

Warruwi

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: War-ru-wee

Alternate name: Goulburn Island

Location: Warruwi is approx. 290km northeast of Darwin

NT Region: Top End

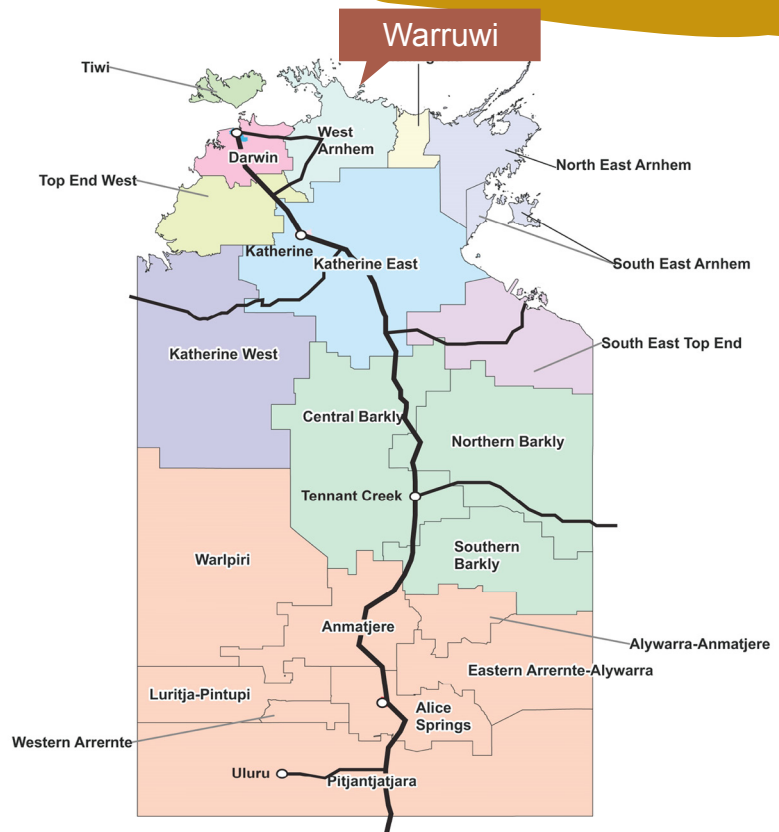
Population: Approx. 450 residents

Access: Air

Language groups: Maung, Kunbarlang, Kunwinjku, Djambarrpuyngu and Galpu

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Internet 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
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, Yagbani Aboriginal Corporation

School: Yes

Library: No

Council Office: Yes, Warruwi Council Service Centre (08 8970 3601), West Arnhem Regional Council

Women’s Centre: Yes

Childcare Centre: Yes

Aged Care Centre: Yes

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.

Banking: Yes, there is an ATM at the community store.

Recreational/other facilities: Visitors can enjoy fishing, beach, bush walks, swimming, and boating. There is a local art centre/museum and a community sports facility with ovals for seasonal sports.

Community store

Ajurumu Store

Telephone (08) 8979 0233

Lot 44, Warruwi NT 0822

The store supplies fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products, meat, frozen foods, dry goods, and some household items.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday

9:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Food orders

Woolworths

Telephone (08) 8995 9308

Web www.woolworthsonline.com.au

Coles

Telephone (08) 8941 0855

Web www.coles.com.au

Toll Marine Logistics

Telephone 1800 220 436

A full range of supermarket food orders, including freezer items, can be ordered online through the Darwin-based supermarkets, and delivered via Toll.

Commercial accommodation

West Arnhem Regional Council Accommodation

Telephone (08) 8979 0211

Warruwi has one- and two-bedroom self-contained unit accommodation with cooking facilities available for short term stays.

Fuel

Warruwi Self Service

Lot 43 Warruwi, NT 0822

Unleaded and Diesel fuel is available.

Police station

Warruwi Police Station

Telephone (08) 8979 0631

Community Safety

Warruwi has a safety programme.

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	Goulburn Island (Warruwi) CPA Lot 53 Warruwi Internal Road, Warruwi, NT, 0822.	Telephone (08) 8970 3602
Access		
Road	Warruwi is not accessible by road.	
Air	The airstrip is sealed and located 6kms from the Warruwi community.	
Regular Passenger Transport	Fly Tiwi has scheduled flights three days a week, with the flight time taking approx. one hour and fifteen minutes.	
Health centre		
Health service ²	Warruwi Community Health Centre Lot 50, Warruwi Community, Warruwi, NT, 0822	Telephone (08) 8979 0500 Email Warruwi.ClinicMgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday Emergency only
	Facilities One emergency room and two consulting rooms.	
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
Medical Records System ³	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	Yes, there is a permanent GP based in the clinic.	
Visiting services	Visiting services include Dietitians, Podiatry, Dental Health, Obstetrics, Ophthalmology, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, ENT Nutritionist, Gynaecology, and Hearing Health.	
Acute care	Care Flight	
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.	
Alcohol		
Alcohol ⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.	

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 West Arnhem.
Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

Outstations

No outstations

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.

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