

# Angurugu

## Top End Region

### Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** An-gu-ru-gu

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- Alternate name:** Not applicable

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- Location:** Angurugu is located on Groote Eylandt halfway down the western coast on the banks of the Angurugu River. Groote Eylandt is around 650km east of Darwin and 50km off the Arnhem Land coast in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

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- NT Region:** Top End

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- Population:** Approx. 1005 residents

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- Access:** Air

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- Language groups:** Anindilyakwa

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- Phone:** 4G Telstra

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- Internet:** Only personal use of internet in the accommodation

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*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
<b>Winter (June to August)</b>	<b>Cooler and dry</b>	<b>6°C to 19°C</b>
The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. Humidity Range 20% – 50%.	Fine weather with minimal rain and the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards during June/July.	
<b>Summer (December to February)</b>	<b>Hot and humid</b>	<b>25°C to 38°C</b>
The temperature can rise above 40°C during the day in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. Humidity Range 30% – 95%.	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.	

## Infrastructure, facilities and services

<b>Community</b>	<p><b>Church:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Community halls or sheds:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Workforce skills or training facilities:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>School:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Library:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Council Office:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Women's Centre:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Childcare Centre:</b> No, there is a childcare centre located at Umbakumba.</p> <p><b>Aged Care Centre:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Community Safety:</b> Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p><b>Banking:</b> An ATM is available at the Angurugu Community Store. There is an ANZ bank in Alyangula 18km away.</p> <p><b>Recreational/other facilities:</b> Yes, recreational facilities include a football oval, basketball, volleyball, school sports, fishing and Angurugu Sports and Recreation Hub for indoor sports.</p>
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<b>Community store</b>	<b>Angurugu Community Store</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8987 6673
	The store stocks a range of groceries, fruit, vegetables and general merchandise. It is advisable to bring in as much fresh produce as possible and any specialty products/items required.	
	<b>Opening hours</b>	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Closed

<b>Other food outlets</b>	<b>Angurugu Chinese Takeaway</b>
	Offers both hot and cold takeaway food.
	<b>Opening hours</b> Monday – Sunday 8:30am – 9:00pm

<b>Food orders</b>	<b>Coles</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8941 8055 <b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.coles.com.au">www.coles.com.au</a>
	<b>Woolworths</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8995 9308 <b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.woolworthsonline.com.au">www.woolworthsonline.com.au</a>
	<b>Sea Swift</b>	<b>Telephone</b> 1800 424 422
	Food orders can be placed with Coles or Woolworths online. For delivery, contact Sea Swift. Call to register and set up an account. Allow two and half weeks for delivery.	

<b>Commercial accommodation</b>	<b>Groote Eylandt Lodge</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8987 7077
	Located in Alyangula, 17km north of Angurugu.	

<b>Fuel</b>	Yimilyumanja Community Store sells diesel fuel only.
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<b>Police station</b>	Angurugu Police Station	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8987 6122
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<b>Community Safety</b>	Yes, there is a community safety programme.
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<b>Other police contract</b>	Police assistance line	<b>Telephone</b> 131 444
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Telephone/internet/mail					
<b>Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone</b>	4G Telstra				
<b>Internet</b>	Yes, personal use is available.				
<b>Mail</b>	The Angurugu Post Office is located at the council office.				
Access					
<b>Road</b>	Angurugu is not accessible by road from Darwin. A 4WD is essential for driving around Groote Eylandt as a majority of the roads are unsealed dirt roads.				
<b>Air</b>	There are flights that depart and arrive at Groote Eylandt Airport. There are also flights available to and from Nhulunbuy and Darwin.				
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	Airnorth operates regular air services between Darwin and Groote Eylandt. The flight time is approximately 1.5 hours. Flights are also available between Gove Airport and Groote Eylandt Airport.				
Health centre					
<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<p><b>Angurugu Health Clinic</b> Department of Health</p> <p><b>Telephone</b> (08) 8987 6311 <b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:Anguruguclinicmgr@nt.gov.au">Anguruguclinicmgr@nt.gov.au</a> <b>Web</b> <a href="http://www.health.nt.gov.au">http://www.health.nt.gov.au</a></p> <p><b>Operating hours</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Monday – Friday</td> <td>8:00am – 4:30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Facilities</b> Five treatment rooms, one emergency room, one dental room and one hearing health room.</p>	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 4:30pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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<b>On-call services</b>	Yes, 24/7 on call service.				
<b>Medical Records System<sup>3</sup></b>	PCIS				
<b>Vehicles</b>	<p>Five vehicles available for clinical use only. The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. <b>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b></p>				
<b>GPs</b>	Visiting Service				
<b>Visiting services</b>	Visiting services include podiatry, dental health, ophthalmology, mental health professionals, gynaecology and hearing health.				
<b>Acute care</b>	Care Flight				
<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Gove or Darwin.				
Alcohol					
<b>Alcohol<sup>4</sup></b>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.				

<sup>1</sup> 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/>

<sup>2</sup> For more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

<sup>3</sup> Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

<sup>4</sup> It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

## Governance

**Local Government** The local council is East Arnhem Council.  
The land council is Anindilyakwa Land Council.

**Outstations** Ward - Anindilyakwa

## 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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