

Pirlangimpi *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Per-lan-gimp-ee

Alternate name: Garden Point,
Pularumpi

Location: The community is on the northwest coast of Melville Island, which is part of the Tiwi Islands

NT Region: Tiwi Islands

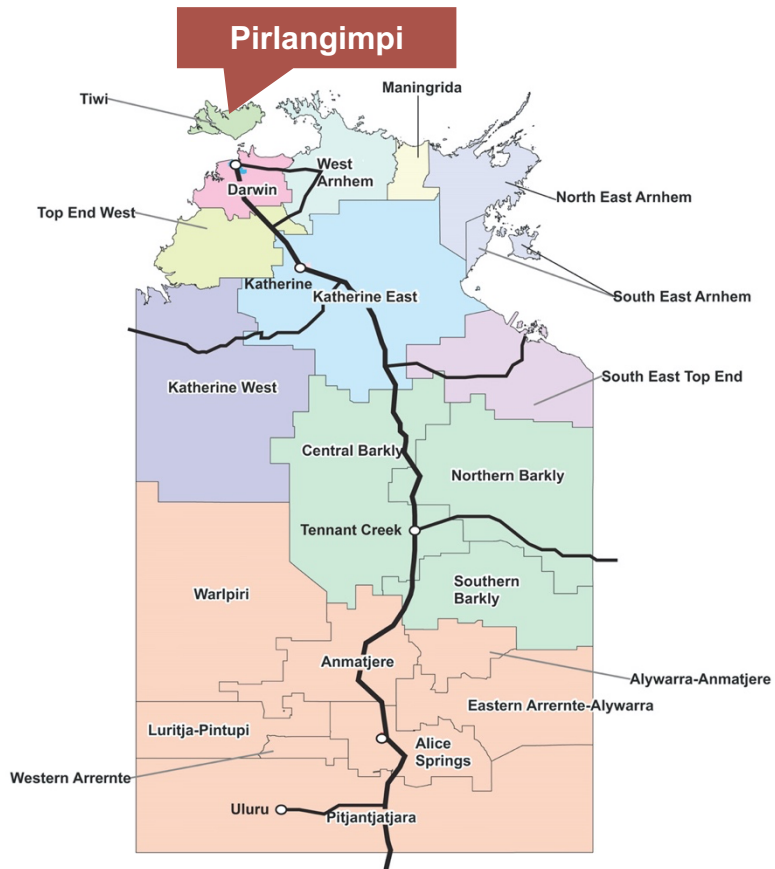
Population: Approx. 375 residents

Access: Air or ferry

Language groups: Tiwi

Phone: 3G Telstra

Internet: Limited use of internet in the clinic



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	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: Yes Community Safety: Yes Banking: No Recreational/other facilities: Pirlangimpi has a sports oval, swimming pool and golf course.
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Community store	Pirlangimpi ALPA Store	Telephone (08) 8978 3962
	ALPA is well stocked with fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, bread, pantry items, dairy and takeaway foods. The store also sells a small range of clothes and electrical goods.	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Closed

Food orders	Woolworths Darwin	Telephone (08) 8995 9308
	Coles Darwin	Telephone (08) 8941 8055
	Tiwi Barge Service	Telephone (08) 8947 1118
	Grocery orders can be made from either Woolworths or Coles online and sent by Tiwi Barge Services from Darwin.	

Commercial accommodation	Port Melville Accommodation Village	Telephone (08) 8930 6500
	Tiwi Islands Regional Council Visitor Accommodation	Telephone (08) 8970 9600

Fuel	Pirlangimpi Community Store
	Lot 262, Pirlangimpi Comm, Pularumpi NT 0822
	Puma Energy Fuel types available including E10, ULP, PUMP, LPG, B20 and diesel.

Police station	Pirlangimpi Police Station	Telephone (08) 8978 3969
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Community Safety	24-Hour Emergency Police, Fire and Ambulance	Telephone 000
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Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
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Telephone/internet/mail	
Mobile phone¹/phone	3G Telstra
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.
Mail	<p>Pularumpi (Melville Island) CPA Telephone (08) 08970 9600</p> <p>Pirlangimpi, Palurumpi, Melville Island, NT 0822.</p>
Access	
Road	No road access.
Air	Air access is available via the Snake Bay Airport, a public airstrip around 77.5km from Pirlangimpi in Milikapiti. There are regular scheduled flights all year round.
Regular passenger transport	<p>Fly Tiwi Telephone (08) 8928 9300</p> <p>Fly Tiwi provide a twice-daily flight between Darwin and Garden Point on weekdays and a daily service on weekends and public holidays.</p> <p>Air Connect Telephone (08) 8928 9300</p> <p>Operated by Kakadu Air Services, Air-Connect run twice daily on weekdays between Darwin and Nguiu (Bathurst Island).</p> <p>Sea Link Telephone (08) 8928 9300</p> <p>Sea-link NT provides a ferry service between Darwin and Nguiu on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays.</p>
Health centre	
Health service²	<p>Pirlangimpi Clinic Telephone (08) 8978 3737</p> <p>Department of Health (DoH) Email pirlangimpi.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au</p> <p>Web www.health.nt.gov.au</p> <p>Operating hours Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm</p> <p>Saturday – Sunday Closed</p> <p>Facilities</p> <p>Five consult rooms, one emergency room and one dental room.</p>
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
Medical Records System³	PCIS
Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>
GPs	There is a visiting GP every Tuesday.

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.

³ Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

Visiting services	Visiting services include Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Nutritionist, Preventable Chronic Disease (PCD), Public Health Nurse, Women's Health Educator, Audiologist, Podiatrist, Maternal Child and Youth team, Dentist, Dental Therapist, Optician, Optometrist, Mental Health Team, Aged and Disability, Family and Children's Services.
Acute care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in 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 Tiwi Islands Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	Putjamirri.
Other tips and relevant information	
Other tips/relevant information	<p>Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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