

# Wugularr

## Top End Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Wu-ga-larr

**Alternate name:** Beswick

**Location:** 116km south east of Katherine on the Central Arnhem Highway

**NT Region:** Top End

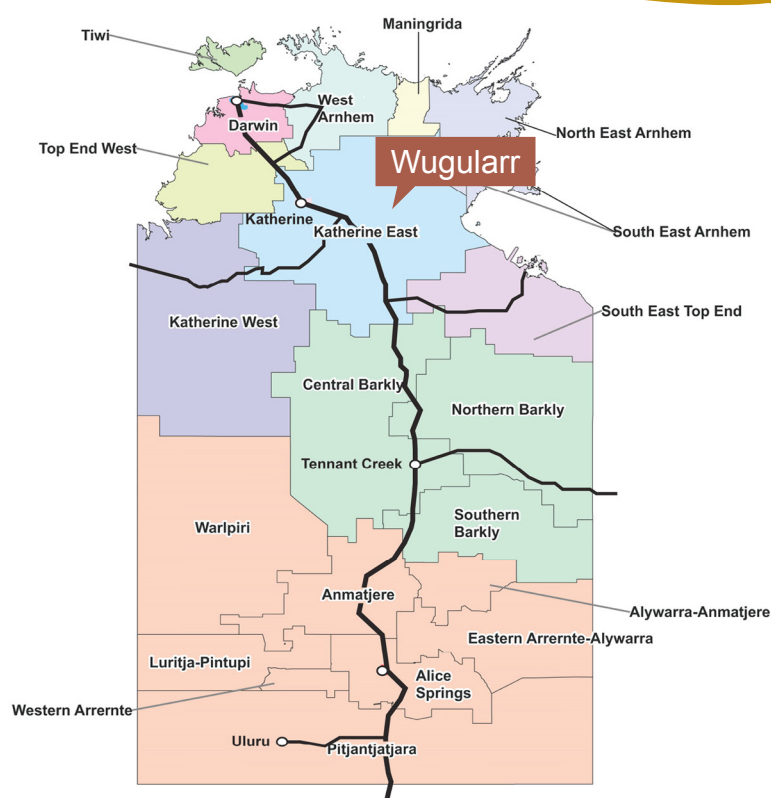
**Population:** Approx. 512 residents

**Access:** Road

**Language groups:** Rembarranga, Kriol and English

**Phone:** 4G Telstra

**Internet:** Limited 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
<b>Winter (June to August)</b>	<b>Cooler and dry</b>	<b>6°C to 19°C</b>
<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>		
<b>Summer (December to February)</b>	<b>Hot and humid</b>	<b>25°C to 38°C</b>
<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:** No  
**Council Office:** No  
**Women's Centre:** No  
**Childcare Centre:** Yes  
**Aged Care Centre:** No  
**Community Safety:** Yes, Community Care Program  
**Banking:** No  
**Recreational/other facilities:** Djilpin Arts is a community-owned, not-for-profit organisation based in Wugularr, where visitors can engage with local people and artists. The Walking with Spirits Cultural Festival featuring traditional Corroboree songs, stories and dance is held annually in late July.

### Community store

#### Beswick Community Store

**Telephone** (08) 8975 4523

Fresh foods arrive regularly, some frozen foods and household goods are also available. It is advisable to bring specialty products/items required.

#### Opening hours

Monday – Friday	7:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday – Sunday	7:00am – 8:00pm

### Other food outlets

No

### Food orders

No

### Commercial accommodation

Roper Gulf Regional Council has accommodation available in Beswick, Bulman, Ngukurr and Numbulwar

**Telephone** (08) 8972 0400  
**Email** accommodation@ropergulf.nt.gov.au

### Fuel

Available from the Beswick Community Store

### Police station

Wugularr is serviced by the Maranboy Police Station

**Telephone** (08) 8975 4500

### Community Safety

Yes, Community Care Program.

### Other police contacts

Police assistance line

**Telephone** 131 444

## Telephone/internet/mail

### Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone

4G Telstra

### Internet

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

### Mail

Mail can be lodged via the Health Centre.  
Please check with the clinic staff

<sup>1</sup> Telstra 3G/Next G is 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/>

Access									
Road	Wugularr is approximately a 90-minute drive from Katherine on an all-weather road. The single lane Central Arnhem Highway is sealed to the gateway of Beswick. Severe flooding occurs sporadically making the road inaccessible.								
Air	No regular air services.								
Regular passenger transport	No Regular Passenger Service to Wugularr.								
Health centre									
Health service <sup>2</sup>	<p><b>Sunrise Health Service</b></p> <p><b>Telephone</b> (08) 8975 4501  <b>Web</b> <a href="http://www.sunrise.org.au">www.sunrise.org.au</a>  <b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:wugularrstaff@sunrise.org.au">wugularrstaff@sunrise.org.au</a></p> <p><b>Opening hours</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Wednesday</td><td>8:30am – 4:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td><td>8:30am – 1:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td><td>8:30am – 4:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table> <p>Only emergency services are available on Thursday from 1:00pm.</p> <p><b>Facilities</b> Three consulting rooms and one emergency room.</p>	Monday – Wednesday	8:30am – 4:00pm	Thursday	8:30am – 1:00pm	Friday	8:30am – 4:00pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service								
Medical Records System <sup>3</sup>	Communicare								
Vehicles	Wugularr Clinic has two vehicles. Vehicles are not available for personal use.								
GPs	Visiting GP service.								
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, obstetrics, ophthalmology, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, ENT Nutritionist, gynaecology and hearing health services.								
Acute care	St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight.								
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine.								
Alcohol									
Alcohol <sup>4</sup>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.								
Governance									
Local Government	The local council is the Roper Gulf Shire (08) 8975 4926 The land council is the Northern Land Council (NLC).								
Outstations	Bishop Bore								

<sup>2</sup> For a more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

<sup>3</sup> Training should be arranged before you arrive in the community.

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

## Other tips and relevant information

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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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