

Naiiyu

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Noy-yoo

Alternate names: Daly River, Naiiyu Nambiyl

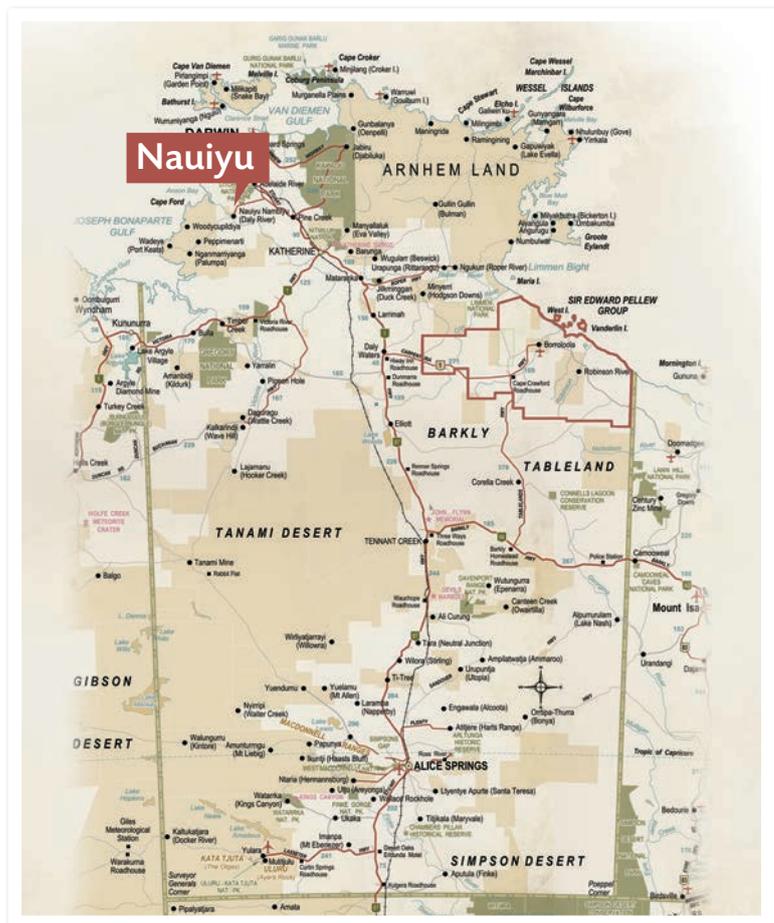
Location: Naiiyu is located on the banks of the Daly River, a couple of kilometres from the Daly River Crossing

NT region: Top End West

Population: 650

Access: Turn-off Stuart Highway at Adelaide River township. 77 km on bitumen road. 222 km south-west of Darwin

Language groups: English is the main language spoken by residents with Ngan'gikuruggurr being the most prominent of the 10 local languages



Climate (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter dry season (May to September)	Cooler and dry	15°C to 33°C
Humidity Range 20% – 50%.	Fine weather with no rain and much lower humidity than wet season and a possibility of becoming cold by Territory standards during June/July.	
Summer wet season (October to April)	Hot and humid	22°C to 35°C
Humidity Range 30% – 95%.	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.	



History

Prior to European settlement, the Daly River was traditionally a meeting place for Aboriginal people where they traded and held ceremonies. The Traditional Owners of the area are the Malak Malak people who live both in Nauiyu and at Wooliana downstream from the Daly River community. The Daly River area was discovered by Europeans in 1865. The discoverer was Boyle Finnis, the first Premier of South Australia and Government Resident of the Northern Territory. Finnis named the river after Sir Dominick Daly, the Governor of South Australia, (since the Northern Territory was at that time part of South Australia). However the region lay largely untouched by Europeans until 1882 when copper was discovered.

Daly River town was the scene of some particularly bloody exchanges between the local Aborigines and the miners. In 1884 three miners were killed.

Miners in the town wreaked vengeance on the local Aborigines out of proportion to the perceived crime.

A year later, probably aware of the tensions in the area, the Roman Catholic Church (Jesuits) established a mission in the town. As a result, 75% of today's population and the school is Roman Catholic.

Copper was shipped out of the area for processing until 1908 when the Northern Territory administration established a copper smelting works

at Daly but it was short lived. Through the twentieth century there were a number of attempts to settle the town without any success.

