

# Maningrida

## Top End Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Man-in-gri-dah

**Alternate name:** Manayingkarirra

**Location:** 500km east of Darwin

**NT Region:** Top End

**Population:** Approx. 2646 residents

**Access:** Road and air

**Language groups:** Burarran, Guragone, Ndjebbana and Nakkara, Yolngu and Matha

**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

Church: Yes

Community halls or sheds: Yes

Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes

School: Yes

Library: Yes, located at the school

Council Office: Yes

Women’s Centre: Yes

Childcare Centre: Yes

Aged Care Centre: Yes

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program

Banking: Yes, EFTPOS and an ATM located at the Bawinanga Grocery Store

Recreational/other facilities: There are a several recreational facilities available including the Djomi Museum, Maningrida Arts and Cultural Centre Markets, a swimming pool, fishing, boating, hiking, arts and craft, sports ovals, basketball facilities, AFL, volleyball, camping, bush walking, and cultural tours.

Community store

Bawinanga Grocery Store

Telephone (08) 8979 6511

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 6:00pm

Thursday

9:00am – 8:00pm

Saturday – Sunday

9:00am – 2:00pm

Outback Groceries

Telephone not available

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday

9:00am – 8:00pm

Saturday

9:00 – 12:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Both stores offer a reasonable range of supermarket items including fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, milk, fresh and frozen meats. A limited supply of hardware, household goods, basic chemist supplies, white goods, electrical, clothing, and takeaway food is also available.

It is advisable to bring in any specialty products/items required.

Other food outlets

General Store Takeaway

Telephone (08) 8979 5581

Food orders

Coles

Telephone (08) 8941 8055

Website [www.coles.com.au](http://www.coles.com.au)

Woolworths

Telephone (08) 8995 9308

Website [www.woolworthsonline.com.au](http://www.woolworthsonline.com.au)

Toll Marine Logistics

Telephone 1800 220 436

A full range of supermarket food orders, including freezer items, can be ordered online through the Darwin-based supermarkets and delivered via Toll.

Commercial accommodation

Djinkarr Lodge

Telephone (08) 8979 5612

Located at Djinkarr outstation 18km from Maningrida.

Fuel

Maningrida has two petrol stations. Opal and diesel fuel are available at both.

Police station

Maningrida Police Station

Telephone (08) 8979 5939

Community Safety	Maningrida Night Patrol.		
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444	
Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone <sup>1</sup> /phone	4G Telstra		
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.		
Mail	Maningrida LPO 477 Maningrida Internal Road Maningrida NT 0822		
Access			
Road	Maningrida is 520km from Darwin and only accessible by road during the dry season. The total drive time is approximately seven hours. There are several river crossings and the last 300km of the drive is on an unsealed road. The river crossing depths can vary and a 4WD with snorkel is advised.		
Air	The flight time from Darwin to Maningrida is one hour. Maningrida has an all-weather, sealed airstrip. Airnorth operates passenger services twice daily on weekdays and once a day on weekends.		
Regular passenger transport	Katherine Coaches offer a weekly service from Darwin to Maningrida during the dry season.		
Health centre			
Health service <sup>2</sup>	Mala'la Health Service		Telephone (08) 8979 5772 Email <a href="mailto:maningrida.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au">maningrida.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au</a> Web <a href="http://www.health.nt.gov.au">www.health.nt.gov.au</a>
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday Saturday – Sunday	8:00am – 5:00pm Closed
	Facilities There is one emergency room, one dental room, one hearing room, one x-ray room and 13 consulting rooms.		
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service.		
Medical Records System <sup>3</sup>	PCIS		
Vehicles	There is a vehicle available for programme use. The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. <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 dietetics, podiatry, dental health, obstetrics, ophthalmology, women's health professionals, mental health professionals, ENT nutritionist, gynaecology and hearing health.		

<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/>

<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.

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**Other**

Birth women birth in Gove or Darwin.

**Alcohol****Alcohol<sup>4</sup>**

This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.

**Governance**

The local council is the West Arnhem Regional Council.

The land council is Northern Land Council (NLC).

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The clinic services nine of the 34 outstations in Maningrida.

**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.

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**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.*

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

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