

Pirlangimpi

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Per-lan-gimp-ee

Alternate name: Garden Point
and Pularumpi

Location: The community is on the northwest coast of Melville Island, which is part of the Tiwi Islands

NT Region: Tiwi Islands

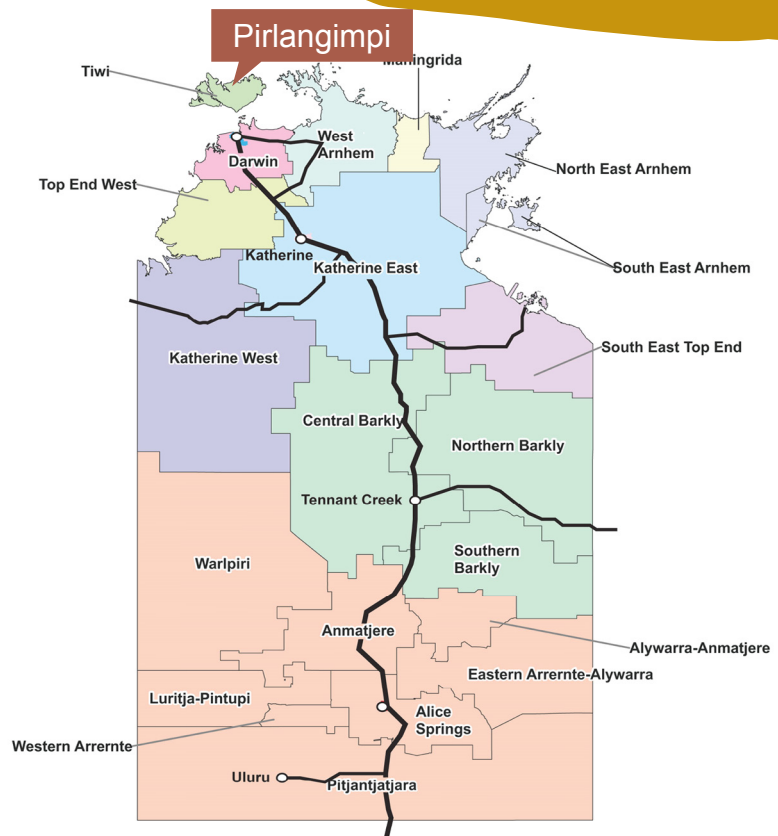
Population: Approx. 375 residents

Access: Air and ferry

Language groups: Tiwi

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
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: Yes

Community halls or sheds: Yes

Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes

School: Yes

Library: Yes

Council Office: Yes

Women’s Centre: Yes

Childcare Centre: Yes

Aged Care Centre: Yes

Community Safety: Yes

Banking: No

Recreational/other facilities: Pirlangimpi has a sports oval, swimming pool and golf course.

Community store

Pirlangimpi ALPA Store

Telephone (08) 8978 3962

ALPA is well stocked with fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, bread, pantry items, dairy and takeaway foods. The store also sells a small range of clothes and electrical goods.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday8:30am – 3:30pm

Saturday9:00am – 12:00pm

SundayClosed

Food orders

Woolworths Darwin

Telephone (08) 8995 9308

Coles Darwin

Telephone (08) 8941 8055

Tiwi Barge Service

Telephone (08) 8947 1118

Grocery orders can be made from either Woolworths or Coles online and sent by Tiwi Barge Services from Darwin.

Commercial accommodation

Port Melville Accommodation Village

Telephone (08) 8930 6500

Tiwi Islands Regional Council Visitor Accommodation

Telephone (08) 8970 9600

Fuel

Pirlangimpi Community Store

Lot 262, Pirlangimpi Comm, Pularumpi NT 0822

Puma Energy Fuel types available including E10, ULP, PUMP, LPG, B20 and diesel.

Police station

Pirlangimpi Police Station

Telephone (08) 8978 3969

Community Safety

24-Hour Emergency Police, Fire and Ambulance

Telephone 000

Other police contract

Police assistance line

Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	3G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Pularumpi (Melville Island) CPA Pirlangimpi, Palurumpi, Melville Island, NT 0822.	Telephone (08) 08970 9600
Access		
Road	No road access.	
Air	Air access is available via the Snake Bay Airport, a public airstrip around 77.5km from Pirlangimpi in Milikapiti. There are regular scheduled flights all year round.	
Regular passenger transport	Fly Tiwi Fly Tiwi provide a twice-daily flight between Darwin and Garden Point on weekdays and a daily service on weekends and public holidays. Air Connect Operated by Kakadu Air Services, Air-Connect run twice daily on weekdays between Darwin and Nguu (Bathurst Island). Sea Link Sea-link NT provides a ferry service between Darwin and Nguu on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays.	Telephone (08) 8928 9300 Telephone (08) 8928 9300 Telephone (08) 8928 9300
Health centre		
Health service²	Pirlangimpi Clinic Department of Health (DoH)	Telephone (08) 8978 3737 Email pirlangimpi.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities	Five consult rooms, one emergency room and one dental room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
Medical Records System³	PCIS	
Vehicles	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 Tuesday.	

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.

Visiting services	Visiting services include: Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Nutritionist, Preventable Chronic Disease (PCD), Public Health Nurse, Women's Health Educator, Audiologist, Podiatrist, Maternal Child and Youth team, Dentist, Dental Therapist, Optician, Optometrist, Mental Health Team, Aged and Disability, Family and Children's Services.
Acute Care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
Other tips and relevant information	
Alcohol⁴	RAHC advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.
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Other tips/relevant information	<p>Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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