



## Wurrumiyanga *Top End*

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Wood-e-me-yunga

**Alternate name:** Nguiu,  
Bathurst Island

**Location:** Sothern coast of  
Bathurst Island

**NT Region:** Top End

**Population:** Approx. 1668 residents

**Access:** Air

**Language groups:** Tiwi,  
Wurrumiyanga, Milikapiti,  
Pirlangimpi

**Phone:** 4G Telstra

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



### 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

### 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, Community Care Program.  
**Aged Care Centre:** Yes  
**Community Safety:** Yes  
**Banking:** Yes  
**Recreational/other facilities:** Yes, there are many recreational facilities including a swimming pool, sports & recreation hall, and a football oval. The Tiwi Islands football grand final attracts national coverage each year. There is excellent camping, fishing & hunting options available.

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### Community store

#### Nguiu – Ullintjinni Association

**Telephone** (08) 8978 3981

The store sells a range of fresh fruit and vegetables, soft drinks, frozen meat, footwear and clothes. It is advisable to bring in as much fresh produce as possible and any speciality products/items required.

**Opening hours**

Monday – Friday	7:30am – 8:30pm
Saturday – Sunday	8:00am – 8:00pm

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### Other food outlets

#### Piliyamanyirra Supermarket Complex

**Telephone** (08) 8970 9094

This complex is comprised of a supermarket and four small retail outlets. Tenants of the other spaces include a takeaway food outlet and the Traditional Credit Union.

**Opening hours**

Monday – Friday	8:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday	8:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 12:00pm

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### Food orders

#### Woolworths

**Telephone** (08) 8995 9308  
**Website** [www.woolworthsonline.com.au](http://www.woolworthsonline.com.au)

#### Coles

**Telephone** (08) 8941 8055  
**Website** [www.coles.com.au](http://www.coles.com.au)

#### SeaSwift

**Telephone** 1800 424 422  
**Website** [www.seaswift.com.au](http://www.seaswift.com.au)

Food orders can be placed online. For delivery, contact Sea Swift. Call to register set up an account. Allow two and a half weeks for delivery. It is advisable that online bush orders are placed prior to departure to community.

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### Commercial accommodation

#### Mantiyupwi Motel

**Telephone** 0488 773 143  
**Email** [bookings@tiwienterprises.com](mailto:bookings@tiwienterprises.com)

The motel consists of 28 king-single ensuite rooms and two queen ensuite rooms with basic kitchen facilities. The motel complex also has a large commercial kitchen connected to a large meeting room (air conditioned) as well as a large, covered outdoor venue, all is available for hire.

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<b>Fuel</b>	<b>NUA fuel station</b> Opal & diesel fuel available.  Lot 405, Bathurst Island NT 0822.	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8970 9256
<b>Police station</b>	Wurrumiyanga Police Station	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8978 3967
<b>Community Safety</b>	Wurrumiyanga Night Patrol	
<b>Other police contract</b>	Police assistance line	<b>Telephone</b> 131 444
<b>Telephone/internet/mail</b>		
<b>Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone</b>	4G Telstra	
<b>Internet</b>	Yes, personal use is available.	
<b>Mail</b>	<b>Wurrumiyanga LPO</b>  Lot 397 Kerinauia Highway Wurrumiyanga NT 0822.	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89709087
<b>Access</b>		
<b>Road</b>	N/A	
<b>Air</b>	Bathurst Island Airport is located at Wurrumiyanga, approximately 1.5km from the community. The airport has a sealed runway.	
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	<b>Sea link</b>  <b>Fly Tiwi</b>	<b>Telephone</b> 131 301 <b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.sealink.com.au">www.sealink.com.au</a>  <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8928 9300 <b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.flytiwi.com.au">www.flytiwi.com.au</a> <b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:book@flytiwi.com.au">book@flytiwi.com.au</a>
	Fly Tiwi operates regular services between Darwin & Bathurst Island Airport. The flight time is approximately 20 minutes.	
<b>Health centre</b>		
<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Julanimawu Primary Health Care Centre</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8978 3984
	<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
	<b>Facilities</b>	Two consulting rooms.
<b>On-call services</b>	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
<b>Medical Records System<sup>3</sup></b>	PCIS	
<b>Vehicles</b>	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>	

<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.

<b>GPs</b>	Yes, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic.
<b>Visiting services</b>	Visiting services include podiatry, occupational therapy, restorative care and dementia care.
<b>Acute care</b>	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)
<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
<b>Alcohol</b>	
<b>Alcohol<sup>4</sup></b>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
<b>Governance</b>	
<b>Local Government</b>	Local Council is the Tiwi Islands Regional Council . Land Council is the Tiwi Land Council.
<b>Outstations</b>	Wurankuwu, Patjurapura, Kurkuwuni, Rangku and Tarintip
<b>Other tips and relevant information</b>	
<b>Other tips/relevant information</b>	<p>Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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