

Nhulunbuy

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Noo-lun-boy

Alternate name: Gove

Location: Located 1000kms from Darwin and 700km from Katherine by road

NT Region: Top End

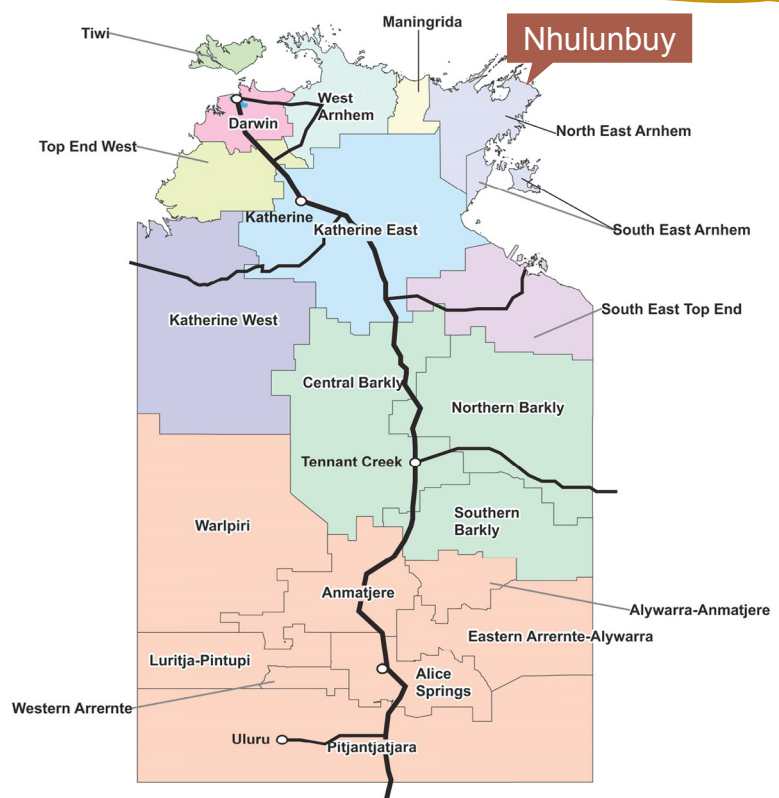
Population: Approx. 3300 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Alawa, Anindilyakwa, Kriol, Nunggubuyu

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	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: Yes</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: Yes</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women's Centre: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: No</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: Nhulunbuy has a wide range of recreational activities, including parks, a skate park, aquatic centre, sporting oval, golf course, BMX track, art centres, walks, cultural tours and camping. Fishing trips can be arranged through local charter services. The Nhulunbuy Corporation Community Markets are run most months throughout the year. They are generally held at Nhulunbuy Town Hall or Town Centre on Saturday mornings.</p>	
Community store	<p>Woolworths</p> <p>Woolworths is located on Endeavour Square, approximately 500m from the centre of Nhulunbuy.</p> <p>Opening hours Monday – Sunday 8:00am – 8:00pm</p>	Telephone (08) 8965 2000
Other food outlets	The Refinery Café, Kamayan Café, Walkabout Lodge and Tavern.	
Food orders	Woolworths provide an online order service.	
Commercial accommodation	<p>Walkabout Lodge</p> <p>The Walkabout Lodge is a short five-minute from Nhulunbuy town centre. The lodge includes two restaurants, two bars, and an outdoor swimming pool.</p>	Telephone (08) 8939 2000
Fuel	BP Nhulunbuy offers Diesel, Opal and Premium Unleaded fuel.	
Police station	Nhulunbuy Police Station	Telephone (08) 8987 1333
Community Safety	Nhulunbuy Family Safety Framework	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	3G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Australia Post – Nhulunbuy LPO	

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/>

Access					
Road	Nhulunbuy is accessible by road via Katherine. The Central Arnhem Road turnoff is 50km south of Katherine on the Stuart Highway, then 675km from this turnoff to Nhulunbuy. A 4WD is essential for driving to Nhulunbuy as majority of the road is unsealed. Road access is only available during the dry season.				
Air	Nhulunbuy can be accessed all year round by air.				
Regular passenger transport	Airnorth provide regular passenger flights to Gove Airport from Cairns Airport and Darwin Airport. The flight time to Cairns is 1 hour and 40 minutes and the flight time to Darwin is 1 hour and 10 minutes. Airnorth also operates services between Gove Airport and Groote Eylandt.				
Health centre					
Health service ²	<p>Nhulunbuy Mitwatj Health Service</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8939 1999</p> <p>Email parfittb@miwati.com.au</p> <p>Web www.miwati.com.au</p> <p>Operating hours</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Friday</td><td>8:00am – 4:30pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table> <p>Facilities</p> <p>Ten consulting rooms, one treatment room and one emergency room.</p>	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 4:30pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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On-call services	Yes				
Medical Records System ³	Communicare				
Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>				
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic				
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, dental health, women's health professionals, mental health professionals, ENT nutritionist, gynaecology, and hearing health.				
Acute care	Care Flight				
Other	Birthing women birth in Gove or Darwin.				
Alcohol					
Alcohol ⁴	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.				
Governance					
Local Government	<p>The local council is East Arnhem Regional Council</p> <p>The land council is Northern Land Council (NLC)</p>				
Outstations	Yirrkala				

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.

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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