

Alyangula

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Ali-an-goola

Alternate name: Groote Eylandt, Angurugu, Milyakburra and Umbakumba

Location: 650km east of Darwin on Groote Eylandt

NT Region: Top End

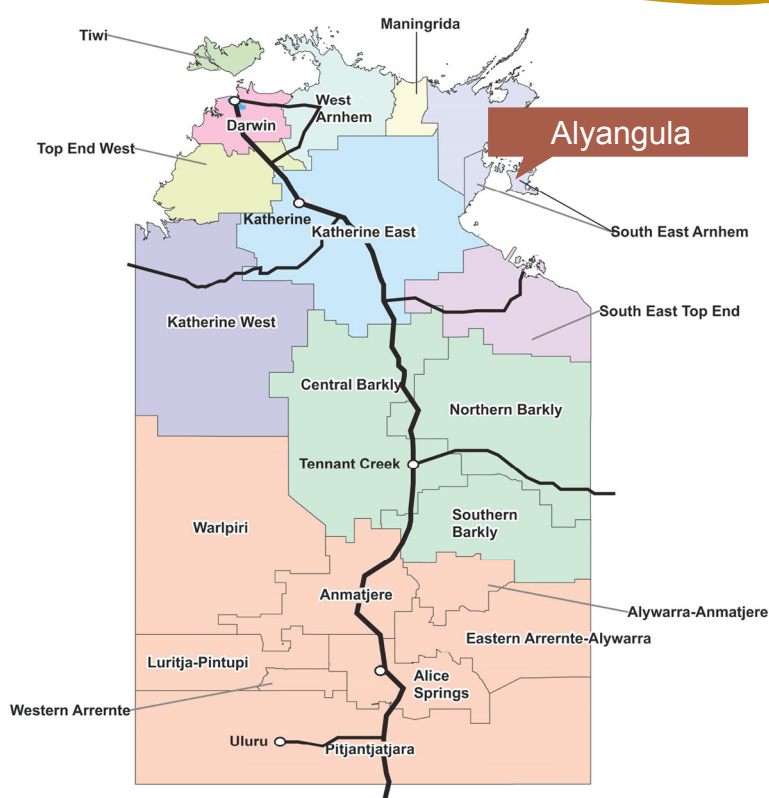
Population: Approx. 873 residents

Access: Air

Language groups: Alawa, Anindilyakwa, Kriol, Nunggubuyu

Phone: 3G Telstra

Internet: Limited use of internet in the clinic



This map of the Northern Territory, divided into regions, has been adapted from the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) Program Management and Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory

Climate (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	6°C to 19°C
<p>The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 20% – 50%.</p> <p>Fine weather with minimal rain and the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards during June/July.</p>		
Summer (December to February)	Hot and humid	25°C to 38°C
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C during the day in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%.</p> <p>The build-up occurs from September with building humidity, intermittent lightning storms and downpours. Rains typically arrive December/January with regular heavy downpours and the possibility of cyclones.</p>		

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community

Church: Yes

Community halls or sheds: Yes

Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes

School: Yes

Library: Yes

Council Office: Yes

Women’s Centre: No

Childcare Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.

Aged Care Centre: Yes

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.

Banking: Yes

Recreational/other facilities: The town is well known for camping, fishing, and boating. There is also a tourist resort, art centre, coffee shop, 25m swimming pool, golf course, training centre and clothes shops.

Community store

Expressmart Supermarket

Telephone (08) 8987 6634

The local supermarket stocks fresh meat, fruit and vegetables.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am – 12:00pm

Other food outlets

Groote Eylandt Bakery

The small bakery in the heart of Alyangula sells freshly made pies, pastries, sweets and coffee.

Opening hours

Monday – Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday – Saturday

5:30am – 2:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Food orders

Woolworths

Telephone 1300 767 969

Coles

Telephone 1800 455 400

Barge Express Transport

Telephone (08) 8947 4960

Barge Express Transport operates out of Darwin. It offers weekly personal deliveries to remote communities, including food deliveries.

Commercial accommodation

Groote Eylandt Lodge

Telephone (08) 8996 4200

Groote Eylandt Lodge is located along the beach. Several waterfront rooms are available that have all the necessities, including a tv, tea/coffee facilities, a refrigerator, and a private balcony.

Fuel

Alyangula Township Service Station

Rowell Hwy, Alyangula NT 0885.

Police station

Alyangula Police Station

Telephone (08) 8987 6122

Community Safety

Community Night Patrol

Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	3G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal internet use is available.	
Mail	Australia Post – Alyangula LPO 247 Bougainvillea Dr, Alyangula NT 0885.	Telephone (08) 8987 6072
Access		
Road	Not accessible by road.	
Air	There are regular flights to Alyangula from Darwin. The flight from Darwin takes approximately 2 hours.	
Regular passenger transport	Airnorth Airnorth offers regular passenger flights between Darwin to Groote Eylandt.	Telephone 1800 627 474
Health centre		
Health service ²	Alyangula Health Clinic Operating hours Facilities The clinic is well maintained and air-conditioned throughout. It has four GP consulting rooms, one emergency room, one dental room and one x-ray room.	Telephone (08) 8987 6255 Email Alyangula.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
Medical Records System ³	PCIS	
Vehicles	The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance and Toyota Prado. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.	
GPs	Yes, there is a permanent GP based in the clinic.	
Visiting services	Dental, podiatry, obstetrician, ophthalmologist, mental health professionals, gynecologist, hearing health, paediatrician, X-ray and ultrasound surgeon.	
Acute care	Care Flight	
Other	Birthing women birth in Gove or Darwin.	
Alcohol		
Alcohol ⁴	RAHC advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.	

¹ Telstra 3G/Next G are typically the only mobile services that work in more remote parts of the Northern Territory. See link – <http://telstra.com.au/mobile-phones/coverage-networks/our-coverage/>

² For more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

³ Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

⁴ It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

Governance

Local Government

The Local Council is the Anindilyakwa Land Council.
The Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

Outstations

Angurugu and Umbakumba.

Other tips and relevant information

Other tips/relevant information

Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.

Whenever possible, avoid being on the road from dusk till dawn. Apart from the unfenced cattle station, the region has a population of feral horses, donkeys, dogs and the occasional camel along with a native population of Kangaroos and Dingoes. All of which are a significant road hazard.

On arrival, please check with the Health Centre to understand any health or social issues within the community. They can also let you know of any sacred sites to avoid.

Disclaimer

This information is prepared in good faith and to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing. However, Aboriginal communities, like any community, can change as the population shifts and people move on. Please contact the RAHC Regional Coordinator or the Health Centre Manager to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your RAHC placement. RAHC also values any input you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.

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