

# Minjilang

## Top End Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Min-Jil-lang

**Alternate name:** Mission Bay and Croker Island

**Location:** Minjilang is 235km northeast of Darwin

**NT Region:** Top End

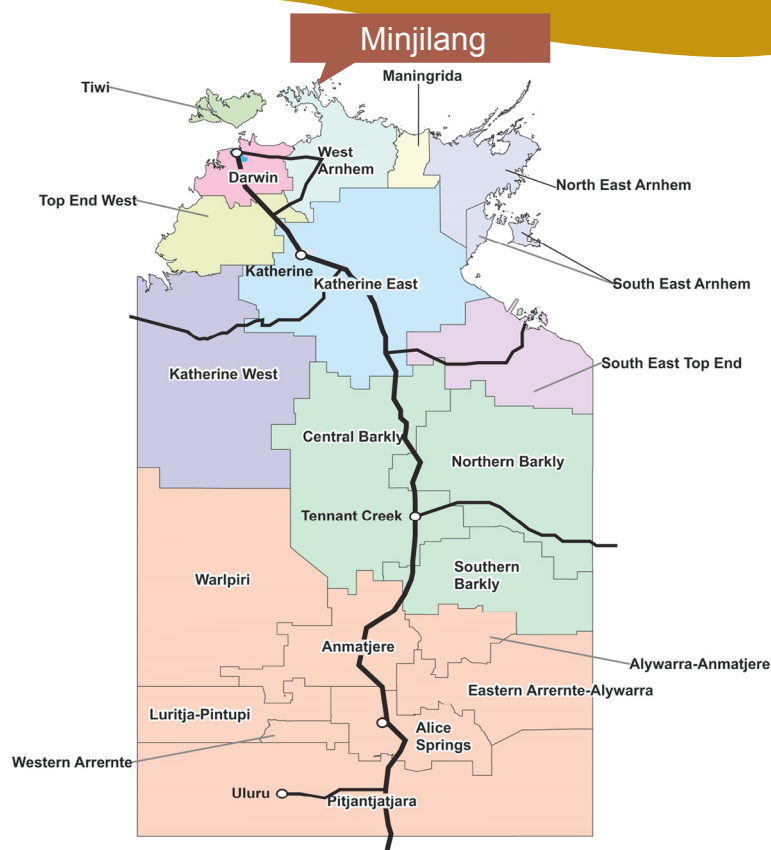
**Population:** Approx. 290 residents

**Access:** Air and sea

**Language groups:** Iwaidja, Maung and Kunwinjkui

**Phone:** 4G Telstra

**Internet:** Internet is available



*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

<b>Community</b>	<p><b>Church:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Community halls or sheds:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Workforce skills or training facilities:</b> Yes, Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA)</p> <p><b>School:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Library:</b> No</p> <p><b>Council Office:</b> Yes, Minjilang Council Service Centre.</p> <p><b>Women's Centre:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Childcare Centre:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Aged Care Centre:</b> Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p><b>Community Safety:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Banking:</b> Yes, there is an ATM available at the store</p> <p><b>Recreational/other facilities:</b> Minjilang community has a sports facility with a football club and sporting ground. Other activities include fishing, boating, swimming, and bush walking.</p>	
<b>Community store</b>	<b>ALPA Minjilang Store</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8979 0266
	Minjilang ALPA Store receives goods weekly via the Sea Swift barge. It stocks a good range of essentials, including fruit and vegetables, meat and dairy products, dry goods and frozen foods. The store also has a small takeaway that sells pies, sausage rolls, burgers, and fried foods	
	<b>Opening hours</b>	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm Saturday 9:00am – 11:00am Sunday Closed
<b>Food orders</b>	<b>Woolworths</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89959308 <b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.woolworthsonline.com.au">www.woolworthsonline.com.au</a>
	<b>Coles</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89418055 <b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.colesonline.com.au">www.colesonline.com.au</a>
	<b>Sea Swift</b>	<b>Telephone</b> 1800 424 422 <b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.seaswift.com.au">www.seaswift.com.au</a>
	Food orders can be placed with Coles or Woolworths online. For delivery, contact Sea Swift.	
<b>Commercial accommodation</b>	<b>West Arnhem Visitor Accommodation Services</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8979 9444
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>West Arnhem Regional Council Fuel Depot</b>	
	Lot 118, Minjilang NT 0822	
	Petrol and diesel are available for purchase during business hours.	
<b>Police station</b>	<b>Gunbalanya Police Station</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8979 0108
	There is not a police station in Minjilang but the community is routinely serviced by Gunbalanya Police.	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Minjilang has a community safety program	
<b>Other police contract</b>	Police assistance line	<b>Telephone</b> 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone <sup>1</sup> /phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	<b>Minjilang CPA</b> 3 Madku Street, Minjilang, NT, 0822	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8979 0334
Access		
Road	Minjilang is inaccessible by road.	
Air	Minjilang has a sealed air strip is located approximately 12kms west of the community.	
Regular passenger transport	<b>Tiwi Air</b>  Tiwi Air flies daily to Minjilang.	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8928 9300
Health centre		
Health service <sup>2</sup>	<b>Minjilang Health Care Centre</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89790227 <b>Email</b> Minjilang.Manager@redlily.org.au <b>Web</b> redlily.org.au/
	<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	<b>Facilities</b>	There are four consult rooms, one emergency room and a dental room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
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. <b>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b>	
GPs	The GP visits once a week on a Wednesday.	
Visiting services	The visiting services consist of a Dietician, Midwife, Podiatrist, Dental Team, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Hearing Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing.	
Acute care	Care Flight	
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.	

<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.

## Governance

### Local Government

The Local Council is West Arnhem.

The Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

## 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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