

Wugularr *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Wu-ga-larr

Alternate name: Beswick

Location: 18km South East of Katherine on the Central Arnhem Highway.

NT Region: Top End

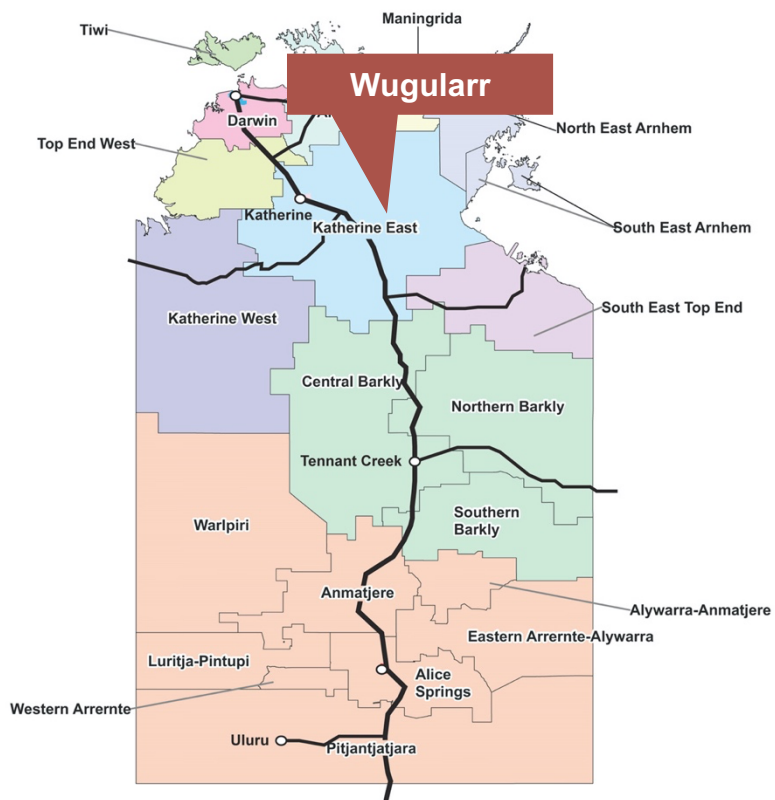
Population: Approx. 512 residents

Access: Road

Language groups: Rembarranga, Kriol and English

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited 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	Church: Yes Community halls or sheds: Yes Workforce skills or training facilities: No School: Yes Library: No Council Office: No Women's Centre: No Childcare Centre: Yes Aged Care Centre: No Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program Banking: No Recreational/other facilities: Djilpin Arts is a community-owned, not-for-profit organisation based in Wugularr, where visitors can engage with local people and artists. The Walking with Spirits Cultural Festival featuring traditional Corroborree songs, stories and dance is held annually in late July.
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Community store	Beswick Community Store	Telephone (08) 8975 4523
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Fresh foods arrive regularly, some frozen foods and household goods are also available. It is advisable to bring specialty products/items required.

Opening hours	Monday – Friday	7:00am – 8:00pm
	Saturday – Sunday	7:00am – 8:00pm

Other food outlets	No
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Food orders	No
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Commercial accommodation	Roper Gulf Regional Council has accommodation available in Beswick, Bulman, Ngukurr and Numbulwar	Telephone (08) 8972 0400 Email accommodation@ropergulf.nt.gov.au
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Fuel	Available from the Beswick Community Store
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Police station	Wugularr is serviced by the Maranboy Police Station	Telephone (08) 8975 4500
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Community Safety	Yes, Community Care Program.
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Other police contacts	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
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Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra
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Internet	Only personal use of the internet is available in the accommodation.
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Mail	Mail can be lodged via the Health Centre. Please check with the clinic staff
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¹ Telstra 3G/Next G is 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/>

Access

Road	Wugularr is approximately a 90-minute drive from Katherine on an all-weather road. The single lane Central Arnhem Highway is sealed to the gateway of Beswick. Severe flooding occurs sporadically making the road inaccessible.
Air	No regular air services.
Regular passenger transport	No Regular Passenger Service to Wugularr.

Health centre

Health service²	Sunrise Health Service	Telephone (08) 8975 4501 Web www.sunrise.org.au Email wugularrstaff@sunrise.org.au
	Opening hours Only emergency services are available on Thursday from 1:00pm.	Monday – Wednesday 8:30am – 4:00pm Thursday 8:30am – 1:00pm Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities Three consulting rooms and one emergency room.	

On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service
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Medical Records System³	Communicare
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Vehicles	Wugularr Clinic has two vehicles. Vehicles are not available for personal use.
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GPs	Visiting GP service.
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Visiting services	Visiting services include Dietetics, Midwifery, Podiatry, Obstetrics, Ophthalmology, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, ENT Nutritionist, Gynaecology and Hearing Health services.
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Acute care	St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight.
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Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine.
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Alcohol

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

Local Government	The local council is the Roper Gulf Shire The land council is the Northern Land Council (NLC).	(08) 8975 4926
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Outstations	Bishop Bore
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² For a more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

³ Training should be arranged before you arrive in the community.

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

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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