional tourist organisations and visitor information centres in delivering marketing and visitor information services

# Putting children at the heart of government

- \$27.51M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- \$9.76M for middle years education in government and non-government schools, including improving transition between primary, middle and senior school
- \$7.33M to implement stage 2 of the Indigenous Education Strategy, including continuing the Families as First Teachers program, support for students accessing secondary

- boarding schools and implementing the community-led schools initiative
- \$5.86M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- \$2.72M for out of home care
- \$2.67M for preschool education in government schools
- \$2.02M for early childhood education and care including early childhood services subsidies
- \$1.86M over four years from 2017-18 to implement a new school resourcing model for more equitable and transparent funding and increased support
- \$1.65M to provide child protection services including an additional \$0.57M to provide enhanced local child protection services for Tennant Creek
- \$1.03M to continue the Healthy Life, Creative Life program to enable middle and senior years students to return to mainstream schooling or progress to a job or training through re-engagement activities such as sport, creative arts, social and emotional learning, and learning on country
- \$0.48M for isolated student education through distance education



- \$0.4M over three years from 2017-18 to upgrade local area network cabling across schools in the region
- \$0.26M to provide nationally accredited VET and support for employment pathways in schools
- \$0.22M to continue the Back to School Payment scheme
- \$0.17M for early intervention and support to tackle challenging behaviours and assist students with additional needs
- \$80 000 to develop interactive data and analytics dashboards for schools

- \$1M to continue the rehabilitation of abandoned sites through the Legacy Mines Unit, including projects around Tennant Creek
- \$0.6M for the Regional Network (support personnel to coordinate and facilitate service delivery) as part of the Government's Local Decision Making policy

#### Safer communities

- \$25.95M for hospital services, including patient travel
- \$14.3M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including three police stations and a further three police stations funded under the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Alpurrurulam, Arlparra and Willowra, and one fire station and three volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$6.14M to provide primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- \$5.06M to provide a 50-bed low-security prisoner work camp in Tennant Creek to contribute to providing real life skills and experience for prisoners
- \$1.73M to continue the Alcohol Harm Minimisation Strategy, addressing alcohol-related violence and point-ofsale interventions



- \$1.2M for youth justice services
- \$0.93M for seniors and carers, including the new NT Concession and Seniors Recognition schemes
- \$0.92M to provide family support services
- \$0.65M for domestic and family violence services

- \$0.43M for three public housing safety officers in Tennant Creek
- \$0.43M for courts to administer justice in regional and remote communities, including at Elliott and Ali Curung.
  Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Tennant Creek
- \$92 000 to promote gender equity and provide social inclusion services

- \$24.3M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to strengthen and widen sections of the Tablelands Highway under the Beef Roads Program
- \$11.8M for selected upgrades to improve the cattle supply chain on the Barkly Stock Route under the Beef Roads Program
- \$10M for the Tennant Creek Art Gallery extension as part of the National Iconic Art Trail
- \$9.92M to upgrade the Tablelands Highway Bridge
- \$6M to continue the construction of a new preschool at Tennant Creek catering for up to 88 enrolments, integrated with facilities for the onsite Families as First Teachers program
- \$5.5M for Turbocharging Tourism, including new mining interpretive displays in Tennant Creek
- \$3.2M to continue stage 1 of the Sandover Highway upgrades to extend the seal to the Utopia health clinic
- \$2.2M to strengthen six bridges along the Tablelands Highway
- \$1.57M to upgrade government schools, including round 2 of Building Better Schools projects, the rooftop solar in schools program, and to support small infrastructure projects
- \$1.51M for repairs and maintenance of government schools, including homeland schools

# KATHERINE

The Katherine region extends from the Ord Bonaparte area in the west to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east. The town of Katherine is the main centre with a population of about 10 600. The region has a population of about 20 800 people, of whom about 55 per cent are Aboriginal. About 41 per cent of the region's population is aged 24 years and under, and about 7 per cent is aged 65 years and over. Industries in the region include tourism, horticulture, pastoralism and mining.

The McArthur River Mine, located near Borroloola, has renewed its security bond with the Territory Government and completed expansion of a second processing plant, which will support increased production activity.

Road and rail infrastructure and a strategic location have enabled Katherine to develop as a regional freight hub, servicing industries in both the Territory and the Kimberley region. The Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Bradshaw Field Training Area and Delamere Air Weapons Range are located in the region.

