

## Minjilang *Top End*

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Min-Jil-lang

**Alternate name:** Mission Bay and Croker Island

**Location:** Minjilang is 235km East Northeast of Darwin

**NT Region:** Top End

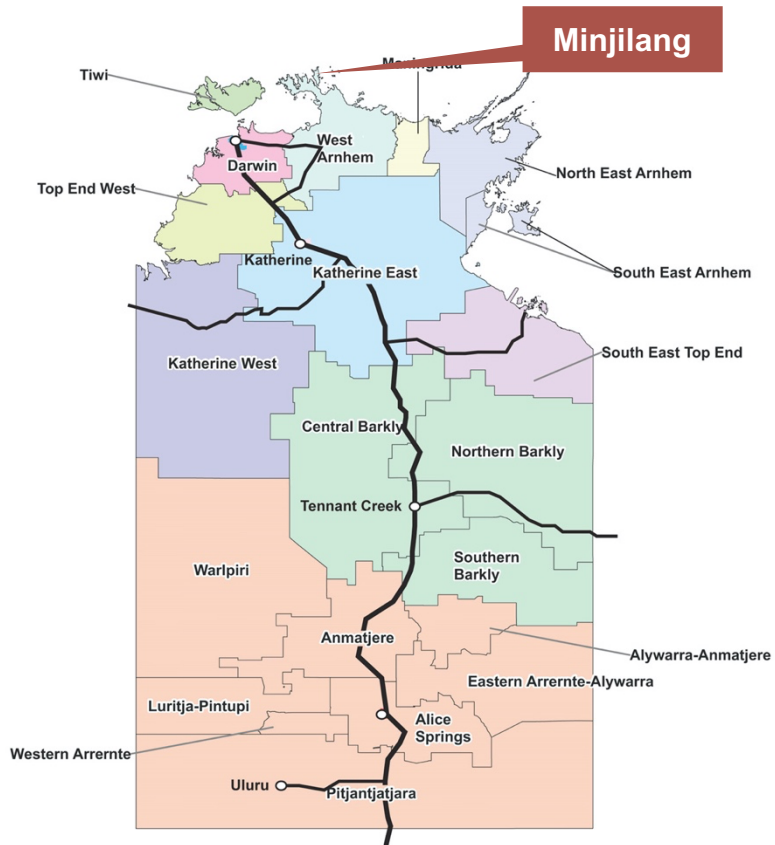
**Population:** Approx. 290 residents

**Access:** Air and Sea

**Language groups:** Iwaidja, Maung and Kunwinjku

**Phone:** 4G Telstra

**Internet:** Internet is available



### 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, Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA)

**School:** Yes

**Library:** No

**Council Office:** Yes, Minjilang Council Service Centre.

**Women's Centre:** Yes

**Childcare Centre:** Yes

**Aged Care Centre:** Yes, Community Care Program.

**Community Safety:** Yes

**Banking:** Yes, There is an ATM available at the store

**Recreational/other facilities:** Minjilang community has a sports facility with a football club and sporting ground. Other activities include fishing, boating, swimming, and bush walking.

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**Community store**      **ALPA Minjilang Store**      **Telephone** (08) 8979 0266

Minjilang NT 0822

Minjilang ALPA store has goods delivered by the Sea Swift barge each week and has a good range of essentials from fruit and vegetables, meat and dairy products, dry goods and frozen foods. The store has a small takeaway that sells pies, sausage rolls, burgers, and fried foods.

**Opening hours**

Monday – Friday	9:00am – 4:30pm
Saturday	9:00am – 11:00am
Sunday	Closed

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**Food orders**

**Woolworths**      **Telephone** (08) 89959308  
**Website** [www.woolworthsonline.com.au](http://www.woolworthsonline.com.au)

**Coles**      **Telephone** (08) 89418055  
**Website** [www.colesonline.com.au](http://www.colesonline.com.au)

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

Food orders can be placed with Coles or Woolworths online. For delivery, contact Sea Swift.

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**Commercial accommodation**      **West Arnhem accommodation services**      **Telephone** (08) 8979 9444

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**Fuel**      **West Arnhem Regional Council Fuel Depot**

Lot 118, Minjilang NT 0822

Petrol and Diesel are available for purchase during business hours.

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**Police station**      **Gunbalanya Police routinely service Minjilang**      **Telephone** (08) 8979 0108

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**Community Safety**      Minjilang has a community safety program.

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

## Telephone/internet/mail

<b>Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone</b>	4G Telstra
<b>Internet</b>	Yes, personal use is available.
<b>Mail</b>	<b>Minjilang CPA</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8979 0334 Minjilang Croker Island Via Darwin Mc, NT 0822. Council Office.

## Access

<b>Road</b>	Minjilang is inaccessible by road.
<b>Air</b>	Tiwi Air flies daily to Minjilang. The sealed air strip is located approximately twelve kms west of the community. <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8928 9300

## Health centre

<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Minjilang Health Care Centre</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 89790227 Minjilang NT 0822 <b>Email</b> Minjilang.Manager@redlily.org.au <b>Web</b> <a href="https://redlily.org.au/">https://redlily.org.au/</a>
<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
<b>Facilities</b>	There are four consulting rooms, one emergency room and a dental room.

<b>On-call services</b>	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
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<b>Medical Records System<sup>3</sup></b>	PCIS
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<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>
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<b>GPs</b>	The General Practitioner visits once a week on a Wednesday.
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<b>Visiting services</b>	The visiting services consist of a Dietician, Midwife, Podiatrist, Dental Team, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Hearing Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing.
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<b>Acute care</b>	Care Flight
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<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
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## Alcohol

<b>Alcohol<sup>4</sup></b>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
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<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

Local Council is the West Arnhem.  
Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

## 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.

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