

Barunga

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Bar-rung

Alternate name: Bamyili

Location: 80kms south east of Katherine on the Central Arnhem Highway

NT Region: Top End

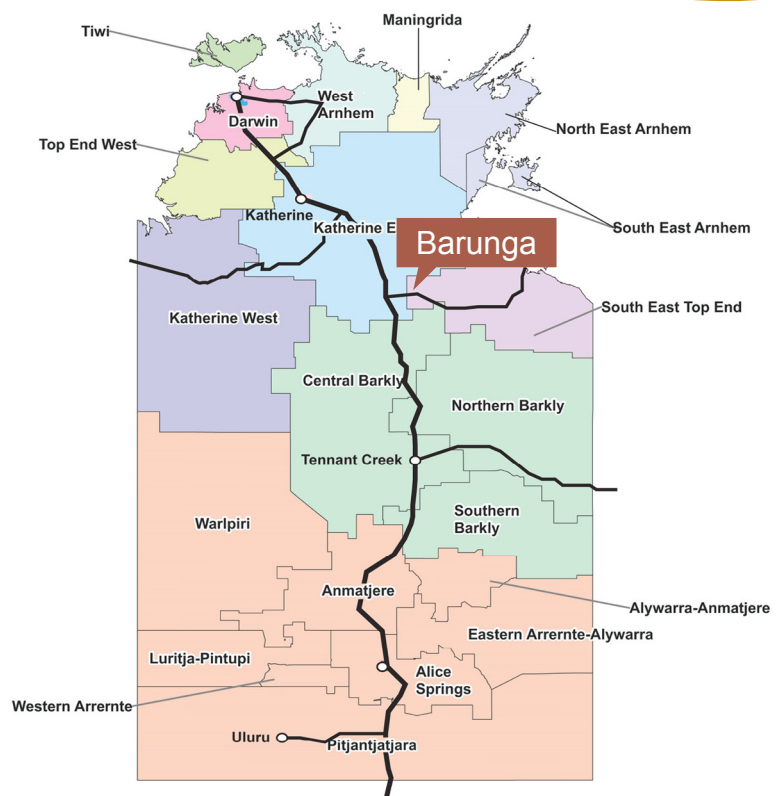
Population: Approx. 313 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Jawoyn, East Kriol, Dalabon, Maiyali, Mangarrai and English

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



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: No
School: Yes
Library: Yes
Council Office: Yes
Women's Centre: No
Childcare Centre: Yes
Aged Care Centre: Yes
Community Safety: Yes
Banking: Yes
Recreational/other facilities: Yes, the Barunga Festival is held annually on the Queen's birthday long weekend in June. The festival highlights and celebrates the music, sport, and culture of the region.

Community store

Bagala Community Store **Telephone** (08) 8975 4507
73 Bagala Rd, Barunga NT 0852

The store has a range of grocery items, meat, dairy, and frozen foods. Fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered to the store occasionally.

Opening hours

Monday - Tuesday	8:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am - 7:00pm
Thursday - Friday	8:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 12:00pm
Sunday	Closed

Other food outlets

Takeaway Food Outlet at the Bagala Community Store.

Food orders

Food orders can be placed online through Woolworths Katherine. Please check with clinic staff regarding collection and delivery.

Telephone (08) 8971 1759

Commercial accommodation

No

Fuel

No

Police station

No, located at Maranboy approximately 8km away.

Telephone (08) 8975 4500

Community Safety

Yes, there is a community safety program.

Other police contact

No

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone

4G Telstra

Internet

Only personal use of the internet is available in the accommodation.

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/>

Mail

Barunga CPA
83 Bagala Road, Barunga, NT

Telephone (08) 8975 4504

Opening hours

Post Office closes for lunch.

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday - Sunday

Closed

Access**Road**

By road, the trip to Barunga takes approximately one hour from Katherine. The single-lane Central Arnhem Highway is sealed to the gateway of Barunga. Only during severe flooding which occurs sporadically does the road become inaccessible.

Air

The Barunga airstrip is approximately 5km from the Community. There are no regular commercial flights to and from Barunga. Charter flights are available via Chartair, Hardy's Aviation and Katherine Aviation.

Regular passenger transport

No

Health centre**Health service²**

Sunrise Health Service

Telephone (08) 8975 4501

Email Barungastaff@sunrise.org.au

Web www.sunrise.org.au

Operating hours

*Only open for emergencies
after 1:00pm on Thursdays*

Monday-Wednesday

8:30am - 4:00pm

Thursday

8:30am - 1:00pm

Friday

8:30am - 4:00pm

Saturday

Closed

Sunday

Closed

Facilities

Five consulting rooms and one emergency room.

On-call services

Yes, 24/7 on call service

Medical Records System³

Communicare

Vehicles

Yes, two-three vehicles, not for personal use.

****Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.**

GPs

Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic

Visiting services

Includes Dietiticians, Midwifery, Podiatry, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Oral and Hearing Health services. Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals and ENT Nutritionists also visit the clinic.

Acute care

St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight

Other

Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.

Alcohol**Alcohol⁴**

This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.

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 Roper Gulf Council.
The land council is the Northern Land Council (NLC).

Outstations

Nyirranggulung

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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Canberra Office

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Alice Springs Office

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