Tourist attractions in the Katherine region include Nitmiluk Gorge, Leliyn (Edith Falls) and Mataranka.

### Jobs and economy

- \$7.6M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver VET for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- \$2.52M for Nitmiluk National Park infrastructure upgrades to support business ventures and enhanced visitor experiences
- \$1.2M to operate the Katherine research station and the Victoria River research farm
- \$1M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty
- \$0.9M for research and development to assist the cattle industry to improve productivity
- \$0.5M to provide new generation geoscience to assess resource potential and promote exploration investment
- \$0.4M to facilitate major agribusiness projects including development

- of regional agricultural precincts and support for the Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub
- \$0.29M to support regional tourist organisations and visitor information centres in delivering marketing and visitor information services

# Putting children at the heart of government

• \$57.42M for primary school education in government and non-government schools

- \$21.1M for out of home care
- \$20.6M for middle years education in government and non-government schools, including improving transition between primary, middle and senior school
- \$13.62M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- \$8.42M to implement stage 2 of the Indigenous Education Strategy, including continuing the Families as First Teachers program, support



- for students accessing secondary boarding schools and implementing the community-led schools initiative
- \$5.53M for preschool education in government schools
- \$4.41M over four years from 2017-18 to implement a new school resourcing model for more equitable and transparent funding and increased support
- \$3.69M for early childhood education and care including early childhood services subsidies
- \$3.63M for isolated student education through the Katherine School of the Air and distance education
- \$2.26M to provide child protection services
- \$1.02M to continue the Healthy Life, Creative Life program to enable middle and senior years students to return to mainstream schooling or progress to a job or training through re-engagement activities such as sport, creative arts, social and emotional learning, and learning on country
- \$0.94M over three years from 2017-18 to upgrade local area network cabling across schools in the region
- \$0.7M to continue early intervention and support to tackle challenging behaviours and assist students with additional needs, including a new autism unit
- \$0.66M to provide nationally accredited VET and support for employment pathways in schools
- \$0.65M to continue the Back to School Payment scheme
- \$0.29M for Charles Darwin University to support tertiary education in the region
- \$0.22M in additional funding for the special needs school bus service
- \$0.2M to continue the Families as First Teachers program at MacFarlane Primary School

#### INFRASTRUCTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- \$86.9M in Territory and Commonwealth funding under the Northern Australia Roads Program, comprising:
  - \$37.5M to strengthen, widen and extend the seal on the Buntine Highway towards the Western Australia border
  - \$49.4M to continue to upgrade the Keep River Plains Road to support Project Sea Dragon and the development of the Ord River irrigation expansion
- \$27.9M to continue to construct new high level bridges over Little Horse Creek and Big Horse Creek under the National Highway Upgrade Program

- \$11.3M to construct the Ngukurr police complex and additional housing
- \$10M for the Katherine Art Gallery extension as part of the National Iconic Art Trail
- \$7M to construct the new Katherine fire station co-located with St John Ambulance
- \$5.4M for Turbocharging Tourism, including new walking and bike trails in Nitmiluk National Park
- \$2.06M to upgrade government schools, including round 2 of Building Better Schools projects, rooftop solar in schools program and to support small infrastructure projects

### Investing in the bush

- \$0.8M for the Regional Network (support personnel to coordinate and facilitate service delivery) as part of the Government's Local Decision Making policy
- \$0.5M to provide assistance to pastoralists and other landholders to manage grader grass, prickly acacia, neem and rubber bush

- \$43.02M for hospital services, including patient travel, cancer treatment and accommodation
- \$34.31M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including 10 police stations and a further two police stations funded under the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Minyerri and Yarralin, and one fire station and eight volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$14.99M to provide primary health care services in urban and remote areas

- \$6.4M for seniors and carers, including the new NT Concession and Seniors Recognition schemes
- \$3.98M to provide family support services
- \$3.9M for domestic and family violence services
- \$3.63M for the Alcohol Harm Minimisation Strategy, addressing alcohol-related violence and point-ofsale interventions
- \$3.2M for youth justice services
- \$1.7M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Beswick, Ngukurr, Timber Creek, Kalkarindji, Borroloola and Lajamanu. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Katherine
- \$0.63M to promote gender equity and provide social inclusion services
- \$0.43M for three public housing safety officers in Katherine

# **EAST ARNHEM**

The East Arnhem region covers East Arnhem Land, Groote Eylandt and Elcho Island. The major population centres are Nhulunbuy and Alyangula. Due to the lack of road access, transport for travellers and freight is mainly by air or sea.

