

Gunbalanya *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Gun-bal-un-ya

Alternate name: Oenpelli

Location: approximately 60km northeast of Jabiru in Eastern Arnhem land, Approximately 320km east of Darwin.

NT Region: Top End

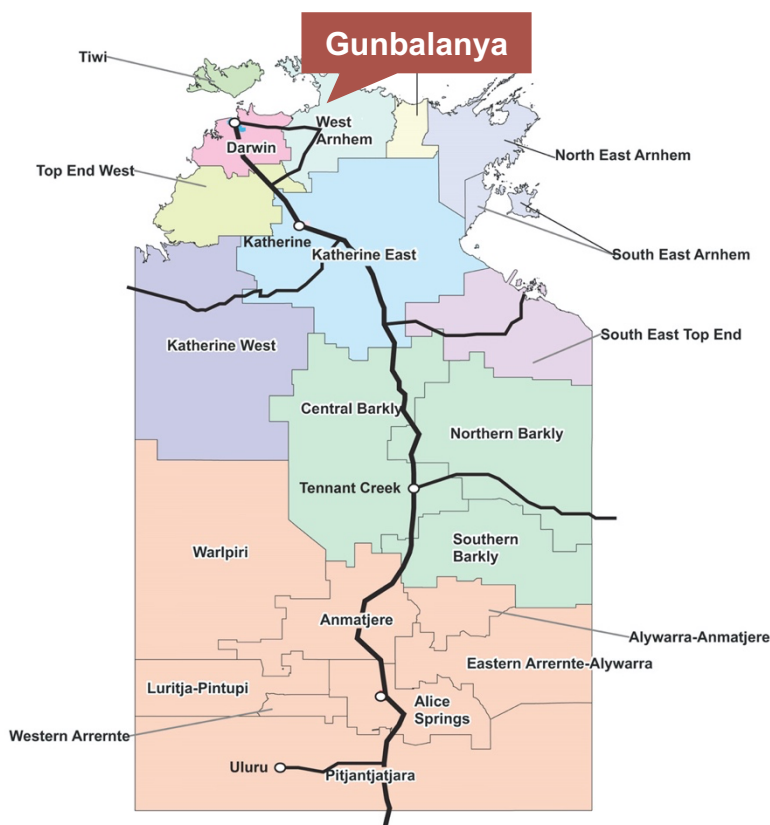
Population: Approx. 1350 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Kunwinjku

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: Yes	
	School: Yes	
	Library: No	
	Council Office: Yes	
	Women's Centre: Yes	
	Childcare Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.	
	Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.	
	Community Safety: Yes	
	Banking: Yes	
	Recreational/other facilities: In Gunbalanya people often go fishing, boating and hiking. There is a 25-metre swimming pool, arts and craft centre, sports oval, basketball facilities and a youth centre.	
Community store	Adjumarllarl Store	
	Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation	
	Telephone (08) 8979 0161	
	Lot 651 Gunbalanya NT 0822.	
	The store stocks fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, soft drinks, frozen meat and essentials. Limited white goods are also available. It is advisable to bring speciality products/items required.	
	Opening hours	
	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7:30am – 5:00pm
	Thursday	7:30am – 7:00pm
	Saturday – Sunday	7:30am – 12:30pm
Other food outlets	Gunbalanya Meats.	
	Lot 645, Gunbalanya NT 0822.	
	Gunbalanya Meats operates a small abattoir and retail butcher shop in the community. Beef and buffalo meat grown on Gunbalanya Station is processed through Gunbalanya Meats, and sold to a wide range of customers, from local community organisations to meat wholesalers and retailers throughout the NT.	
	Opening hours	
	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 4:00pm
	Saturday - Sunday	CLOSED
Food orders	Woolworths Darwin	
	Telephone (08) 8995 9308 Website www.woolworths.com.au	
	Coles Darwin	
	Telephone (08) 8941 8055 Website www.coles.com.au	
	It is advisable that any online bush orders and third-party deliveries are made prior to departure to community.	
Commercial accommodation	West Arnhem Regional Council	
	Telephone (08) 8970 3700 Website www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au	
	West Arnhem Regional Council offers accommodation to contractors and other authorised visitors. Accommodation ranges from self-contained cabins to single rooms with shared facilities, to duplexes, and all are within the community limits and walking distance to most town facilities.	

Fuel	Gunbalanya Service Station Lot 732 Gunbalanya NT 0822. Opal and diesel fuel is available.	Telephone (08) 8979 0093
Police station	Gunbalanya Police Station	Telephone (08) 8979 0180
Community Safety	Yes	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Gunbalanya LPO 77 Main Road Gunbalanya, NT 0822	Telephone (08) 89703788
Access		
Road	Gunbalanya is accessible via the Arnhem Highway. However, the roads are often closed during the wet season when the East Alligator River becomes impassable.	
Air	Gunbalanya has a sealed airstrip approximately 6km from community.	
Regular passenger transport	Katherine Coaches (Bodhi Bus) Bus routes to Jabiru and Gunbalanya/Oenpelli departs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Roads and weather permitting. Contact Katherine Coaches for any further information.	Telephone (08) 89710774 Email bookings@katherinecoaches.co.au Website www.katherinecoaches.com.au
Health centre		
Health service²	Gunbalanya Health Centre	Telephone (08) 8979 0178 Email gunbalanya.manager@redlily.org.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
	Facilities	One emergency room, three consulting rooms, five treatment rooms, one dental room and one hearing health room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
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.	

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.

GPs	GPs visit weekly, Monday – Thursday.
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietician, midwife, podiatrist, dental, obstetrician, ophthalmologist, women's health professionals, mental health professionals, ENT nutritionist, hearing health, gynaecologist and physicians.
Acute care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
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 West Arnhem Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	N/A.
Other tips and relevant information	
Other tips/relevant information	<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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⁴ It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.