

Borroloola Top End

Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Borra-loo-la

- Alternate name:** N/A

- Location:** 670km southeast of Katherine.

- NT Region:** Top End

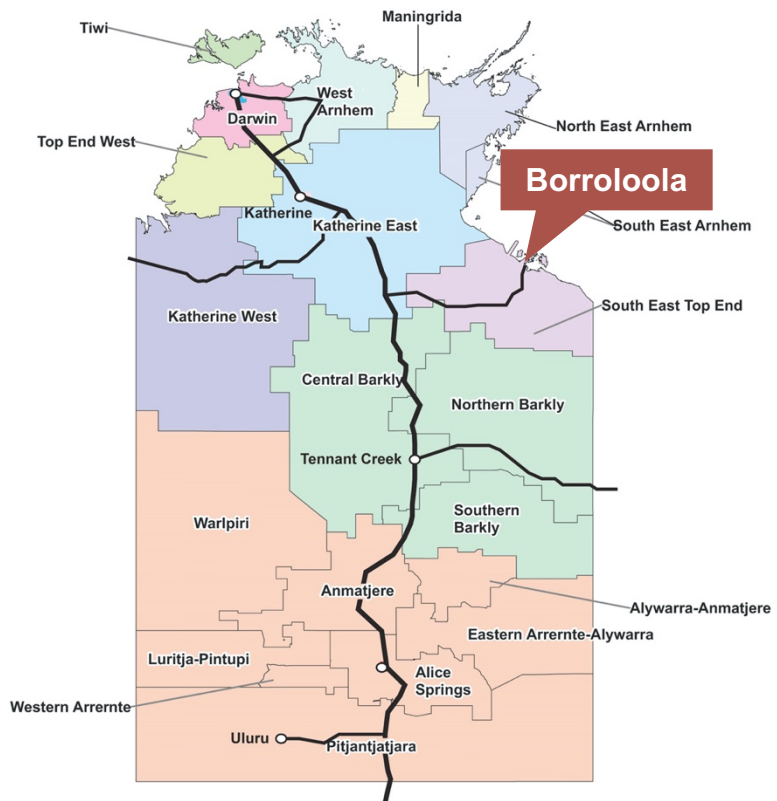
- Population:** Approx. 890 residents

- Access:** Road and air

- Language groups:** Yanyuwa, Garrwa, Marra, GudANJI, Binbingka and Eastside Kriol

- Phone:** 4G Telstra

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



Climate (Top End)

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

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community

Church: Yes
Community halls or sheds: Yes
Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes
School: Yes
Library: Yes
Council Office: Yes
Women's Centre: Yes
Childcare Centre: Yes
Aged Care Centre: Yes
Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.
Banking: Yes
Recreational/other facilities: There are several facilities in Borroloola and a range of recreational activities on offer. Including a swimming pool, arts and craft centre, parks and gardens, shops and cafes.

Community store

Malandari Store

Telephone (08) 8975 8775

Basic fresh fruit, vegetables and frozen meat are often available. It is advisable to bring speciality products/items required.

Other food outlets

Carpentaria Grill

The Carpentaria grill is the only licenced restaurant in Borroloola, offering a great selection of dishes incorporating local NT produce.

Opening hours	Monday – Friday	4:30pm – 8:00pm
	Saturday	4:30pm – 8:00pm
	Sunday	5:00pm – 8:00pm

Food orders

Woolworths Nightcliff

Telephone (08) 8995 9317
Website www.woolworthsonline.com.au

Coles Casuarina Villiage

Telephone (08) 8927 9055
Website www.coles.com.au

Neil Mansell Transport

Telephone (08) 8932 2120
Website www.mansell.com.au
Email darwin@mansell.com.au

Food orders can be made through Casuarina Village and Woolworths Nightcliff in Darwin. Online orders require a minimum of five days before the delivery date and require the remote delivery address to be established. The online remote drop-down must be selected for the freight carrier. Payment for groceries and freight service charges must be made before groceries are accepted for transport.

Commercial accommodation

Savannah Way Motel

Telephone (08) 8975 8888
Website www.savannahwaymotel.com.au
Email reception@savannahwaymotel.com.au

Savannah Way Motel offers a range of accommodation styles and features guest laundry facilities, garden deck, pool table and saltwater plunge pool.

McArthur River Caravan Park

Telephone (08) 8975 8734
Website www.mcarthurrivercaravanpark.com
Email mcarthurcaravanpark@bigpond.com

McArthur River Caravan Park offers a range of accommodation styles, from luxury and budget cabins to powered and non-powered caravan sites. Amenities include a pool and onsite bathrooms. The Caravan Park also offers boat and car hire services, has an onsite shop, and is pet friendly.

Fuel	There are multiple places to fuel up in Borroloola. Both opal and diesel fuel is available in community.		
Police station	Borroloola Police Station	Telephone (08) 8975 8770	
Community Safety	Yes, night patrol service		
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444	
Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra		
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.		
Mail	Borroloola LPO	Telephone (08) 8975 8797	
	305 Robinson Road Borroloola NT 0854.		
Access			
Road	Borroloola is located approximately 950km from Darwin and 660km from Katherine via the Stuart and Carpentaria Highways. Both highways are sealed.		
Air	There is a sealed airstrip approximately 1.8km from the community.		
Regular passenger transport	Katherine Coaches	Telephone (08) 8971 0774 Website www.katherinecoaches.com.au Email bookings@katherinecoaches.com.au	
	Katherine Coaches run regular services from Darwin to Katherine, and Katherine to Borroloola.		
Health centre			
Health service²	Department of Health (DoH)	Telephone (08) 8975 8757 Email borroloola.clinicstaff@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au	
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday Saturday Sunday	9:00am – 5:00pm CLOSED CLOSED
	Facilities	11 consulting and treatment rooms, one emergency room, one dental room, one hearing room and one x-ray.	
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.		

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.

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 Visiting GP services

Visiting services Obstetrics, gynaecology, physicians, oral health, diabetes, podiatry, hearing health and paediatrics.

Acute care Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)

Other Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.

Alcohol

Alcohol⁴ NT Remote Locum Program advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

Governance

Local Government Local Council is the Roper Gulf Council.
Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

Outstations Garawa Camp one, Garawa Camp two, Yanyula Camp and Mara Camp.

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.

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.