The East Arnhem region has a population of about 14 800, of whom around 68 per cent are Aboriginal. Nhulunbuy, has a population of about 3400, a decline of 25 per cent since 2013 as a result of the curtailment of operations at the Gove alumina refinery. East Arnhem's population is relatively young and dispersed, with about 38 per cent aged 24 years and under, and about 4 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Mining production is the main economic activity in the region and includes the production of manganese at the GEMCO mine at Groote Eylandt and bauxite at the Rio Tinto mine on the Gove Peninsula.

Other industries in East Arnhem include buffalo farming, aquaculture and fishing. Traditional Aboriginal cultural experiences, Aboriginal art, and the remote and natural wilderness attract tourists to the region, providing significant economic and employment activity.



### Jobs and economy

• \$5.8M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver VET for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment

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- \$46.25M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- \$22.3M for middle years education in government and non-government

- schools, including improving transition between primary, middle and senior school
- \$17.66M to implement stage 2 of the Indigenous Education Strategy, including continuing the Families as First Teachers program, support for students accessing secondary boarding schools and implementing the community-led schools initiative
- \$16.74M for senior years education in government and non-government schools

- \$6.8M for out of home care services
- \$5.34M for early childhood education and care, including early childhood services subsidies
- \$4.56M over four years from 2017-18 to implement a new school resourcing model for more equitable and transparent funding and increased support
- \$4.39M for preschool education in government schools
- \$2.35M to provide child protection services





- \$0.97M over three years from 2017-18 to upgrade local area network cabling across schools in the region
- \$0.85M to provide school bus services
- \$0.69M to provide nationally accredited VET and support for employment pathways in schools
- \$0.64M to continue the Back to School Payment scheme
- \$0.62M for isolated student education through distance education
- \$0.43M to continue early intervention and support to tackle challenging behaviours and assist students with additional needs

- \$1M for the Regional Network (support personnel to coordinate and facilitate service delivery) as part of the Government's Local Decision Making policy
- \$0.36M to support the Aboriginal Community Marine Ranger program
- \$0.3M to support development of Aboriginal commercial fishing and aquaculture capacity
- \$0.1M to enable community access to Territory coastal waters

#### Safer communities

- \$34.35M for hospital services including patient travel
- \$18.24M to provide primary health care services across the region
- \$12.2M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including three police stations and a further four police stations funded under the Northern

- Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Bulman, Gapuwiyak, Numbulwar and Ramingining, and one fire station and six volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$3.98M for seniors and carers, including the new NT Concession and Seniors Recognition schemes
- \$2.72M to provide family support
- \$2.6M for domestic and family violence services
- \$2.5M to provide a 50-bed low-security prisoner work camp in Nhulunbuy to contribute to providing real life skills and experience for prisoners
- \$1.36M for youth justice services
- \$0.39M to promote gender equity and provide social inclusion services
- \$0.24M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Alyangula, Nhulunbuy, Numbulwar and Galiwin'ku. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Nhulunbuy

- \$41.4M for housing construction following cyclones Lam and Nathan
- \$12.3M to upgrade police facilities at Alyangula and Angurugu
- \$10M for Arnhem art gallery extensions as part of the National Iconic Art Trail
- \$5.8M for fire remediation works at Gove District Hospital
- \$5M for the Central Arnhem Road upgrade
- \$3.65M for repairs and maintenance of government schools, including homeland schools across the region
- \$2.39M to upgrade government schools, including round 2 of Building Better Schools projects, rooftop solar in schools program and to support small infrastructure projects
- \$2.3M to widen the seal on the Milingimbi airstrip from 18m to 30m to allow code 3 aircraft to land safely
- \$1.6M for Gove marine infrastructure to support economic diversification and growth of Gove Harbour
- \$1M to construct a secure aircraft compound at the Elcho Island aerodrome

# TOP END RURAL

The Top End Rural region encompasses the Tiwi Islands and many small communities extending east to East Arnhem and south of the Palmerston and Litchfield region to the Katherine region. About 18 200 people live in the region, the majority of whom are Aboriginal. The region's population is relatively young, with about 41 per cent aged 24 years and under, and about 6 per cent aged 65 years or older. Tourism, horticulture and mining contribute significantly to the region's economic activity.

Mining activity in the region includes uranium oxide from the Ranger Mine near Jabiru, and gold and other minerals around Pine Creek. The Daly region makes a significant contribution to the Territory's agricultural production.

