MINISTER FOR CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

RESPONSIBLE SPENDING ON EDUCATION AND TRANSPORT FOR THE CENTRE

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Minister for Central Australia, Matt Conlan, says Budget 2013 will deliver investment in education through improving school infrastructure and providing families with financial and educational assistance.

“People and families who live and work in regional communities are strong, smart and vibrant, says Mr Conlan.

“This Government knows Centralians want to have good access to education and youth facilities to improve outcomes for their children and encourage a terrific territory lifestyle for the future.”

Minister for Education, Peter Chandler, said the Territory Government was spending wisely to invest in school infrastructure and education delivery.

"Investing in education will prepare our children for the future; they will have the skills to participate in a growing economy," Mr Chandler said.

EDUCATION AND YOUNG TERRITORIANS

- $2.5 million to upgrade and transition the Alice Springs Youth Centre into a Police and Citizen Youth Club.
- $158,000 per annum to provide a new, special needs student transport bus in Alice Springs.
- The Centre will receive a share of $54.6 million for repairs and maintenance of schools across the Territory and minor works, including: repairs of ageing assets needing major mechanical works, plumbing and roofing projects.
- An additional $3.3 million to increase School Vouchers from $75 per student to $150 per student, to assist families with back-to-school expenses.

TRANSPORT

“Safety and improved access to the regions for tourists is a priority for this Government,” said Minister for Central Australia, Matt Conlan.

“Delia Lawrie’s former Government lost their way with transport spending in the Centre, but we are fixing that.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said Budget 2013 will improve the quality of life for Territorians by investing in roads and transport assets.
“The Transport budget has been increased by 15.6 per cent over that of Delia Lawrie’s former Government’s allocation,” Mr Giles said.

- $13 million for construction of a grade separated overpass on the Stuart Hwy over the railway, south of Alice Springs.
- $5 million for the continuation of the upgrade and seal of targeted sections on the Tanami Road.
- $2.5 million to upgrade and seal the existing airstrip at Kaltukatjara.

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