

## Batchelor Top End

### Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Batc-e-lor

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- Alternate name:** NA

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- Location:** 98km south of Darwin

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- NT Region:** Top End

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- Population:** Approx. 507 residents

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- Access:** Road and air

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- Language groups:**

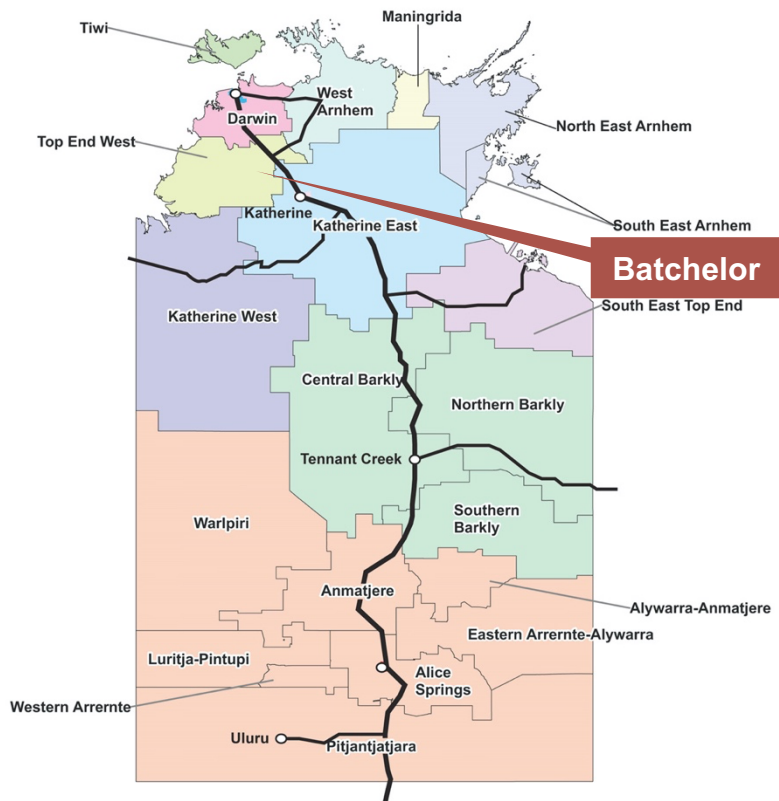
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- Phone:** 4G Telstra

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

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### 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>
<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:** No

**Community halls or sheds:** Yes

**Workforce skills or training facilities:** No

**School:** Yes

**Library:** Yes

**Council Office:** Yes

**Women's Centre:** No

**Childcare Centre:** Yes, Community Care Program

**Aged Care Centre:** No

**Community Safety:** Yes

**Banking:** Yes

**Recreational/other facilities:** Batchelor has a cricket ground, tennis court and a park. The town has a museum and tourist information centre with also many waterfalls and beautiful landscapes to see nearby.

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### Community store

#### **Batchelor General Store**

**Telephone** (08) 8976 0045

22 Tarkarri Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

The store stocks fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, soft drinks, frozen meat, and limited white goods are also available. The store is also the towns post office.

#### **Opening hours**

Monday – Saturday

7:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday

8:00am – 5:00pm

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### Other food outlets

#### **Rum Jungle Tavern**

**Telephone** 0417 613 888

5 Nurndina St, Batchelor NT 0845

#### **Lil'Ripper Café, Bar and Bistro.**

**Telephone** (08) 8976 0123

49 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

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### Food orders

NA

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### Commercial accommodation

#### **Litchfield Outback Resort**

**Telephone** (08) 8976 0123

49 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

#### **Batchelor Holiday Park**

**Telephone** (08) 8976 0166

37 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

#### **Rum Jungle Bungalows**

**Telephone** (08) 8976 0555

10 Meneling Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

#### **Batchelor Butterfly Farm**

**Telephone** (08) 8976 0110

8 Meneling Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

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### Fuel

#### **Puma Batchelor**

**Telephone** (08) 8976 0196

27 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

BP and United fuels available.

<b>Police station</b>	<b>Batchelor Police Station</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8976 0015
<b>Community Safety</b>	Yes	
<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>Batchelor LPO</b> 20 Tarkarri Road, Batchelor, NT 0845	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8976 0020
	<b>Opening hours</b>	Monday – Friday 08:00am – 4:00pm
<b>Access</b>		
<b>Road</b>	The primary access route between Darwin and Batchelor is via sealed road on the Stuart Highway and Batchelor Road.	
<b>Air</b>	Batchelor Airfield has a sealed runway suitable for light aircraft and is occasionally used for medical evacuation flights.	
<b>Health centre</b>		
<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Batchelor Clinic</b> <b>Department of Health</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8976 0011 <b>Email</b> batchelor.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au
	<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm
	<b>Facilities</b>	One emergency room and six consulting room.
<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 two Toyota Troop Carriers that has been converted for use as an ambulance. <b>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b>	
<b>GPs</b>	Visiting GP service once a week.	
<b>Visiting services</b>	Visiting services include Dietician, Midwife, Podiatry, Ophthalmologist, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, ENT Nutritionist, Hearing Health, and Physician.	
<b>Acute care</b>	St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight	
<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Darwin.	

<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.

## Alcohol

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

## Governance

**Local Government** Local Council is the Coomalie Community Government Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

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**Outstations** No outstations

## 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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### **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.*

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