Tourism is a significant contributor to the region, which includes world-renowned attractions such as Litchfield and Kakadu national parks, as well as the Daly River for recreational fishing and camping. Other important industries in the region include horticulture and agriculture.

## Jobs and economy

- \$5.8M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver VET for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- \$1.7M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty
- \$1.7M to operate the Douglas Daly, Beatrice Hill and Coastal Plains research farms
- \$0.3M for research and development to assist the cattle and buffalo industries to improve productivity

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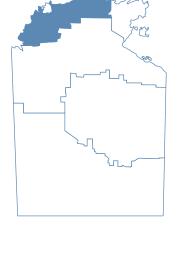
- \$29.24M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- \$11.82M for middle years education in government and non-government schools, including improving transition between primary, middle and senior school
- \$6.22M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- \$3.55M for out of home care services

- \$2.66M for school transport services including bus and ferry services
- \$2.5M to provide child protection services
- \$1.82M for preschool education in government schools
- \$1.72M to implement stage 2 of the Indigenous Education Strategy, including continuing the Families as First Teachers program, support for students accessing secondary boarding schools and

implementing the community-led schools initiative

- \$0.82M for early childhood education and care, including early childhood services subsidies
- \$0.66M for isolated student education through distance education
- \$0.41M funding over four years to implement a new school resourcing model for more equitable and transparent funding and increased support





- \$0.2M to continue the Back to School Payment scheme
- \$0.19M to provide nationally accredited VET and support for employment pathways in schools
- \$60 000 to develop interactive data and analytics dashboards for schools
- \$50 000 over three years to upgrade local area network cabling across schools in the region from 2017-18

- \$8.5M over three years from 2017-18 to expand capacity and deliver more reliable remote telecommunications
- \$4M in Commonwealth funding for the environmental management of the former Rum Jungle mine site
- \$1M for the Regional Network (support personnel to coordinate and facilitate service delivery) in Jabiru and Wadeye as part of the Government's Local Decision Making policy
- \$0.12M to invest in the economic development of the Tiwi Islands through attracting and facilitating land development on the islands

#### Safer communities

- \$23.26M to provide remote primary health care services
- \$14.02M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including 10 police stations and a further three



police stations funded under the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Minjilang, Peppimenarti and Warruwi, and one fire station and nine volunteer groups (fire and emergency)

- \$3.16M to continue providing public transport services, including bus and ferry services
- \$2.63M to provide family support services
- \$1.89M for seniors and carers, including the new NT Concession and Seniors Recognition schemes

- \$1.46M for domestic and family violence services
- \$0.83M for youth justice services
- \$0.49M to assess and monitor marine megafauna, including dolphins, dugongs and turtles
- \$0.41M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Darwin
- \$0.19M to promote gender equity and provide social inclusion services

- \$48.6M for continued infrastructure works related to Project Sea Dragon, comprising:
  - \$14.8M to improve access road to Point Ceylon
  - \$33.8M for Gunn Point Road
- \$15.4M for the construction of Maningrida Police Complex and additional housing
- \$5M for a capital grant to Tiwi Regional Council to employ a local Aboriginal enterprise to undertake Tiwi Island road upgrades
- \$4.6M to reconstruct and extend Bathurst Island
- \$4.6M to upgrade Kambolgie Creek crossing on Gimbat Road in Kakadu to improve flood immunity
- \$0.2M for repairs and maintenance of government schools, including homeland schools across the region
- \$50 000 to upgrade government schools, including the rooftop solar in schools program and to support small infrastructure projects

# PALMERSTON and LITCHFIELD

The Palmerston and Litchfield region encompasses the city of Palmerston, the Litchfield Shire, East Arm and Robertson Barracks and extends east across Cape Hotham Forestry Reserve, south following the Adelaide River to the Darwin River Dam and north to Wickham Point.

Around 60 600 people live in the region, with more than half residing in Palmerston. About 11 per cent of the region's population is Aboriginal. About 36 per cent of the population is aged 24 years and under.

Industries in the Palmerston and Litchfield region include aquaculture, horticulture, cattle and crocodile farming, defence, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and helium production.

The region has a significant defence presence, with the Robertson Barracks army base, located near Palmerston. Further new developments at East Arm, including the Marine Industry Park, will support ongoing defence presence in the region and aid future oil and gas activity in the Territory.

The Palmerston Regional Hospital will open in 2018, improving access to health and hospital services to Palmerston and Litchfield residents.

