

# Jabiru

## Top End Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Jab-a-roo

**Alternate name:** Djabiluka

**Location:** 255km east of Darwin

**NT Region:** Top End

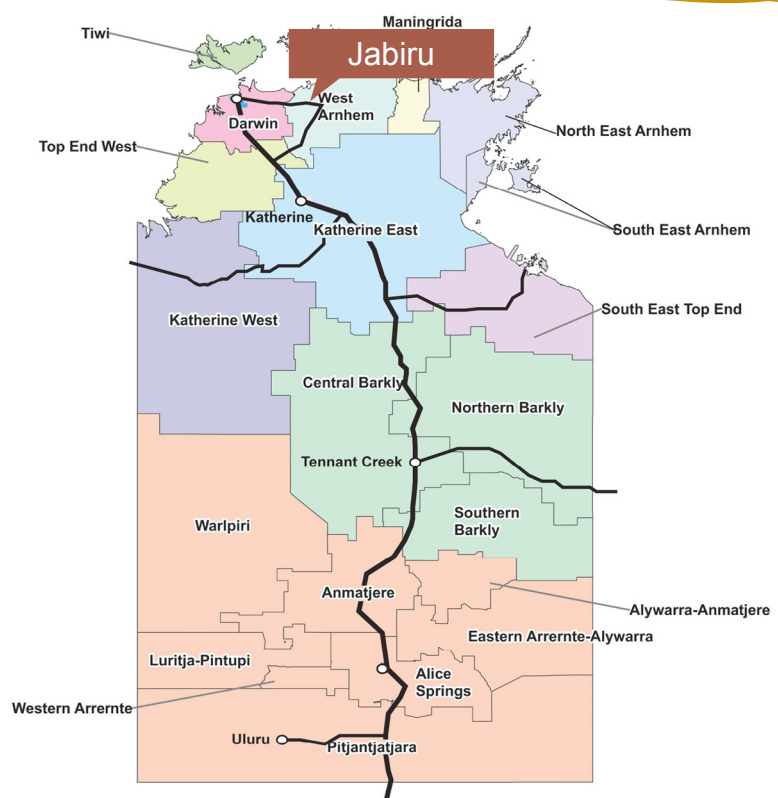
**Population:** Approx. 1081 residents

**Access:** Road

**Language groups:** Gundjeihmi and Kunwinjku

**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
<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	<p><b>Church:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Community halls or sheds:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Workforce skills or training facilities:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>School:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Library:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Council Office:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Women's Centre:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Childcare Centre:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Aged Care Centre:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Community Safety:</b> Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p><b>Banking:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Recreational/other facilities:</b> Jabiru has several recreational facilities and activities on offer, including a swimming pool, undercover gym, golf club, fishing club, tennis and basketball courts, public barbecue facilities, children's playgrounds and sporting ovals. Jabiru Lake and Kakadu National Park are also located nearby.</p>						
Community store	Foodland Supermarket	Telephone (08) 8979 2292					
	Foodland Supermarket supplies a large range of groceries items. The supermarket includes a deli and a butcher.						
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday Saturday Sunday	9:00am – 5:30pm 9:00am – 3:00pm 9:00am – 1:00pm				
Other food outlets	There is a bakery, café and restaurant.						
Food orders	Takeaway food can be purchased from the service station.						
Commercial accommodation	Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel	Telephone (08) 8979 9000					
Fuel	Unleaded and diesel fuel is available at Puma Jabiru service station.						
Police station	Jabiru Police Station	Telephone (08) 8979 2122					
Community Safety	Jabiru Community Engagement.						
Other police contract	Emergency only.	Telephone 000					
Telephone/internet/mail							
Mobile phone <sup>1</sup> /phone	3G Telstra						
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.						
Mail	<p><b>Jabiru LPO</b> 13 Van Delft Street, Jabiru NT 0886</p> <p><b>Opening hours</b></p> <table><tr><td>Monday – Friday</td><td>9:00am – 5:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday – Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr></table>			Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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<sup>1</sup> 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	Jabiru is located 255km east of Darwin and is accessible via the Stuart and Arnhem Highways. Exceptionally heavy rain in the wet season may close sections of both highways.	
Air	Aircraft can be chartered from Darwin or Jabiru.	
Regular passenger transport	Greyhound Bus operates a service between Darwin and Jabiru three days per week.	Website <a href="http://www.greyhound.com.au">www.greyhound.com.au</a>
Health centre		
Health service <sup>2</sup>	Department of Health (DoH)	Telephone (08) 8979 3500 Email <a href="http://www.health.nt.gov.au">www.health.nt.gov.au</a> Web <a href="mailto:jabiru.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au">jabiru.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au</a>
	Operating hours	Monday – Wednesday 9:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities	Three GP consulting rooms, one treatment room with four cubicles and three Aboriginal Health Worker consulting rooms.
On-call services	Yes	
Medical Records System <sup>3</sup>	PCIS	
Vehicles	The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. The NT DoH has a strict policy on vehicle use. Any nonclinical or personal use is not permitted. <b>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b>	
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic.	
Visiting services	Visiting services include a general surgeon, obstetrician, gynaecologist, paediatrician, children’s hearing service, eye specialist, medical imaging, remote mental health team, speech therapist, physiotherapist and optometrist.	
Acute care	St Johns Ambulance and Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)	
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.	
Alcohol		
Alcohol <sup>4</sup>	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.	
Governance		
Local Government	The local council is West Arnhem Regional Council. The land council is Northern Land Council (NLC).	
Outstations	13 outstations are serviced by Jabiru Health Centre.	

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

<sup>3</sup> Training should be arranged before your arrival 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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