In 1911 the Commonwealth Government tried to convince people to move to the town. By the 1920's there were plans for crops of peanuts and tobacco which came to nothing. Cashews and sugar cane were also planted unsuccessfully. In 1967 the Tipperary Land Corporation cleared large tracts of land around the settlement and started growing sorghum, however the operation was closed down in 1973.

Plans for further agricultural expansion along the Daly River are today being measured against environmental concerns.

Community Life

Description of community:

Nauiyu is a small community nestled on the banks of the Daly River. The river is considered by many to be the best barramundi fishing river in Australia and is one of the more popular waterways for recreational fishing. It hosts two major fishing competitions annually, the "Barra Classic" and the "Barra Nationals".

"Our wild and beautiful river with its seasonal tides and streams, the rainforest, animal life and birds, and especially the call of the jungle fowl will never cease to fascinate us ..."
Nancy Polishuk 1987.

Changes in population: Population figures are estimates, as several factors impact on movement. These include seasonal changes, ceremonial activity and movement between outstations.

How is it affected by seasons:

Flooding of Daly River during the wet season can severely affect the community.

Local industry/mine: Workshop, tourism, art sales, Merrepen Festival.

Tourism: Daly River (small town near Nauiyu) is a popular fishing and camping area renowned for its plentiful supply of barramundi. The Daly River region encompasses many unique ecosystems, including the hot springs and gorges. The town has a pub and a few motel units.

Arts/crafts: The Merrepen Arts Centre sells Aboriginal art and craft made by the local Aboriginal people and occasionally visitors can see the artists at work. Nauiyu based painters have featured in the annual Telstra Art Awards exhibition and some of the aged care clients and staff are established artists. The annual Merrepen Festival, one of the oldest community festivals in remote NT, takes place on the last weekend in May. Visual arts displays and sales, music and dance (festival concert) plus a football and sporting carnival are features of the festival. A Sunday evening Mass in St Francis Xavier Church concludes the weekend.

Websites: www.merrepenarts.com.au
www.litchfieldnationalpark.com/daly_river_road.htm

****Please check with the Health Centre on arrival for sacred sites to avoid and health or social issues to be aware of.**

Governance

Local Government

The Victoria Daly Shire Council. Head office is in Katherine. Katherine. The Shire has a regional office in Nauiyu employing a staff of approximately 50.

Telephone (08) 8972 9000

Web www.victoriadaly.nt.gov.au

Community or other governance structures

Until 2008, governance was the responsibility of Nauiyu Nambiyu Community Government Council (NNCGC). On 1 July 2008, the community became part of the Victoria Daly Shire.

Outstations

Wooliana

Permit System¹

All visitors must obtain a permit from the appropriate authority for the duration of their stay. Permits may be required for any person visiting the community including activities such as fishing, camping and visiting certain beaches.

Permit application for Nauiyu is through Northern Land Council (NLC).

Web www.nlc.org.au

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community

Church: St Francis Xavier Church, strong Catholic presence (former mission). The school is attached

- **Mass Times**

Monday	5.30pm
Wednesday to Friday	7am
Saturday*	9.30am
Sunday	7pm

*No mass on the 3rd Saturday of the month

Community Halls and Sheds: Hall

Workforce Skills or Training Facilities: Community Development Employment Program (CDEP), second hand clothing shop and Centrelink agency.

Post Office: Nauiyu Nambiyi

Telephone (08) 8978 2800

- **Opening hours** Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri 9.30am – 5.30pm
Thursday 9.30am – 2.30pm

School: St Francis School is available to children of all ages. Also, Wooliana School is available up to year 7.

Library: None

Council Office: Victoria Daly Shire office and Centrelink.

Women's, Childcare and Aged Care Centre: Yes

Telephone (08) 8978 2422

Banking: Eftpos, ATM and Credit Card facilities are available at the Nauiyu Community Store and at the Daly River Inn.

Community store

Nauiyu Community Store:

Telephone (08) 8978 2474

The Nauiyu general store is well stocked with a good range of supplies. There is a weekly delivery of fresh food and groceries. There is also a small range of hot food available

- **Opening hours** Monday to Wednesday 8am – 5pm
Thursday and Friday 8am – 6pm
Saturday 8am – 12pm

¹ RAHC HPs are not required to obtain permits for their placement as they are exempt under legislation related to the Emergency Response.