### Jobs and economy

- \$6.7M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver VET for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- \$6.53M to operate the Territory Wildlife Park
- \$0.7M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty
- \$0.66M to progress the design stage of the Middle Arm Industrial Precinct to support downstream gas and the gas-related industry

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- \$114.06M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- \$44.48M for middle years education in government and non-government schools, including improving transition between primary, middle and senior school

- \$37.15M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- \$23.55M for out of home care
- \$10.15M for preschool education in government schools
- \$9.6M over four years from 2017-18 to implement a new school resourcing model for more equitable and transparent funding and increased support
- \$6.75M for early childhood education and care, including early childhood services subsidies
- \$5.69M to implement stage 2 of the Indigenous Education Strategy, including continuing the Families as First Teachers program, support for students accessing secondary boarding schools and implementing the community-led schools initiative
- \$3.49M for school bus services
- \$2.3M to provide child protection services
- \$1.97M over three years from 2017-18 to upgrade local area network cabling across Territory schools





- \$1.85M to continue the Back to School Payment scheme
- \$1.74M to provide nationally accredited VET and support for employment pathways in schools
- \$1.27M for isolated student education through distance education
- \$1.21M to continue early intervention and support to tackle challenging behaviours and assist students with additional needs, including a new autism unit
- \$0.55M to develop interactive data and analytics dashboards for schools
- \$0.2M to continue the Families as First Teachers program at the Gray site to improve developmental and learning outcomes of vulnerable and disadvantaged children from birth to three years of age

- \$1M to respond to high fire risk associated with gamba grass infestation
- \$0.4M for the Regional Network (support personnel to coordinate and facilitate service delivery) as part of the Government's Local Decision Making policy
- \$0.3M to provide technical and diagnostic support to the banana industry

#### Safer communities

- \$129.5M to provide safe, secure and humane care of adult prisoners at Darwin Correctional Centre while offering a range of therapeutic and reintegration interventions to assist in rehabilitation
- \$31.96M for operation of the new Palmerston Regional Hospital, with expanded maternity services including a dedicated pre and post-natal team, and patient travel
- \$24.43M to provide police, fire and emergency services including two police stations, two fire stations and six volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$6.23M for public bus services
- \$5.99M for seniors and carers. including the new NT Concession and Seniors Recognition schemes
- \$5.45M for youth justice services
- \$4.9M to provide primary health care services in urban and rural areas
- \$2.49M for domestic and family violence services
- \$2.33M to provide family support services
- \$0.59M to promote gender equity and provide social inclusion services
- \$0.37M to provide a public transport service for the Palmerston Regional Hospital

- \$28.2M to progress construction of the new Palmerston Police Station
- \$12.7M to construct a new high-level bridge over the Lower Finniss River
- \$12M for Coolalinga traffic management infrastructure
- \$11.7M to complete the sealing of Litchfield Park Road
- \$11.3M for Turbocharging Tourism, including a new adventure hub at Litchfield National Park
- \$8M for stage 1 development works to create the Marine Service Area
- \$7.41M for repairs and maintenance of government schools
- \$6M to continue the development of site servicing and a shared community recreation oval as part of the Zuccoli schools precinct
- \$5.7M to provide better heavy vehicle access into Pinelands through an intersection upgrade at McKinnon Road
- \$4.5M to construct a new regional bushfire response centre at Livingstone
- \$4.2M to upgrade government schools, including round 2 of Building Better Schools projects, the rooftop solar in schools program and support small infrastructure projects
- \$4M to develop a further stage of the Defence Support Hub
- \$2.8M to refurbish the science and art block at Taminmin College

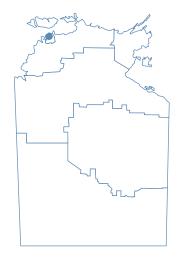
# **DARWIN**

Darwin is the Territory's capital city and the main population and administrative centre. About 85 300 people live in Darwin, representing about 35 per cent of the Territory's population. Among the regions, Darwin's population has the lowest proportion of young people, with about 30 per cent aged 24 years and under, and the highest proportion of population aged 65 years and over, at about 9 per cent.

Major industries in Darwin include construction, defence, tourism, and public administration and safety. In addition to its own tourist attractions, Darwin is also the gateway to Kakadu and Litchfield national parks.

