

Numbulwar *Top End*

Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Noom-bull-wah

- Alternate name:** Rose River

- Location:** 400km east of Katherine

- NT Region:** Top End

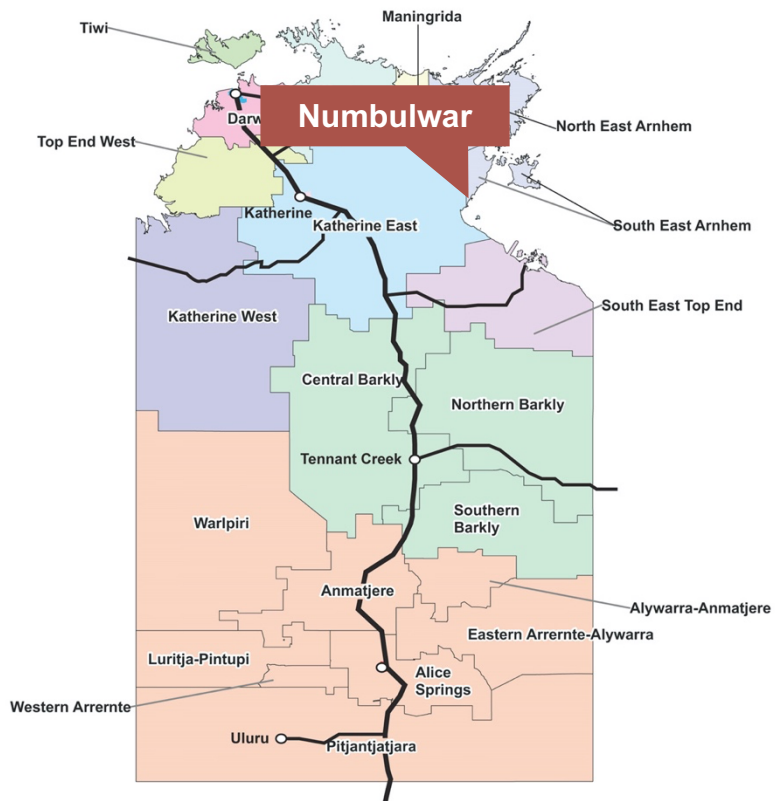
- Population:** Approx. 850 residents

- Access:** Road and air

- Language groups:** Wubuy, Anindilyakwa, Mara, Wandarrang, Waagilak/Ritharrngu, Ngalakan, Ngandi, Rembarrnga, and Djambarrpuynyu

- Phone:** 3G Telstra

- Internet:** Limited use of internet in the clinic



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: No Council Office: Yes Women's Centre: No Childcare Centre: No Aged Care Centre: Yes Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program Banking: Yes Recreational/other facilities: The Numbulwar Numburinda Arts (NNA) is Numbulwar's first art centre. There is also a youth, sport, and recreation program in Numbulwar.
Community store	Numburindi Store Limited basic food goods, hardware, fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, and meat are available. Fresh produce can be ordered online and delivered via barge from Darwin. Opening hours Monday – Tuesday 9:00am – 5:00pm Wednesday – Friday 9:00am – 7:00pm Saturday – Sunday 9:00am – 12:00pm
Other food outlets	NA
Food orders	Coles Telephone: (08) 8941 8055 Website: www.coles.com.au Woolworths Telephone: (08) 8995 9308 Website: www.woolworthsonline.com.au Toll Shipping Telephone: 1800 220 436 Website: www.tollgroup.com Bush orders can be set up with Coles, Woolworths ordering is online. Food orders can be delivered via Toll's barge service.
Commercial accommodation	Roper Gulf Regional Council Visitor Accommodation Telephone (08) 8972 0400
Fuel	Opal (unleaded) and diesel fuel are available in the community. Purchases can be made using debit and credit card.
Police station	Numbulwar Police Station Telephone (08) 8975 4183
Community Safety	Community Night Patrol – four staff telephone check with Police Station
Other police contract	Police assistance line Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail	
Mobile phone¹/phone	3G Telstra
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.
Mail	Mail plane delivers mail on Monday.
Access	
Road	During the dry season the community can be accessed by road. Travel time from Darwin via Katherine along the Roper Highway is approximately 10-12 hours. Travel time from Nhulunbuy via Walker River and Harris Creek is approximately 4-6 hours. In both cases, 4WD is essential. Road access is possible from May to December by 4WD to Katherine via Ngukurr and the Roper Highway.
Air	Numbulwar is accessible by air and has an all-weather, sealed airstrip linked to the community via a 5km dirt road. The road can become impassable at times during the wet season.
Regular passenger transport	The Bodhi Bus has a once weekly service between Katherine and Numbulwar during the dry season (May to September). Telephone (08) 8971 0774 Web www.thebodhibus.com.au
Health centre	
Health service²	Department of Health (DoH) Telephone (08) 8975 4670 Email www.health.nt.gov.au Web numbulwar.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au
	Opening hours
	Monday – Wednesday 9:00am – 11:45am 3:00pm – 4:30pm
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	Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities Seven consulting 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 Hilux utility, and two Toyota Troop Carriers including one that has been converted for use as an ambulance. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.
GPs	GPs visit from Groote Eylandt three days a week.
Visiting services	Visiting services include dental program, audiology screening, cardiologist/cardiologist, paediatrics, mental health, optometry, nutrition, podiatry, diabetes and cardiac educators.
Acute care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Gove or Darwin.

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.

Alcohol

Alcohol⁴ This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.

Governance

Local Government The local council is Roper Gulf Regional Council.
The land council is Northern Land Council (NLC).

Outstations There are nine outstations with residents – Wuyagiba, Andanangki (Walker River), Yillila, Dharrari, Alharrgan, Yimidarri (Wandu), Wumajbarr, Markalwa and Waldharr (Harris Creek). There are several other outstations, which do not have residents living permanently, and movement to these is not anticipated in the future.

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 NT Remote Locum Program to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your NT Remote Locum Program placement. NT Remote Locum Program also values any input you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.

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