

Gunbalanya

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Gun-bal-un-ya

Alternate name: Oenpelli

Location: 60km northeast of Jabiru

NT Region: Top End

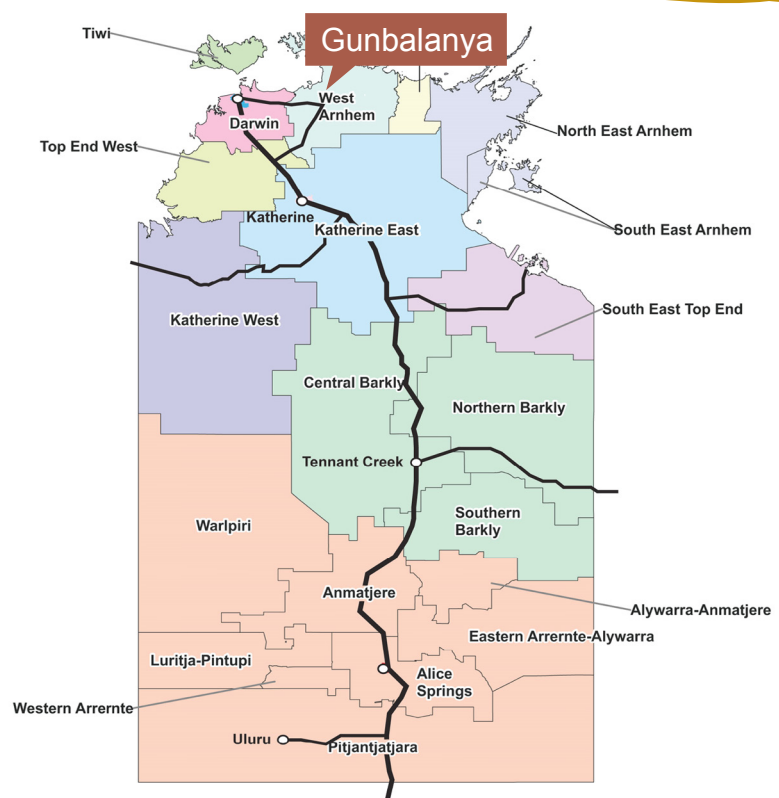
Population: Approx. 1200 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Kunwinjku

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited 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>		

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community

Church: No

Community halls or sheds: Yes

Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes

School: Yes

Library: No

Council Office: Yes

Women’s Centre: Yes

Childcare Centre: Yes, Community Care Program

Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program

Community Safety: Yes

Banking: Yes

Recreational/other facilities: In Gunbalanya people often go fishing, boating and hiking. There is a 25-metre swimming pool, arts and craft centre, sports ovals, a youth centre and basketball facilities.

Community store	Adjumarllarl Store	Telephone (08) 8979 0161
	The store stocks fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, soft drinks, frozen meat, and essentials. Limited white goods are also available.	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 7.30am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday 7.30am – 12.30pm
Other food outlets	Gunbalanya Meats (Butcher)	Telephone (08) 8979 0428
	Lot 645, Gunbalanya NT 0822	
Food orders	Not available	
Commercial accommodation	West Arnhem Regional Council offers Visitor Accommodation Services at commercial rates to contractors and other authorised visitors to West Arnhem communities.	
Fuel	Gunbalanya Service Station	
Police station	Gunbalanya Police Station	Telephone (08) 8979 0180
Community Safety	Yes	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Gunbalanya LPO	Telephone (08) 8970 3700
	77 Main Road, Gunbalanya NT 0822	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 08:00am – 4:00pm

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	Gunbalanya is accessible via the Arnhem Highway. However, it is often closed during the wet season when the East Alligator River becomes impassable.
Air	Gunbalanya has a tarmac airstrip.
Regular passenger transport	Not available.
Health centre	
Health service ²	<p>Gunbalanya Clinic Department of Health (DoH)</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8979 0178 Email gunbalanyaclinicmgr.dhf@nt.gov.au</p> <p>Operating hours Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm</p> <p>Facilities One emergency room, three consulting room, five treatment rooms, one dental room and one hearing health room.</p>
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service
Medical Records System ³	PCIS
Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>
GPs	There is a visiting GP service once weekly.
Visiting services	Visiting services include Dietician, Midwife, Podiatrist, Dental, Obstetrician, Ophthalmologist, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, ENT Nutritionist, Hearing Health, Gynaecologist and Physician.
Acute care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
Alcohol	
Alcohol ⁴	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.
Governance	
Local Government	Local Council is the West Arnhem Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	None

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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