

Bulman *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Bull-men

Alternate name: Gulin Gulin, Mardruk and Yulngu

Location: 312km north east of Katherine on the Central Arnhem Highway

NT Region: Top End

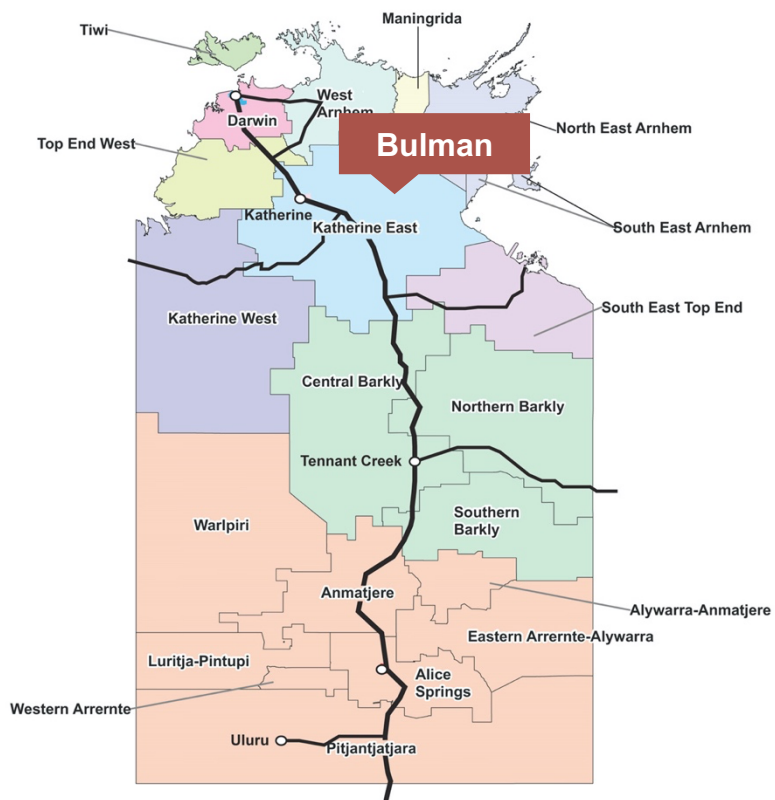
Population: Approx. 275 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Rembarranga, Kriol and English

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal 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	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: Yes</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: No</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: No</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women's Centre: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes, Community Care Program</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: No</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program</p> <p>Banking: There is an ATM located at the community store with EFTPOS and credit card facilities.</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: The Walamun Cultural Festival is an annual event in Bulman, generally held in July. The festival is largely run by community members and celebrates arts, crafts, talents, and culture of the people from the region.</p>
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Community store	Gulin Gulin Community Store	Telephone (08) 8975 4711
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Operated by Outback Stores, the Gulin Gulin Store has a good range of fresh food, bakery goods, meat, and dairy.

It is advisable to bring any specialty products/items required.

Opening hours	Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm
	Saturday	10:00am – 1:00pm
	Sunday	Closed

Other food outlets	No
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Food orders	No
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Commercial accommodation	Roper Gulf Regional Council has accommodation available in Beswick, Bulman, Ngukurr and Numbulwar.	Telephone (08) 8972 0400 Email accommodation@ropergulf.nt.gov.au
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Fuel	Opal and diesel fuel are available from the Gulin Gulin Community Store.
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Police station	Bulman Police Station.	Telephone (08) 8975 4077
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Community Safety	Community Night Patrol
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Other police contract	Police assistance line.	Telephone 131 444
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Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra
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Internet	Only personal use of the internet is available in the accommodation.
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Mail	Mail can be lodged via the Health Centre. Please check with the clinic staff.
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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/>

Access

Road	By road, the trip to Bulman takes approximately four hours from Katherine. The road is sealed for 110kms from Katherine to Beswick and unsealed for the remaining 200kms. The road can become inaccessible at times during the wet season at Mainoru River and Flying Fox Creek.
Air	Bulman can be accessed via chartered small aircraft all year around.
Regular passenger transport	No regular passenger transport to Bulman.

Health centre

Health service²	Sunrise Health Service	Telephone (08) 8975 4712
		Web www.sunrise.org.au
		Email Bulmanclinicmanager@sunrise.org.au
	Opening hours	Monday – Wednesday 8:30am – 4:00pm
	Only emergency services are available on Thursday from 1:00pm.	Thursday 8:30am – 1:00pm
		Friday 9.30am – 4:00pm
	Facilities	Three consulting rooms and one emergency room.

On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service
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Medical Records System³	Communicare
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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.
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GPs	Yes, visiting services only.
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Visiting services	Visiting specialist services include dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, gynaecology, obstetrics, ophthalmology, mental health, hearing health, dental, nutrition and women's health services.
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Acute care	A Remote Medical Practitioner is on call 24 hours for telephone consultations and evacuations. Emergency evacuations are looked after by Careflight and taken to Katherine.
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Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.
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Alcohol

Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
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Governance

Local Government	The local council is the Roper Gulf Shire. The land council is the Northern Land Council (NLC).	Telephone (08) 8975 4926
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Outstations	Baghetti, Barrapunta, Gorpulyul, Mount Catt, Mount Jean, Mobarn and Momob.
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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.

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

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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