



Robinson River *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: N/A

Alternate name: Mungoobada and Mungoorbada

Location: 790km southeast of Katherine

NT Region: Top End

Population: Approx. 211 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: East side Kriol and Garawa

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



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	<p>Church: No Community halls or sheds: No Workforce skills or training facilities: No School: Yes Library: No Council Office: No Women's Centre: No Childcare Centre: No Aged Care Centre: No Community Safety: No Banking: Yes Recreational/other facilities: Robinson River is an operating cattle station run by the Garawa people. In the community there is a football oval, basketball half-court and several local fishing holes.</p>						
Community store	<p>Robinson River Store (Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation) Telephone (08) 89759791</p> <p>The store supplies a range of products including basic groceries, meat, fresh fruit and vegetable, household supplies and fuel. It is advisable to bring speciality products/items required.</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table><tr><td>Monday – Friday</td><td>9:00am – 12:00pm 2:00pm – 5:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday</td><td>9:00am – 12:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday</td><td>CLOSED</td></tr></table>	Monday – Friday	9:00am – 12:00pm 2:00pm – 5:00pm	Saturday	9:00am – 12:00pm	Sunday	CLOSED
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Other food outlets	N/A						
Food orders	<p>Woolworths Telephone (08) 89959308 Web: www.woolworthsonline.com.au</p> <p>Neil Mansell Transport Telephone (08) 89322120</p> <p>Food orders can be placed online with Woolworths and delivered through Neil Mansell Transport.</p>						
Commercial accommodation	<p>Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation Telephone (08) 8975 9791</p>						
Fuel	Opal and diesel fuel is available via the community store.						
Police station	<p>Borrooloola Police Station Telephone (08) 89758770</p> <p>Robinson River is serviced by the Borrooloola Police Station, which is located 140km away. There is no overnight police post located within the community.</p>						
Community Safety	Yes						
Other police contract	<p>Police assistance line Telephone 131 444</p>						

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.
Mail	Private mail bag - PMB 80 Robinson River via Katherine NT 0851.

Access

Road	The drive to Robinson River from Katherine takes approximately 10 hours. Once you arrive in Katherine, travel south on the Stuart Highway towards Daly Waters. Turn onto the Carpentaria Highway towards Borroloola. The last 150km from Borroloola to Robinson River is a dirt road. A 4WD is needed to access the community.
Air	There is a sealed airstrip located approximately 6km from the community.
Regular passenger transport	N/A

Health centre

Health service²	Robinson River Health Centre Department of health (DOH)	Telephone (08) 89759985 Email robinsonriver.clinicmar@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
	Facilities	Three consulting rooms, two treatment 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	Yes, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic.	
Visiting services	Dieticians, midwives, podiatrists, oral health professionals, obstetricians, ophthalmologists, women's health professionals, gynaecologist and hearing health professionals.	
Acute care	Care Flight	
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.	

Alcohol

Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.	
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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 Roper Gulf Council.
Lands council is the Northern Lands Council, NLC.

Outstations

N/A.

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.

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