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$1.5 M Facelift for Towns across the Territory

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Towns throughout the Territory are to enjoy a facelift as part of the Government's $1.5 million Urban Enhancement and Heritage program.

Transport and Infrastructure Minister Dr Chris Burns today announced details of the projects that will receive funding.

“This program aims to improve the environment in which we live and work,” Dr Burns said. “Territorians from the tropical Top End to the Central Australian arid zone will enjoy the benefits.”

$150 000 will be spent on landscaping the Frances and Mira malls in the heart of Palmerston.

Alice Springs will receive funding of $150 000 for pathway construction and landscaping near the intersection of Wills Terrace and Undoolya Road.

Katherine will receive $150 000 to develop the new walkway from the river to the hot springs.

$140 000 will be spent on heritage displays and improved access for Strauss Airfield, about 45km south of Darwin. The airfield was named after Captain Allison Strauss who was killed when his USAAF P-40 Kittyhawk was shot down over Darwin harbour in 1942.

$100 000 will be spent on landscape development and memorial works for Ross Smith Avenue, as part of the redevelopment of the former Arafura Bowls Club.

$100 000 will be spent on the Savannah Way route in the Gulf and south Arnhem regions.

More than $200 000 will be spent on urban enhancement projects in Nhulunbuy, Pine Creek, Timber Creek, Elliot and Corella Creek.

And $280 000 has been allocated to landscape Darwin’s arterial road network as part of the Greater Darwin Landscape Vision.

The Urban Enhancement and Heritage program complements the Government's commitment to upgrade the Territory's urban shopping centres.
Work at Parap shopping centre has been completed, while work at Rapid Creek is in progress. This will be followed by upgrades at Malak, Harriet Place and Westralia Street.

Designs are being prepared for Alice Springs, Alawa, Aralia Street, Jingili, Wanguri, Nightcliff and Tiwi.