

Milikapiti

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Mili-ka-piti

Alternate name: Snake Bay

Location: 105km north of Darwin

NT Region: Top End

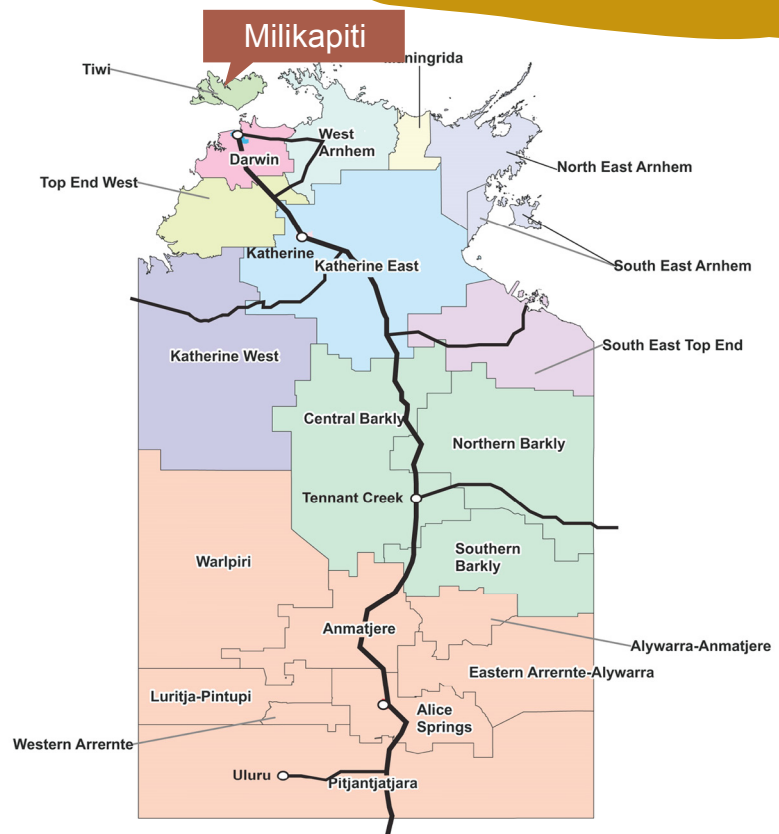
Population: Approx. 470 residents

Access: Air and sea

Language groups: Tiwi Modern and Traditional

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>		

Infrastructure, facilities, and services

Community	Church: No	
	Community halls or sheds: Yes	
	Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes, Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board.	
	School: Yes	
	Library: Yes	
	Council Office: Yes	
	Women's Centre: Yes	
	Childcare Centre: Yes	
	Aged Care Centre: No	
	Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.	
	Banking: Yes, ATM located at the store.	
	Recreational/other facilities: Milikapiti has a recreation hall and a sports oval which facilitates a football sports club and a social club. Visitors to the community are welcomed to the Jilmara Arts and Crafts centre located within the community. Milikapiti also has great fishing and camping spots close by.	
Community store	Milikapiti Store	Telephone (08) 8978 3705
	LOT 219 Milikapiti Comm, Milikapiti NT 0822	
	The store stocks fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products, bread, and dry goods. As well as household items and cleaning products.	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Closed
Other food outlets	Milikapiti Store Takeaway	
	The takeaway store provides healthy options with a variety of salads and sandwiches, homemade dishes, cooked vegetables, pizza and pasta, roasts, oven baked dishes and some fried foods.	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Closed
Food orders	Woolworths	Telephone (08) 89959308 Web www.woolworthsonline.com.au
	Coles	Telephone (08) 89418055 Web www.colesonline.com.au
	Sea Swift	Telephone 1800 424 422 Web www.seaswift.com.au
	Food orders can be placed with Coles or Woolworths online for delivery with Sea Swift.	
Commercial accommodation	Milikapiti Visitor Accommodation Centre.	Telephone (08) 8979 0312
	The accommodation centre has 18 rooms with common facilities available to be booked via telephone.	

Fuel	Tiwi Regional Council Milikapiti Access, Milikapiti NT 0822 Muluwurrampi Enterprises Lot 188 Milikapiti, NT 0822 Opal and Diesel fuels are available in the community.	
Police station	Milikapiti Police Station	Telephone (08) 8970 9056
Community Safety	Milikapiti has a Community Safety Service	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Milikapiti (Melville Is) CPA	Telephone (08) 8978 3958
	Milikapiti Snake Bay Melville Island Via Darwin Mc, NT 0822.	
Access		
Barge	Sea Swift has a weekly service to Milikapiti every Friday from Darwin.	Telephone (08) 8935 2400
Air	Fly Tiwi Airlines services Milikapiti with a 25-minute flight from Darwin to Milikapiti. The airstrip is sealed and is located approximately 2.5km from the community.	
Regular passenger transport	Tuparipiya Bus Service Sealink Northern Territory Passenger Ferry operates on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday between Darwin and Wurrumiyanga taking approx. 2.5hrs each way. The ferry departure point to Wurrumiyanga, is in Cullen Bay.	Telephone 0428 201 126 Email milikapiti@tiwienterprises.com
Health centre		
Health service²	Milikapiti Community Health Centre Lot 398, Milikapiti Community, Milikapiti, NT, 0822 Operating hours Facilities There are seven consult rooms, one treatment room, one dental room and one emergency room.	Telephone (08) 8978 3950 Email milikapiti.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	

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.

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	GPs visit up to three times a week.
Visiting services	Visiting services to Milikapiti include a Dietician, Midwife, Podiatry, Dental, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, and a Hearing Health Team.
Acute care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
Alcohol	
Alcohol⁴	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.
Other tips and relevant information	
Local Government	Local Council is the Coomalie Community Government Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	No outstations
Other tips and relevant information	
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>

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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.

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.

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