Darwin is an important centre for defence, with a number of bases and military establishments including HMAS Coonawarra, Larrakeyah Barracks, RAAF Base Darwin and Defence Establishment Berrimah. Major defence projects in the region include the planned redevelopment of HMAS Coonawarra and Larrakeyah Barracks.

Currently, the Ichthys LNG project is making a substantial contribution to construction activity, employment and investment in the Darwin, and Palmerston and Litchfield regions. The project will transition from the labour-intensive construction phase to the less labour-intensive operation and export phase in 2018-19, which is likely to have significant impact on the Greater Darwin economy.



### Jobs and economy

- \$27.8M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver VET for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- \$8.11M for Charles Darwin University to support tertiary education
- \$3.51M to support the delivery of the Arafura Games in 2019
- \$1.4M to manage Stokes Hill Wharf. including operational, revitalisation and recreation activities
- \$1.4M to support the centenary of the Great Air Race from London to Darwin
- \$0.82M to support regional tourist organisations and visitor information centres to deliver marketing and visitor information services
- \$0.2M to operate the Berrimah Research Farm

- \$38M for stage 1 of the Barneson Boulevard to link the Tiger Brennan Drive/Dinah Beach Road intersection into
- \$31.1M for the City Deals underground car park in the
- \$19.4M for Berrimah Research Farm upgrades
- \$17.9M for the redevelopment of Warren Park, Marrara for rugby league
- \$15.9M for a new performing arts and multipurpose hall at Darwin Middle School on Bullocky Point
- \$15.1M for the City Deals State Square redevelopment, connecting the waterfronts and activating laneways
- \$11.2M to continue development of the indoor netball stadium in Marrara
- \$10M for underground power lines

- \$9.8M over two years for Turbocharging Tourism to improve facilities and construct a new multi-purpose visitor/event centre at George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens
- \$9.2M for design and infrastructure works at the transport industry precinct
- \$8.9M to construct a replacement Nightcliff renal facility
- \$8.7M for the positron emission tomography (PET) scanner and cyclotron infrastructure works and purchase of major equipment at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$8.5M for round 5 of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program
- \$5.05M to upgrade government schools, including round 2 of Building Better Schools projects, the rooftop solar in schools program and support small infrastructure projects
- \$3.6M to provide Government House upgrades
- \$2.1M for the Richardson Drive extension

# Putting children at the heart of government

- \$163.06M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- \$78.75M for middle years education in government and non-government schools, including improving the transition between primary, middle and senior school
- \$69.72M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- \$27.42M for out of home care services
- \$13.41M over four years from 2017-18 to implement a new school resourcing model for more equitable and transparent funding and increased support
- \$12.57M for preschool education in government schools
- \$7.16M for early childhood education and care, including early childhood services subsidies
- \$4.07M to provide child protection services
- \$4.07M to continue early intervention and support to tackle challenging behaviours and assist students with additional needs, including new autism units, and funding for the Malak Re-engagement Centre and Mimik-Ga Centre
- \$3.13M to provide senior years education at the Northern Territory School of Distant Education
- \$2.69M over three years from 2017-18 to upgrade local area network cabling across Darwin schools
- \$2.69M to provide nationally accredited VET and support for employment pathways in schools
- \$2.44M to continue the Back to School Payment scheme



- \$2.25M to increase support for non-government schools to provide boarding services for Aboriginal students in the Territory
- \$1.57M to implement stage 2 of the Indigenous Education Strategy, including continuing the Families as First Teachers program, support for students accessing secondary boarding schools and implementing the community-led schools initiative
- \$1.21M to continue improving educational services to young people who are in detention
- \$1M for international education in government schools
- \$0.24M in additional funding for the special needs school bus service

- \$526.8M for hospital services including patient travel, aeromedical retrieval, cancer treatment and accommodation services
- \$254.7M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including two police stations, three fire stations, one volunteer group (fire and emergency), training college and a forensic laboratory

- \$24.16M to provide primary health care services including prisoner health services
- \$17.41M for public transport services, including bus and ferry services
- \$17.12M for youth justice services
- \$10.62M for seniors and carers, including the new NT Concession and Seniors Recognition schemes
- \$5.94M to provide family support services
- \$5.9M for the establishment of the Royal Darwin Hospital PET service, cyclotron and radio-pharmacy facility and expanded chemotherapy and related services
- \$4.41M for domestic and family violence services
- \$1.2M for monitoring and research activities in Darwin Harbour
- \$1.07M to promote gender equity and provide social inclusion services
- \$0.6M to replace the playing surface at Marrara hockey stadium



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