

Ngukurr

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Nook-Kar

Alternate name: Yugul Mangi

Location: 331km southeast of Katherine on the Roper Highway

NT Region: Top End

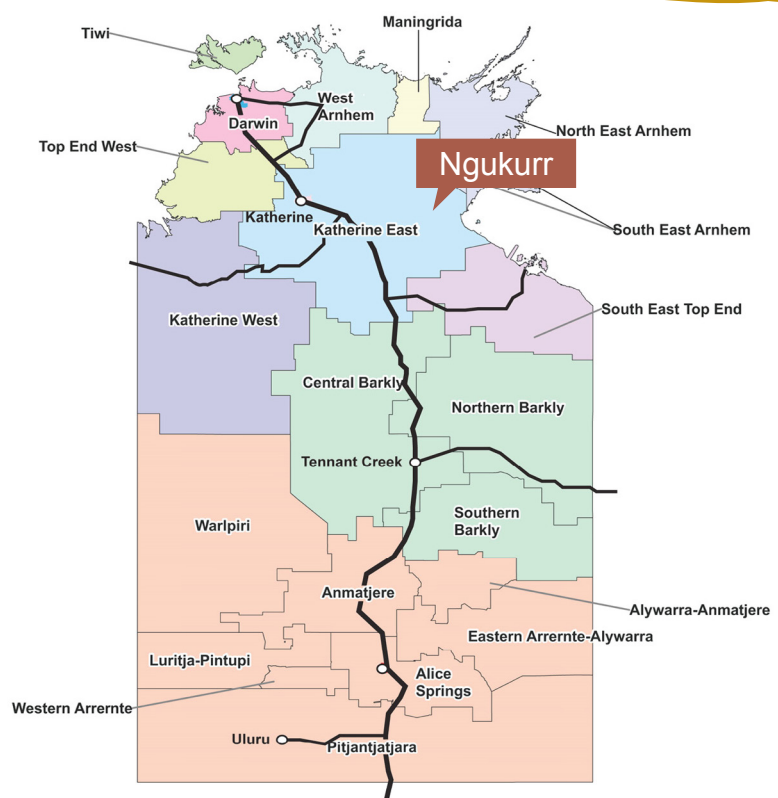
Population: Approx. 1324 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Kriol, Ngalakan, Alawa and English

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: There is no personal use of internet in the clinic or 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>		

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community

Church: No

Community halls or sheds: No

Workforce skills or training facilities: No

School: Yes

Library: Yes

Council Office: Yes

Women's Centre: No

Childcare Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.

Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.

Banking: Yes, located in the Roper Gulf Council Building.

Recreational/other facilities: Yes, there is an Arts Centre, Roper River Bar, St Vidgeon Homestead ruins and Lomarieum Lagoon.

Community store

Ngukurr General Store

Telephone (08) 8975 4626

Ngukurr General Store sells a range of groceries, including fresh fruit and vegetables. Take away food and fuel are also available.

Opening hours

Monday – Tuesday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Wednesday – Friday

9:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday

9:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Ngukurr Seven-Eleven

Telephone (08) 8982 1900

Most basic groceries are available at Ngukurr Seven-Eleven, including fresh fruit and vegetables.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

7:00am – 10:00pm

Saturday – Sunday

9:00am – 9:00pm

Other food outlets

Chinese Takeaway

Food orders

Woolworths

Telephone (08) 8973 3100

Nighthawk Transport

Telephone (08) 8972 3889

Woolworths offer delivery services every Wednesday using Nighthawk Transport. Orders must be placed by 11:00pm the previous Saturday.

Commercial accommodation

Darlala Motel

Telephone (08) 8975 4647

LOT 449 Mutju St, Ngukurr NT 0852.

Fuel

Ngukurr General Store

Police station

Ngukurr Police Station

Telephone (08) 8975 4644

Community Safety

Community night patrol

Other police contract

Police assistance line

Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail	
Mobile phone¹/phone	There are currently two public phones in Ngukurr and 4G Telstra service.
Internet	No personal use of the internet is available in the clinic or the accommodation.
Mail	Ngukurr (Yugul Mangi) CPA Telephone (08) 8975 4656 Lot 293 Balamurra St, NT 0852.
Access	
Road	Ngukurr is accessible via road. The drive from Katherine takes approximately three and a half hours. Around 60km of the Roper Highway is gravel. The road can become inaccessible in periods of severe flooding at the Roper and Wilton Rivers.
Air	Ngukurr airport is a sealed runway located close to the community.
Health centre	
Health service²	Sunrise Health Service Telephone (08) 8975 4688 Ngukurr Clinic Email ngukurrclinicmanager@sunrise.org.au Web http://www.sunrise.org.au/
Operating hours	Monday – Wednesday 8:30am – 4:00pm Thursday 8:30am – 1:00pm Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
Facilities	Eight consulting rooms, one emergency room and one dental room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
Medical Records System³	Communicare
Vehicles	The health centre maintains a few vehicles. These vehicles are not available for personal use.
GPs	GPs are a visiting service to Ngukurr.
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietitians, midwives, podiatrist, dental health professionals, obstetricians, ophthalmologists, women's health professionals, mental health professionals, ENT nutritionists, gynaecologists and hearing health professionals.
Acute care	St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight.
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.
Alcohol	
Alcohol⁴	RAHC advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on placement.

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/>

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.

Governance

Local Government

Local Council is the Roper Gulf Regional Council.
Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

Outstations

Boomerang Lagoon, Badawarka, Costello, Lake Katherine, Manbu Manbu, Ngaliwan, Namaliwirri, Ruined City, Turkey Lagoon, Wanmurri and Urapunga.

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.

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.

Darwin Office

Level 4, Darwin Central Offices, 21 Knuckey Street, Darwin NT 0800
T 08 8942 1650 F 08 8942 1676

Canberra Office

Unit 34, 2 King St, Deakin ACT 2600
T 02 6203 9588 F 02 6203 9598

Alice Springs Office

Centre for Remote Health, Cnr Simpson & Skinner St, Alice Springs 0870
T 08 7904 4003 F 08 8942 1676

