



Galiwin'ku Top End

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Gally-wing-coo

Alternate name: Echo Island, Galiwinku

Location: South of Elcho Island in northeast Arnhem Land 150km west of Nhulunbuy and 550km northeast of Darwin

NT Region: Top End

Population: Approx. 2582 residents

Access: Air

Language groups:

Djambarrpuyngu, Gupapuyngu, Djinang, Galpa, Golpa, Golumala, Gumatj, Liya'gawumirr, Wangurri and Warramiri.

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited 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: In Galiwin'ku there is a basketball court, tennis courts, campground, sports ground and Yolngu owned art centre, Eho Island Arts.

Community store

Galiwin'ku Store

Telephone (08) 89445910

The Galiwin'ku store is operated by the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA). Limited fresh food, sometimes fresh milk, basic groceries, hardware and clothing are sold.

Opening hours	Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm
	Saturday	9:00am – 12:00pm
	Sunday	CLOSED

Other food outlets

Nhawe Mantmak Ngatha Café

Telephone 0419126550

This local gem offers cakes, slices and desserts, all homemade and baked on premises. A wide selection of hot takeaway food, regular Thursday night specials and catering services. The Nhawe Mantmak café is 51% First Nations owned.

Opening hours	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 2:00pm
	Saturday – Sunday	CLOSED

Takirrina Tuckerbox

Food orders

Woolworths Nightcliff

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

Coles Casuarina Village

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

SeaSwift General Cargo Services

Telephone 1800 424 422
Website www.seaswift.com.au

Food orders can be made through Coles Casuarina Village and Woolworths Nightcliff in Darwin. Online orders require a minimum of five days before the delivery date and require the remote address to be established. The online remote dropdown 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

Galiwin'ku Visiting Contractors Accommodation

Telephone (08) 89868909
Website: www.estarnhem.nt.gov.au/accommodation

Marthakal Motel

Telephone 0455079071
Website www.marthakal.org

Marthakal Motel offers comfortable accommodation options for visitors to Galiwin'ku including, single rooms with shared bathroom facilities, single ensuite rooms and double ensuite rooms.

Fuel	Galiwin'ku Elcho Fuel Lot 561 Gallawarra Rd Opal and diesel fuel are available.	Telephone 0427120893
Police station	Galiwin'ku Police Station	Telephone (08) 89879298
Community Safety	Yes, Night Patrol	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.	
Mail	Galiwin'ku Post Office Lot 263a, Galiwin'ku NT 0822.	Telephone (08) 89878802
Access		
Road	N/A	
Air	Yes, there is a sealed aerodrome located approximately 500 metres from the community.	
Regular passenger transport	Airnorth. Weekly passenger flight services are available between Darwin and Elcho Island (Galiwin'ku) Fly Tiwi. Weekly passenger flight services are available between Darwin and Elcho Island (Galiwin'ku)	Telephone 1800627474 Telephone (08) 89289300 Email book@flytiwi.com.au
Health centre		
Health service²	Miwati Health Corporation Operating hours Monday – Friday Saturday – Sunday Facilities There are five treatment rooms.	Telephone (08) 89705800 Web www.miwatji.com.au 8:00am – 4:30pm CLOSED
On-call services	Yes.	

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	Communicare
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	Optometry, podiatry, oral health, hearing health, paediatrics and dietician.
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)
Other	Birthing women birth in Gove or Katherine.
Alcohol	
Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
Governance	
Local Government	Local Council is the Galiwinku Council Service Centre. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	Approximately 25 including Rorruwuy, Gawa, Mapurru, Mata Mata, Mudhamul, Garriyangurr, Nikawu, Nvekala, Yirringa, Dhudupu and Galawarra.
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.

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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.