

## Gunbalanya *Top End*

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Gun-bal-un-ya

**Alternate name:** Oenpelli

**Location:** approximately 60km northeast of Jabiru in Eastern Arnhem land, Approximately 320km east of Darwin.

**NT Region:** Top End

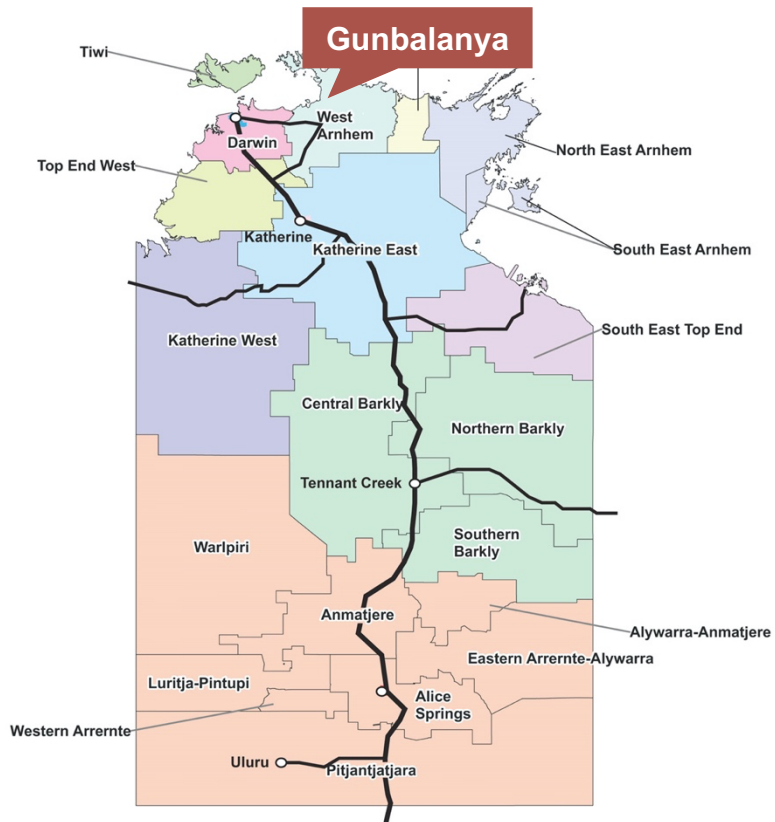
**Population:** Approx. 1350 residents

**Access:** Road and air

**Language groups:** Kunwinjku

**Phone:** 4G Telstra

**Internet:** Limited use of internet in the accommodation



### 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  
**School:** Yes  
**Library:** No  
**Council Office:** Yes  
**Women's Centre:** Yes  
**Childcare Centre:** Yes, Community Care Program.  
**Aged Care Centre:** Yes, Community Care Program.  
**Community Safety:** Yes  
**Banking:** Yes  
**Recreational/other facilities:** In Gunbalanya people often go fishing, boating and hiking. There is a 25-metre swimming pool, arts and craft centre, sports oval, basketball facilities and a youth centre.

### Community store

**Adjumarllarl Store**  
**Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation**

**Telephone** (08) 8979 0161

Lot 651 Gunbalanya NT 0822.

The store stocks fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, soft drinks, frozen meat and essentials. Limited white goods are also available. It is advisable to bring speciality products/items required.

<b>Opening hours</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7:30am – 5:00pm
	Thursday	7:30am – 7:00pm
	Saturday – Sunday	7:30am – 12:30pm

### Other food outlets

**Gunbalanya Meats.**

Lot 645, Gunbalanya NT 0822.

Gunbalanya Meats operates a small abattoir and retail butcher shop in the community. Beef and buffalo meat grown on Galabanya Station is processed through Gubalanya Meats, and sold to a wide range of customers, from local community organisations to meat wholesalers and retailers throughout the NT.

<b>Opening hours</b>	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 4:00pm
	Saturday - Sunday	CLOSED

### Food orders

**Woolworths Darwin**

**Telephone** (08) 8995 9308  
**Website** [www.woolworths.com.au](http://www.woolworths.com.au)

**Coles Darwin**

**Telephone** (08) 8941 8055  
**Website** [www.coles.com.au](http://www.coles.com.au)

It is advisable that any online bush orders and third-party deliveries are made prior to departure to community.

### Commercial accommodation

**West Arnhem Regional Council**

**Telephone** (08) 8970 3700  
**Website** [www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au](http://www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au)

West Arnhem Regional Council offers accommodation to contractors and other authorised visitors. Accommodation ranges from self-contained cabins to single rooms with shared facilities, to duplexes, and all are within the community limits and walking distance to most town facilities.

<b>Fuel</b>	<b>Gunbalanya Service Station</b> Lot 732 Gunbalanya NT 0822. Opal and diesel fuel is available.	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8979 0093
<b>Police station</b>	Gunbalanya Police Station	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8979 0180
<b>Community Safety</b>	Yes	
<b>Other police contract</b>	Police assistance line	<b>Telephone</b> 131 444
<b>Telephone/internet/mail</b>		
<b>Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone</b>	4G Telstra	
<b>Internet</b>	Yes, personal use is available.	
<b>Mail</b>	<b>Gunbalanya LPO</b> 77 Main Road Gunbalanya, NT 0822	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89703788
<b>Access</b>		
<b>Road</b>	Gunbalanya is accessible via the Arnhem Highway. However, the roads are often closed during the wet season when the East Alligator River becomes impassable.	
<b>Air</b>	Gunbalanya has a sealed airstrip approximately 6km from community.	
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	<b>Katherine Coaches (Bodhi Bus)</b>  Bus routes to Jabiru & Gunbalanya/Oenpelli departs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Roads and weather permitting. Contact Katherine Coaches for any further information.	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89710774 <b>Email</b> bookings@katherinecoaches.co.au <b>Website</b> www.katherinecoaches.com.au
<b>Health centre</b>		
<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Gunbalanya Clinic</b> Department of Health (DoH)	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8979 0178 <b>Email</b> gunbalanya.clinicmgr.dhf@nt.gov.au <b>Web</b> www.health.nt.gov.au
	<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm Thursday 1:00pm – 4:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
	<b>Facilities</b>	One emergency room, three consulting rooms, five treatment rooms, one dental room and one hearing health room.
<b>On-call services</b>	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
<b>Medical Records System<sup>3</sup></b>	PCIS	
<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>	

<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.

<b>GPs</b>	GPs visit weekly, Monday – Thursday.
<b>Visiting services</b>	Visiting services include dietician, midwife, podiatrist, dental, obstetrician, ophthalmologist, women’s health professionals, mental health professionals, ENT nutritionist, hearing health, gynaecologist and physicians.
<b>Acute care</b>	Care Flight
<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
<b>Alcohol</b>	
<b>Alcohol<sup>4</sup></b>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
<b>Governance</b>	
<b>Local Government</b>	Local Council is the West Arnhem Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
<b>Outstations</b>	N/A.
<b>Other tips and relevant information</b>	
<b>Other tips/relevant information</b>	<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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<sup>4</sup> It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.