

Gapuwiyak *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Gap-oo-wee-yack

Alternate name: Lake Evella

Location: Gapuwiyak is on the shore of Lake Evella in northeast Arnhem land, approximately 500km east of Darwin and 120 km west of Nhulunbuy.

NT Region: Top End

Population: Approx. 950 residents

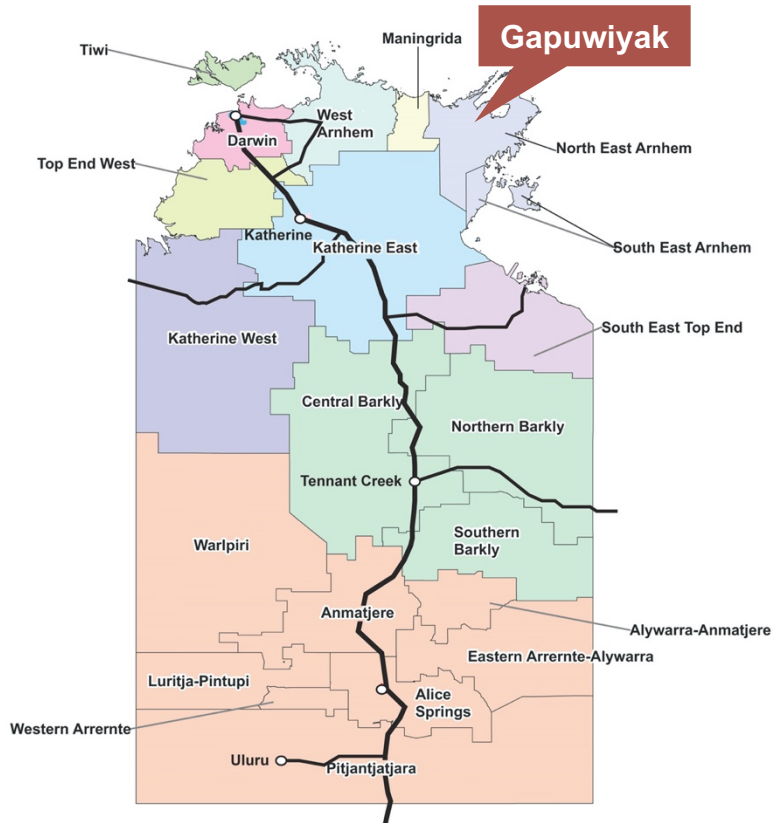
Access: Road and air

Language groups:

Djambarrpuyngu (a dialect of Yolngu Matha), Ritharrngu and Dhalwangu

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



Climate (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August) The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. Humidity Range 20% – 50%.	Cooler and dry Fine weather with minimal rain and the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards during June/July.	6°C to 19°C
Summer (December to February) The temperature can rise above 40°C during the day in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. Humidity Range 30% – 95%.	Hot and humid 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.	25°C to 38°C

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community

Church: Yes
Community halls or sheds: Yes
Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes
School: Yes
Library: No
Council Office: Yes
Women's Centre: Yes
Childcare Centre: Yes
Aged Care Centre: Yes
Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.
Banking: Yes
Recreational/other facilities: Gapuwyak has a sporting facility that includes a football oval and basketball court. Recreational activities include swimming, fishing and camping. Visitors can also enjoy the arts centre and museum.

Community store

**Arnhem Lands Progress Association (ALPA)
Gapuwyak Community Store** **Telephone** (08) 8987 9107

The Gapuwyak store is owned and managed by ALPA, providing basic groceries including fresh milk, fruit, vegetables and frozen meat. You can also purchase a limited range of hardware, personal items, kitchenware and clothing. It is advisable to bring any specialty items and personal goods.

Opening hours Monday – Sunday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Other food outlets

N/A

Food orders

Woolworths Nightcliff **Telephone** (08) 8995 9317
Web www.woolworths.com.au

Coles Casuarina Village **Telephone** (08) 8297 9055
Web www.coles.com.au

SeaSwift **Telephone** (08) 8935 2400
Web www.seaswift.com.au

Fly Tiwi **Telephone** (08) 8928 9300
Web www.flytiwi.com.au
Email book@flytiwi.com.au

Food orders can be made through Coles Casuarina Village and Woolworths Nightcliff Darwin. Online orders require a minimum of five days before the delivery date and require the remote delivery address to be established. The online remote drop-down must be selected for the freight carrier. Payment for groceries and freight service charges must be paid before groceries are accepted for transport. Please contact supermarkets and freight services for current terms, conditions and schedules.

Commercial accommodation

**Gapuwyak Culture and Arts
Aboriginal Corporation
Accommodation** **Telephone** (08) 8987 9110
Web www.gapuwyak.com.au
Email accommodation@gongdal.com.au

Comfortable demountable style self-contained one- and two-bedroom units available. Linen and cooking utensils provided.

Gurrambalk Accommodation

Telephone 0499 014 062
Web www.eastarnhemland.com.au
Email accommodation@gongdal.com.au

Gurrambalk accommodation has single and double units available with shared kitchen facilities and Wi-Fi. There is a large covered outdoor space with fans, undercover parking and a shared laundry with additional bathroom facility.

Fuel	Gapuwiyak Community Fuel Point Lot 10 Bubawoynagumi St Gapuwiyak NT 8008. Opal and diesel fuel are available.
Police station	Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella) Police Station Telephone (08) 8987 9318
Community Safety	Yes, community safety program.
Other police contract	Police assistance line Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail	
Mobile phone¹/phone	Telstra and Optus
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.
Mail	Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella) CPA Telephone (08) 8970 1100 9 Babinamirri street Gapuwiyak NT 0822.
Access	
Road	Gapuwiyak is approximately 450km from Katherine on an unsealed road. It can take up to 8-10 hours travel time, depending on road/weather conditions. From Nhulunbuy via the unsealed Central Arnhem Highway, it is approximately a 220km drive. Both access roads can be cut off during the wet season. A 4WD is advisable.
Air	A sealed airstrip runs parallel to the town and is located approximately 400 metres from the community store.
Regular passenger transport	Fly Tiwi Telephone (08) 8928 9300 Web www.flytiwi.com.au Email book@flytiwi.com.au Fly Tiwi runs regular passenger transport services, travel time is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.
Health centre	
Health service²	Miwatj Aboriginal Health Clinic Gapuwiyak Telephone (08) 8987 9150 Email gapuwiyak.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.miwatj.com.au Operating hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED Facilities Six consult rooms, one treatment room, one emergency room, one dental room, one x-ray room and one hearing room.

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.

On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
Medical Records System³	Communicare
Vehicles	The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.
GPs	Yes, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic.
Visiting services	Oral and hearing health.
Acute care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Gove or Darwin.
Alcohol	
Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
Governance	
Local Government	Local Council is the East Arnhem Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	N/A.
Other tips and relevant information	
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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 NT Remote Locum Program to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your NT Remote Locum Program placement. NT Remote Locum Program also values any input you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.

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.