Other food outlets	River Bank Store at Daly River (near the pub).
Food orders	None (Darwin is 3 hours away).
Recreational facilities	Sport and Receptions Officer: Telephone (08) 8978 2747 AFL, soccer, softball, indoor/outdoor cricket, basketball, movie nights, ladies nights, BBQs, Heart Foundation walks, discos. There is a recreation hall, sports oval, swimming pool and social club.
Commercial accommodation	Available at Daly River, close to the community, including motel units and a caravan park.
Fuel	All types available.
Mechanic	Workshop and civil engineering section.
Police station	Two police officers. Telephone (08) 8978 2466
Other	Community Night Patrol. Telephone (08) 8972 0777 (Regional Night Patrol Manager)
Telephone/internet/mail	
Mobile phone ²	Telstra mobile and wireless coverage.
Internet	Internet access.
Mail	Road service comes Mondays and Thursdays.
Other	Each house has a landline.
Alcohol	
Alcohol – allowed ³	PERMIT ONLY. It should be noted by visitors, that Nauiyu is a dry township and no alcohol may be brought into the community without a prearranged permit.
Access	
Road	Darwin (2½-3 hours ⁴): Bitumen all the way from Darwin, but during the wet season Nauiyu can be cut off by flooding for several weeks. During this time supplies must be flown in.
Air	Facilities: There is an all weather airstrip with night facility. Darwin (1 hour): Charter flights and doctor planes operate from Darwin.
Regular passenger transport	None.

² 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/>

³ It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory

⁴ Approximate travel time one-way

Health Centre

Health service

Department of Health (DoH)

Telephone (08) 8978 2435

Web www.health.nt.gov.au

Email dalyriver.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au

Staff

- Manager 1
- Remote Area Nurse 1
- Medical Practitioner Visiting GP every Thursday
- Aboriginal Health Worker 2 (and 1 trainee)
- Aboriginal Community Worker 0
- Administration Officer 1
- Driver/Gardener/Cleaner 1.5
- Other. 1 (Alcohol and Other Drugs - AOD)

Facilities

New, well-equipped clinic. Lots of treatment rooms available.

Operating hours

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4pm.

On call

After hours, weekends and public holidays, an Aboriginal Health Worker or Nurse is on call for emergencies. Medical evacuation via plane to Darwin is also available from the clinic.

Services

- Antenatal Care
- Growth and Assessment Program for infants and children under 5
- Childhood and Adult Immunisation
- Healthy School Aged Kids Program
- Preventable Chronic Disease (PCD) Program
- Well Women's and Well Men's Screening
- Infectious and Communicable Disease Prevention and Control.

Medical Records System⁵

PCIS

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.**

Visiting services

- Physiotherapist
- Nutritionist
- PCD Public Health Nurse
- Maternal, Child and Youth Health Team
- Women's Health Educator
- Dental Team
- Optometrist
- Audiologist
- Podiatrist
- Hearing Team
- Obstetrician
- Paediatrician
- Gynaecologist.

⁵ Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community

GP	GP employed by DoH. Visits every Thursday.
Acute care	A Remote Medical Practitioner is on call 24 hours for telephone consultations and evacuations.
Other	Pregnant women birth in Darwin.
Accommodation	
Accommodation	Either a freestanding house or single occupancy demountable “Donga” style. **Note: Sharing of facilities may be required.
Facilities	Usual domestic amenities including microwave, fridge, oven/stove, washing machine, TV and split system air-conditioning.
Linen	Provided by NT DoH.
Vehicles	
Vehicle	No vehicle is provided for personal use.
Policy	NT DoH has a strict policy on vehicle use. Any non-clinical use is not acceptable.
What to pack for placement	
Clothes	Possibility of cool nights in middle of year, so light warm clothing is useful. In wet season (October – April), clothing for very hot, humid days – loose cotton clothing. Please refer to this website for information on appropriate clothing to wear whilst out in a community. http://ntgpe.org/wp_site/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Appropriate-Clothing-2.pdf
Supplies	Bring any specialty foods and a small quantity of fresh food. **Note: Please be mindful of weight restrictions on plane travel.
Personal effects	Bring a hat, sturdy shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen and toiletries.
Other tips or relevant information	
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Disclaimer

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