

Robinson River

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: N/A

Alternate name: Mungoobada and Mungoorbada

Location: 790km south east of Katherine.

NT Region: Top End

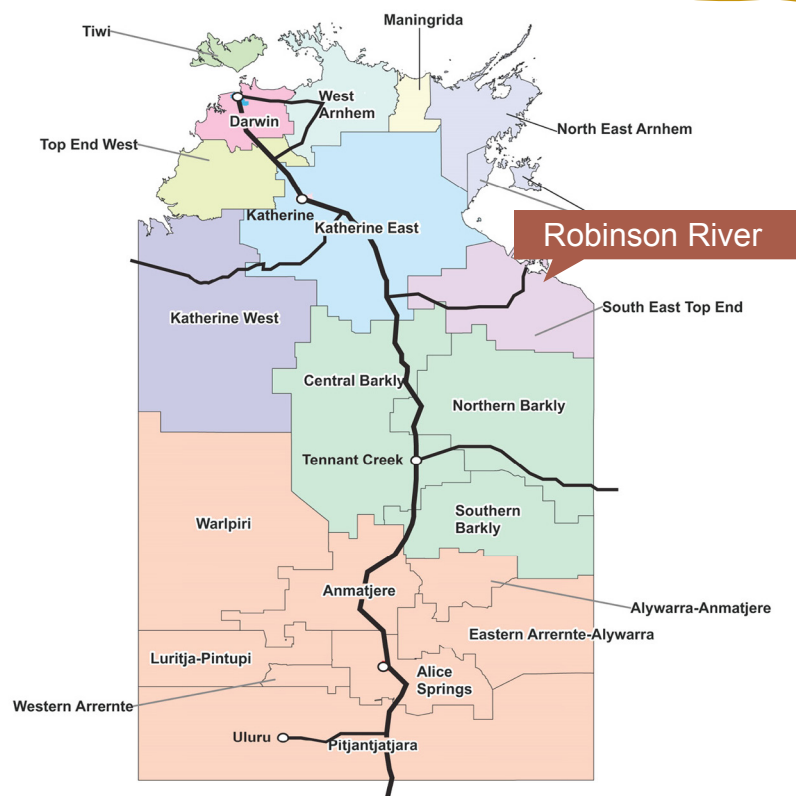
Population: Approx. 258 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: East side Kriol and Garawa

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal 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
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>		

Community		
	Church: No Community halls or sheds: No Workforce skills or training facilities: No School: Yes Library: No Council Office: No, serviced by Borroloola. Women's Centre: No Childcare Centre: No Aged Care Centre: No Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program Banking: Yes, there is an ATM at the Community Store. Recreational/other facilities: Robinson River is an operating cattle station run by the Garawa people. In the community there is a football oval, basketball half-court and several local fishing holes.	
Community store	Robinson River Store (Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation) The store supplies a range of products including basic groceries, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, household supplies and fuel. It is advisable to bring specialty products/items required. Opening hours	Telephone (08) 8975 9791 Monday – Sunday 9:00am – 12:00pm 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Other food outlets	A takeaway store is connected to the Robinson River Store.	
Food orders	Woolworths Neil Mansell Transport Food orders can be placed online with Woolworths and delivered through Neil Mansell Transport.	Telephone (08) 8995 9308 Web www.woolworthsonline.com.au Telephone (08) 8932 2120
Commercial accommodation	Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation	Telephone (08) 8975 9791
Fuel	Opal and diesel full are available in the community.	
Police station	Borroloola Police Station Robinson River is serviced by the Borroloola Police Station, which is located 140km away. There is an overnight police post located within the community.	Telephone (08) 8975 8770
Community Safety	Yes	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Mail is delivered to the clinic via a mail bag.	

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	The drive to Robinson River from Katherine takes approximately 10 hours. Once you arrive in Katherine, travel south on the Stuart Highway toward Daly Waters. Turn onto the Carpentaria Highway towards Borroloola. The last 150km from Borroloola to Robinson River is a dirt road. A 4WD is needed to access the community.
Air	There is sealed airstrip located approximately 6km from the community.
Regular passenger transport	N/A
Health centre	
Health service ²	<div> <div> Robinson River Health Centre Department of Health (DOH) </div> <div> Telephone (08) 8975 9985 Email robinsonriver.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au </div> </div>
Operating hours	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
Facilities	Three consulting rooms, two treatment room, one emergency room and one dental room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
Medical Records System ³	PCIS
Vehicles	The health service has two vehicles on-site. Personal use of clinic vehicles is not permitted. The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.
GPs	There is a visiting GP every week.
Visiting services	Dieticians, midwives, podiatrists, oral health professionals, obstetricians, ophthalmologists, women's' health professionals, gynaecologist and hearing health professionals.
Acute care	Careflight
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.
Alcohol	
Alcohol ⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
Governance	
Local Government	Local Council is the Roper Gulf Council. Lands council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	N/A

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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