

Nhulunbuy *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Noo-lun-boy

Alternate name: Gove

Location: Approximately 1000km from Darwin and 700km from Katherine, by road.

NT Region: Top End

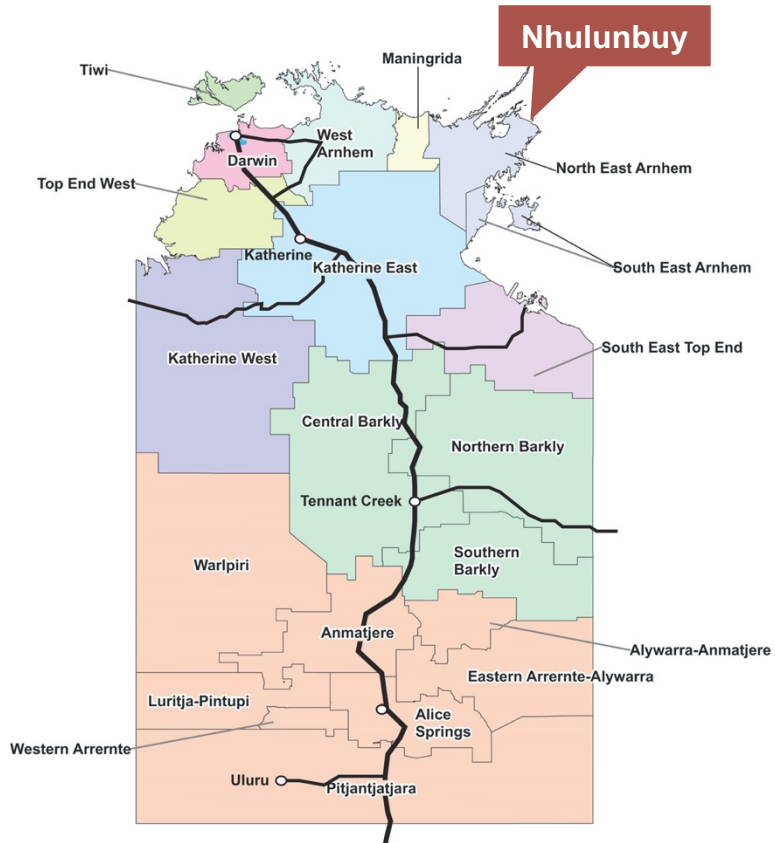
Population: Approx. 3300 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Alawa, Anindilyakwa, Kriol and Nunggubuyu

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited use of internet in the clinic



Climate (Top End)

| Season | Description | Temp. Range |
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| 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: Yes

Council Office: Yes

Women's Centre: Yes

Childcare Centre: Yes

Aged Care Centre: No

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.

Banking: Yes

Recreational/other facilities: Nhulunbuy has a wide range of recreational activities, including parks, a skate park, aquatic centre, sporting oval, golf course, BMX track, art centres, bush walking, cultural tours and camping. Fishing trips can be arranged through local charter services. The Nhulunbuy Corporation Community Markets are run most months throughout the year, they are generally held at Nhulunbuy Town Hall or Town Centre on Saturday mornings.

Community store

Woolworths

Telephone (08) 8965 2000

Woolworths is located on Endeavour Square, approximately 500metres from the centre of Nhulunbuy.

Opening hours

Monday – Sunday

8:00am – 8:00pm

Other food outlets

The Refinery Cafe

The café offers a breakfast and lunch menu, along with a range of sweet and savoury snacks, as well as hot and cold drinks. Dine in or takeaway.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

5:30am – 2:00pm

Saturday

8:30am – 12:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Munch and Crunch Café

Offering dine in or takeaway, you can choose from a large range of cuisines including pizza, burgers, fried chicken and more.

Opening hours

Monday – Thursday

7:00am – 4:00pm

Friday – Saturday

7:00am – 8:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Walkabout Lodge

Walkabout lodge offers an onsite fully licenced restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner service options. Located directly next door is the Walkabout Tavern offering a range of pub grub snacks and counter meals

Food orders

Woolworths Nhulunbuy

The local Woolworths provides an online order service.

Commercial accommodation

Walkabout Lodge

Telephone (08) 8939 2000

Email info@walkaboutlodge.com.au

Walkabout Lodge offers comfortable air-conditioned rooms, a fully licenced restaurant, cocktail bar, swimming pool, guest laundry, function rooms, free wifi, and is located five-minutes from the town centre.

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| Fuel | BP Nhulunbuy | |
| | Located on the corner of Matthew Flinders way and Westal Street, opal, diesel and premium unleaded fuels are available. | |
| Police station | Nhulunbuy Police Station | Telephone (08) 8987 1333 |
| Community Safety | Nhulunbuy Family Safety Framework | |
| Other police contract | Police assistance line | Telephone 131 444 |
| Telephone/internet/mail | | |
| Mobile phone¹/phone | 4G Telstra | |
| Internet | Yes, personal use is available. | |
| Mail | Nhulunbuy LPO | Telephone (08) 8987 2491 |
| | Shop 5 9 Arnhem Road Nhulunbuy NT 0880 | |
| Access | | |
| Road | Nhulunbuy is accessible by road via Katherine. The Central Arnhem Road turnoff is approximately 50km south of Katherine on the Stuart Highway, then approximately 675km from the turn off to Nhulunbuy. A 4WD is essential as majority of the road remains unsealed. Road access is only available during the dry season. | |
| Air | Nhulunbuy has an airport. Airnorth provide regular passenger flights. | |
| Regular passenger transport | AirNorth | Telephone 1800 627 474 Email reservations@airnorth.com.au Web www.airnorth.com.au |
| | Airnorth provide regular passenger transport services with flights exiting from Darwin, Cairns and Groote Eylandt. | |
| Health centre | | |
| Health service² | Nhulunbuy Mitwatj Health Service | Telephone (08) 8939 1999 Email execsec@miwatj.com.au Web www.miwatj.com.au |
| | Operating hours | Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm Saturday - Sunday Closed |
| | Facilities | Ten consulting rooms, one treatment room and one emergency room. |
| On-call services | Yes | |

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.

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| Medical Records System³ | Communicare |
| 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. |
| GPs | Yes, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic. |
| Visiting services | Ophthalmology, surgeon (general), paediatrics, dietician, ear nose and throat, audiology, respiratory, podiatry, mobile breast-screening and neurology. |
| Acute care | Care Flight |
| Other | Birthing women birth in Gove or Darwin. |
| Alcohol | |
| Alcohol⁴ | NT Remote Locum Program advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement. |
| Governance | |
| Local Government | Local Council is the East Arnhem Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC. |
| Outstations | Yirrkala. |
| 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. |

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.

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.