

Borrooloola

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation:	Borra-loo-la
Alternate name:	Not applicable
Location:	670km southeast of Katherine
NT Region:	Top End
Population:	Approx. 870 residents
Access:	Road and air
Language groups:	Yanyuwa, Garrwa, Marra, Gudanji and Binbingka
Phone:	4G Telstra
Internet:	Only personal 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, a primary school. Library: Yes Council Office: Yes Women’s Centre: Yes Childcare Centre: Yes Aged Care Centre: Yes Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program Banking: Yes, there is an ATM located at the community store. Recreational/other facilities: There are several facilities in Borroloola and a range of recreational activities on offer, including a swimming pool, art and crafts centre, parks and gardens, shops and cafes.		
Community store	Malandari Store	Telephone (08) 8975 8775	
	Basic fresh fruit, vegetables and frozen meat are often available. It is advisable to bring specialty products/items required.		
	Opening hours	Monday – Tuesday Wednesday Thursday – Friday Saturday Sunday	8:00am – 5:30pm 8:00am – 8:00pm 8:00am – 5:30pm 9:00am – 4:00pm 9:00am – 12:00pm
Other food outlets	Carpentaria Grill Restaurant, Borroloola Café, Borroloola Hotel Motel, Gulf Mini Mart and Dream Thai Food.		
Food orders	No		
Commercial accommodation	McArthur River Caravan Park Savannah Way Motel Borroloola Borroloola Hotel Motel	Telephone (08) 8975 8734 Telephone (08) 8975 8883 Telephone (08) 8975 8766	
Fuel	Opal and diesel fuel available in the community.		
Police station	Borroloola Police Station	Telephone (08) 8975 8770	
Community Safety	Yes, night patrol service.		
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444	
Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	4G Telstra		
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.		

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	Borroloola LPO		Telephone (08) 8975 879
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday Saturday – Sunday	9:00am – 5:00pm Closed
Access			
Road	Borroloola can be accessed via the Carpentaria Highway, which is a sealed, all-weather, single lane road. It is approximately a seven-hour drive from Katherine.		
Air	Borroloola can be accessed via a chartered aircraft. The airstrip is approximately 2km from the town centre.		
Regular passenger transport	No		
Health centre			
Health service ²	Department of Health (DoH) Borroloola Primary Health Care Centre	Telephone (08) 8975 8757 Email borroloola.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday Saturday – Sunday	9:00am – 5:00pm Closed
	Facilities 11 consulting and treatment rooms, one emergency room, one dental room, one hearing room and an x-ray.		
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service.		
Medical Records System ³	PCIS		
Vehicles	There are nine vehicles based at the Health Centre in Borroloola. The NT DoH has a strict policy on vehicle use. Any nonclinical or personal use is not permitted.		
GPs	Visiting service only		
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, dental services, mental health services, women’s health services, audiology, ENT nutritionist, hearing health and an exercise physiologist.		
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)		
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.		
Alcohol			
Alcohol ⁴	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.		
Governance			
Local Government	The local council is the Roper Gulf Council The land council is the Northern Land Council (NLC)		
Outstations	Garawa Camp One, Garawa Camp Two, Yanyula Camp and Mara Camp.		

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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