



## Alyangula *Top End*

### Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Ali-an-goola

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- Alternate name:** Grootte Eylandt, Angurugu, Milyakburra, Umbakumba

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- Location:** Alyanula is the main township of Grootte Eylandt, **located** approximately 650km east of Darwin.

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- NT Region:** Top End

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- Population:** Approx. 873 residents

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- Access:** Air

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- Language groups:** Alawa, Anindilyakwa, Kriol, Nunggubuyu

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- Phone:** 3G Telstra

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- Internet:** Limited use of internet in the clinic



### Climate (Top End)

| Season   | Description  | Temp. Range         |
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| <b>Winter (June to August)</b>   | <b>Cooler and dry</b>  | <b>6°C to 19°C</b>  |
| <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>   |                     |
| <b>Summer (December to February)</b>   | <b>Hot and humid</b>   | <b>25°C to 38°C</b> |
| <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:** Yes  
**Council Office:** Yes  
**Women's Centre:** No  
**Childcare Centre:** Yes, Community Care Program.  
**Aged Care Centre:** Yes  
**Community Safety:** Yes, Community Care Program.  
**Banking:** Yes  
**Recreational/other facilities:** The town is well known for camping, fishing, and boating. There is also a tourist resort, art centre, coffee shop, 25m swimming pool, golf course, training centre and clothes shops.

### Community store

#### Expressmart Supermarket

**Telephone** (08) 8987 6634

The local supermarket stocks fresh meat, fruit and vegetables.

#### Opening hours

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Monday – Friday | 09:00am – 07:00pm |
| Saturday        | 09:00am – 05:00pm |
| Sunday          | 08:00am – 12:00pm |

### Other food outlets

#### Groote Eylandt Bakery

The small bakery in the heart of Alyangula sells freshly made pies, pastries, sweets and coffee.

#### Opening hours

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Monday – Tuesday     | Closed          |
| Wednesday – Saturday | 5:30am – 2:00pm |
| Sunday               | Closed          |

### Food orders

#### Woolworths

**Telephone** 1300 767 969

#### Coles

**Telephone** 1800 455 400

#### Barge Express Transport

**Telephone** (08) 8947 4960

Barge Express Transport operates out of Darwin. It offers weekly personal deliveries to remote communities, including food deliveries.

### Commercial accommodation

#### Groote Eylandt Lodge

**Telephone** (08) 8996 4200

Groote Eylandt Lodge is located along the beach. Several waterfront rooms are available that have all the necessities, including a tv, tea/coffee facilities, a refrigerator, and a private balcony.

### Fuel

#### Alyangula Township Service Station

Rowell Hwy, Alyangula NT 0885.

### Police station

#### Alyangula Police Station

**Telephone** (08) 8987 6122

### Community Safety

#### Community Night Patrol

**Other police contract** Police assistance line **Telephone** 131 444

### Telephone/internet/mail

**Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone** 3G Telstra

**Internet** Yes, personal internet use is available.

**Mail** **Australia Post – Alyangula LPO** **Telephone** (08) 8987 6072  
247 Bougainvillea Dr, Alyangula NT 0885.

### Access

**Road** Not accessible by road.

**Air** There are regular flights to Alyangula from Darwin. The flight from Darwin takes approximately 2 hours.

**Regular passenger transport** **Airnorth** **Telephone** 1800 627 474  
Airnorth offers regular passenger flights between Darwin to Groote Eylandt.

### Health centre

**Health service<sup>2</sup>** **Alyangula Health Clinic** **Telephone** (08) 8987 6255  
**Email** [Alyangula.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au](mailto:Alyangula.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au)

**Operating hours** Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Saturday – Sunday Closed

#### Facilities

The clinic is well maintained and air-conditioned throughout. It has four GP consulting rooms, one emergency room, one dental room and one x-ray room.

**On-call services** Yes, 24/7 on-call service.

**Medical Records System<sup>3</sup>** PCIS

**Vehicles** The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance and Toyota Prado.  
**\*\*Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.**

**GPs** Yes, there is a permanent GP based in the clinic.

**Visiting services** Dental, Podiatry, Obstetrician, Ophthalmologist, Mental health professionals, Gynecologist, Hearing health, Paediatrician, X-ray and ultrasound surgeon.

**Acute care** Care Flight

**Other** Birthing women birth in Gove or Darwin.

### Alcohol

**Alcohol<sup>4</sup>** NT Remote Locum Program advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

<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.

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

## Governance

### Local Government

The Local Council is the Anindilyakwa Land Council.  
The Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

### Outstations

Angurugu and Umbakumba.

## 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.

### **Disclaimer**

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