

# BUDGET 2017-18

*Investing for our Future – Jobs, Children, Community*

## Lifestyle and Tourism

Budget 2017 enhances the Territory lifestyle and promotes tourism by investing in events, sports, the arts and our world-class parks.

### Supporting Sports

Budget 2017 invests in sport and recreation across the Territory by improving facilities and supporting sports from grass roots to elite athletes, including:

- \$25 million to develop a home for Rugby League at Warren Park;
- \$13.1 million over two years for motorsports infrastructure upgrades and \$8 million over four years to support motorsports;
- \$11.5 million for grants to support sports in the Territory;
- \$10 million to construct an indoor netball stadium in Darwin;
- \$6.2 million to upgrade sporting facilities in Alice Springs;
- \$5 million for the Remote Community Sports Infrastructure Program;
- \$5 million for Purkiss Reserve sporting facilities in Tennant Creek;
- \$3.5 million for Urban and Regional Oval Lights Program;
- \$3.2 million to implement a new funding agreement with Thoroughbred Racing NT;
- \$3 million for refurbishment and upgrades to TIO Stadium; and
- \$150 000 for National Women's AFL Sponsorship.

### Arts and Museums

Budget 2017 marks the commencement of the Territory Government's \$100 million Indigenous Arts Trail initiative that will be delivered over the coming years, including:

- \$6 million over three years for upgrades to community art galleries, art centres, museums, libraries and keeping places;
- an Iconic National Indigenous Cultural Centre in Alice Springs;
- an Iconic National Indigenous Art Gallery in Alice Springs; and
- art gallery extensions in East Arnhem, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

Budget 2017 also includes \$2.3 million to establish and operate an Alcoota Megafauna Fossil Exhibition in the Alice Springs CBD.

Government has also confirmed that the old hospital site at Myilly Point will be the location of a new major \$50 million Museum of the Northern Territory.

### Territory Parks

Budget 2017 enhances the Territory's immense natural wonders through:

- \$10 million over four years for infrastructure development within Nitmiluk National Park;
- \$9.2 million to support the operation of the Territory Wildlife Park and Alice Springs Desert Park; and
- \$400 000 to develop a management plan for Limmen Bight Marine Park.

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## Hooked on Fishing

Budget 2017 continues to deliver for Territory fishos through:

- \$5 million as part of the \$50 million recreational fishing infrastructure package. Priority projects include sealing the Middle Arm boat ramp carpark, installing toilets and CCTV at Dinah Beach boat ramp and upgrading the Channel Island boat ramp carpark;
- \$1.3 million to develop Indigenous commercial fishing and aquaculture capacity, and to operate an Indigenous marine training program in Nhulunbuy;
- \$1 million to continue to enable community access to Territory coastal waters; and
- \$500 000 for the sustainable management of recreational fishing.

## Environment

Budget 2017 makes the best use of our natural resources and helps protect the unique Territory environment through:

- \$3.1 million for the Hydraulic Fracturing Taskforce;
- \$600 000 to implement the Cabomba eradication program in Darwin River;
- \$500 000 for the establishment of an Aboriginal Carbon Unit; and
- \$300 000 to reduce gamba grass infestation.

Budget 2017 supports Indigenous rangers and promotes environmental, economic and social outcomes, through a land management and conservation fund and provides \$4.1 million over two years for Indigenous ranger groups to purchase equipment.

## Events

Budget 2017 delivers entertainment and sporting events for everyone to enjoy, including:

- \$6.1 million for the NT Major Events Company to attract new and develop existing events;
- \$2.1 million to support Australian Football League games in Darwin and Alice Springs;
- \$2.1 million for Festivals NT;
- \$1.8 million to support the delivery of the Master Games biennially;
- \$1.3 million to support Territory Day;
- \$1.2 million for the Red Centre NATS;
- \$1 million to support the Darwin Festival;
- \$1 million to hold National Rugby League games;
- \$500 000 for BASSINTHEGRASS; and
- \$200 000 to support international hockey in Darwin.

## Tourism

Budget 2017 continues to enhance the Territory's reputation as a great holiday destination, through:

- \$10 million for headworks to support the Darwin luxury hotel project;
- \$8 million for tourism marketing and promotion;
- \$5 million over two years for targeted tourism initiatives aimed at attracting more tourists from China and India; and
- \$700 000 to support international carriers flying direct to the Territory.