

Numbulwar

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Noom-bull-wah

Alternate name: Rose River

Location: 400km east of Katherine

NT Region: Top End

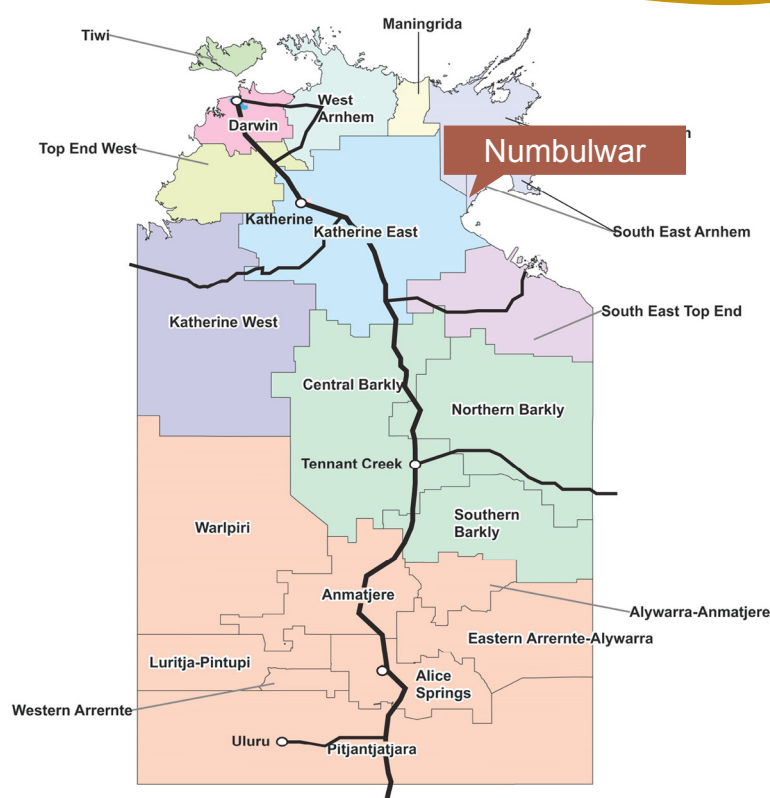
Population: Approx. 850 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Wubuy, Anindilyakwa, Mara, Wandarrang, Waagilak/Ritharrngu, Ngalakan, Ngandi, Rembarrnga, and Djambarrpuynyu

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: No
Council Office: Yes
Women's Centre: No
Childcare Centre: No
Aged Care Centre: Yes
Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program
Banking: Yes
Recreational/other facilities: The Numbulwar Numburinda Arts (NNA) is Numbulwar's first art centre. There is also a youth, sport, and recreation program in Numbulwar.

Community store

Numburindi Store

Telephone (08) 8975 4083

Limited basic food goods, hardware, fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, and meat are available. Fresh produce can be ordered online and delivered via barge from Darwin.

Opening hours

Monday – Tuesday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday – Friday	9:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday – Sunday	9:00am – 12:00pm

Other food outlets

No

Food orders

Coles

Telephone: (08) 8941 8055
Website: www.coles.com.au

Woolworths

Telephone: (08) 8995 9308
Website: www.woolworthsonline.com.au

Toll Shipping

Telephone: 1800 220 436
Website: www.tollgroup.com

Bush orders can be set up with Coles, Woolworths ordering is online. Food orders can be delivered via Toll's barge service.

Commercial accommodation

Roper Gulf Regional Council Visitor Accommodation

Telephone (08) 8972 0400

Fuel

Opal (unleaded) and diesel fuel are available in the community. Purchases can be made using debit and credit card.

Police station

Numbulwar Police Station

Telephone (08) 8975 4183

Community Safety

Community Night Patrol – four staff telephone check with Police Station

Other police contract

Police assistance line

Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone

3G Telstra

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/>

Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.								
Mail	Mail plane delivers mail on Monday.								
Access									
Road	During the dry season the community can be accessed by road. Travel time from Darwin via Katherine along the Roper Highway is approximately 10-12 hours. Travel time from Nhulunbuy via Walker River and Harris Creek is approximately 4-6 hours. In both cases, 4WD is essential. Road access is possible from May to December by 4WD to Katherine via Ngukurr and the Roper Highway.								
Air	Numbulwar is accessible by air and has an all-weather, sealed airstrip linked to the community via a 5km dirt road. The road can become impassable at times during the wet season.								
Regular passenger transport	<p>The Bodhi Bus has a once weekly service between Katherine and Numbulwar during the dry season (May to September).</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8971 0774 Web: www.thebodhibus.com.au</p>								
Health centre									
Health service²	<p>Department of Health (DoH)</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8975 4670 Email www.health.nt.gov.au Web numbulwar.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Wednesday</td><td>9:00am – 11:45am 3:00pm – 4:30pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td><td>9:00am – 11:45am</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td><td>9:00am – 11:45am 3:00pm – 4:30pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table> <p>Facilities Seven consulting rooms, one emergency room and one dental room.</p>	Monday – Wednesday	9:00am – 11:45am 3:00pm – 4:30pm	Thursday	9:00am – 11:45am	Friday	9:00am – 11:45am 3:00pm – 4:30pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service								
Medical Records System³	PCIS								
Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains a Hilux utility, and two Toyota Troop Carriers including one that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>								
GPs	GPs visit from Groote Eylandt three days a week.								
Visiting services	Visiting services include dental services, audiology screening, cardiologist/cardiologist, paediatrics, mental health, optometry, nutrition, podiatry, diabetes and cardiac educators.								
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.								

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

Outstations

There are nine outstations with residents – Wuyagiba, Andanangki (Walker River), Yillila, Dharrari, Alharragan, Yimidarri (Wandu), Wumajbarr, Markalwa and Waldharr (Harris Creek). There are several other outstations, which do not have residents living permanently, and movement to these is not anticipated in the future.

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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