

Ngukurr *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Nook-kar

Alternate name: Yugul Mangi,
Roper River

Location: Approximately 331km
southeast of Katherine on the Roper
Highway.

NT Region: Top End

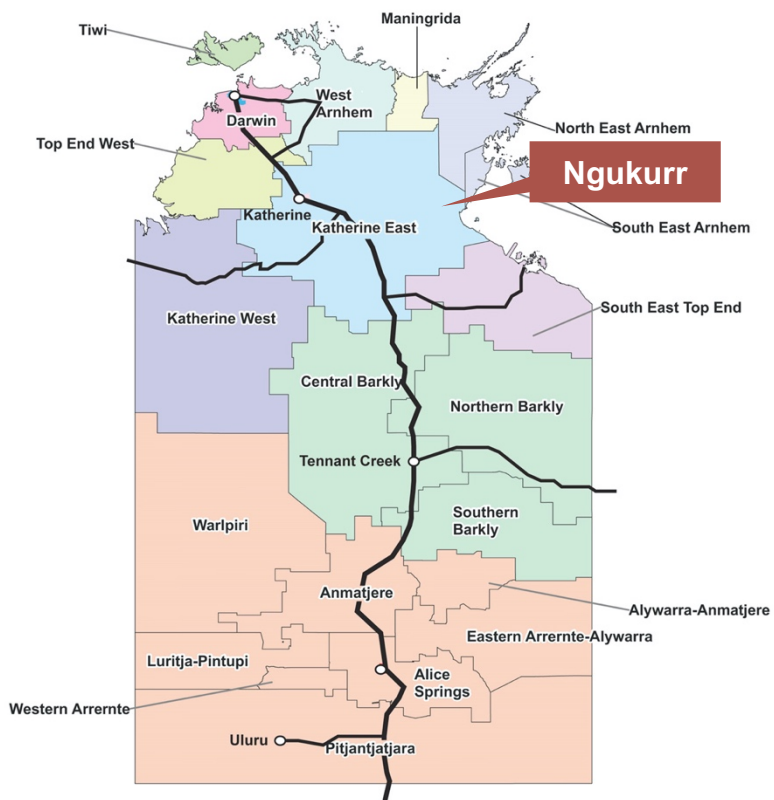
Population: Approx. 1250 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Eastside Kriol,
Ritharrngu, Marra, Gurindji Kriol,
Ngalakan and Alawa

Phone: 4G 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
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.	
Summer (December to February)	Hot and humid	25°C to 38°C
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: No

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: Yes, Community Care Program.

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.

Banking: Yes

Recreational/other facilities: Ngukurr Arts Centre, the centre showcases traditional and contemporary artworks, including paintings, sculptures and textiles. The roper River is a significant waterway that runs through Ngukurr, a great spot for fishing, boating, camping and bird watching, as it is home to a diverse range of bird species. There are a variety of cultural tours on offer, visitors can experience bush tucker, wildlife spotting and cultural performances. Ngukurr is situated close to several national parks, including Limmen National Park and Gulf National Park, these parks offer stunning landscapes, walking trails and camping facilities. St Vidgeon Homestead Ruins and Lomarieuum Lagoon are also popular visitor destinations.

Community store

Ngukurr General Store

Telephone (08)89754626

Ngukurr General Store sells a range of groceries including fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat and vegetables, takeaway food and fuel.

Opening hours

Monday, Tuesday, Saturday	9:00am– 5:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00am – 7:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 2:00pm

Other food outlets

Ngukurr Seven-Eleven

Basic groceries are available, including a limited range of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Opening hours

Monday – Sunday 8:30am – 10:00pm

Food orders

Woolworths Katherine

Telephone (08) 8973 3100
Web www.woolworths.com.au

Night Hawk Transport

Telephone (08) 8972 3889
Email admin2@nighthawktransport.com

Please contact supermarket and freight company for full terms, conditions and current schedules. It is advisable to allow minimum of five days for processing, and to have the remote address established for delivery.

Commercial accommodation

Darlala Motel

Telephone 0400 804 548
Email darlala@ymd.net.au

The Darlala Motel has 22 rooms on offer, which includes 18 queen rooms and four twin-share rooms. Features include Air-conditioned rooms with fans, fresh linen and towels, ensuite bathroom, tea and coffee making facilities, bar fridge, microwave and television.

**Roper Gulf Regional Council
Accommodation**

Telephone (08) 8972 0400
Email accomodation@ropergulf.nt.gov.au

Contact Roper Gulf regional council for further information.

Fuel	Ngukurr General Store Lot 345 Balamurra Street Ngukurr NT 0852. Opal and Diesel are available for purchase.
Police station	Ngukurr Police Station Telephone (08) 89754644
Community Safety	Community Night Patrol
Other police contract	Police assistance line Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail	
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the accommodation.
Mail	Council Service Delivery Centre Lot 293 Balamurra Street NT 0852.
Access	
Road	Ngukurr is accessible via road. The drive from Katherine takes approximately three and a half hours. Around 60km of the Roper Highway is gravel. The road can become inaccessible in periods of severe flooding at the Roper and Wilton Rivers.
Air	A sealed airstrip is located approximately 2km from community.
Regular passenger transport	Katherine Coaches Telephone (08) 8971 0774 Web www.katherinecoaches.com.au Email bookings@katherinecoaches.com.au Katherine Coaches offers regular passenger transport twice weekly. Please see website for current route services and pickup areas.
Health centre	
Health service²	Sunrise Health Service Ngukurr Clinic. Telephone (08) 8975 4688 Email ngukurrhc@sunrise.org.au Web www.sunrise.org.au Operating hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm Thursday 8:30am – 1:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED Facilities Eight consulting rooms, one emergency room and one dental room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.

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.

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	Visiting GP services.
Visiting services	Oral health, obstetrics, gynaecologist, podiatry and hearing health
Acute care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine 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 Roper Gulf Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	Boomerang Lagoon, Badawarka, Costello, Lake Katherine, Manbu Manbu, Ngaliwan, Namaliwirri, Ruined City, Turkey Lagoon, Wanmurri and Urapunga.
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.