

**THE
TERRITORY**

**The Gove Peninsula
and East Arnhem
Region. A land rich
in cultural history.**





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Live

The place

Rugged, remote and welcoming. The Gove Peninsula and East Arnhem Land offers a relaxed lifestyle paired with unique cultural experiences.

The town of Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula is the largest centre in the region. Nhulunbuy operates as a service and business hub for the area and has a population of around 3,600 people making it the fourth largest urban centre in the Northern Territory of Australia.

Nhulunbuy was established in the 1970s when the bauxite mine and alumina refinery was established, utilising the natural deep water port. Significant land rights movements started as a result of mining in East Arnhem Land and are an important part of the history to understand and respect.

Throughout the region, there are more than 70 Yolŋu homelands with populations ranging from 10 to 150 people and share a strong connection with the region.

Close to Nhulunbuy are the communities of Yirrkala and Gunyangara, with Gapuwiyak, Ramingining and Milingimbi to the west and Galiwin'ku to the north on Elcho Island. The region has a total population of just over 14,000 people.

The Yolŋu people are the Traditional owners of East Arnhem Land, and the Anindilyakwa people are the Traditional Owners of the Groote Archipelago, who maintain a strong connection to both land and sea country. All of the East Arnhem region is Aboriginal land granted under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. Much of East Arnhem's population reside outside of urban centres, on traditional Homelands, and within remote communities.

Visitors and locals are reminded to check permit and access requirements before entering or travelling through these areas.

East Arnhem Land offers outdoor enthusiasts never ending opportunities for fishing and camping adventures. The region also enables you to immerse yourself in Aboriginal culture through world renowned art centres and Aboriginal owned and operated cultural experiences

Learn more about East Arnhem Land at eastarnhemland.com.au

Weather

East Arnhem has two broad seasons: the dry and the wet. Yolŋu observe six distinct weather cycles. Each cycle is defined by observations of thousands of years of weather patterns throughout the region. Each season brings with it an abundance of different foods and flowering plants.

The dry season (April to October) brings sunny days and clear blue skies. Temperatures typically hover around 30°C during the day and drop to around 20°C at night. Humidity falls to a comfortable 60-65%, making it perfect for outdoor activities.

The wet season (November to March) sees temperatures peak at the mid 30°C mark. An increase in humidity brings rejuvenating monsoon rains, spectacular thunderstorms and mesmerising lightning displays.

Transport

Gove Airport is situated about 15km from Nhulunbuy. Airnorth operates daily flights to both Cairns and Darwin. Each flight takes just over an hour with easy connections to both domestic and international destinations.

The Central Arnhem Road connects Nhulunbuy with the Stuart Highway just southeast of Katherine. This road is predominantly unsealed, and the use of high clearance four-wheel drives is recommended. It is advised to check accessibility of the road before commencing your trip as road conditions do change during the wet season (November to March).

Permits

A permit is required to visit any Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

A permit is required to travel the Central Arnhem Road, enter Aboriginal communities or visit beaches and other recreation areas.

Information and permits are available from the NLC [here](#) and Dhimurru [here](#)

Further information about driving the Central Arnhem Road can be found [here](#).

The people

Nhulunbuy is a diverse, multicultural community with a large proportion of families calling the area home. Yirrkala, a 15 minute drive from Nhulunbuy is a Yolŋu community with a rich cultural identity and a vibrant arts scene.

More than two-thirds of East Arnhem's population live in other key communities, including Milingimbi in the Crocodile Islands, Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island, Ramingining near the Arafura Swamp, Gapuwiyak by Lake Evella, and Yirrkala and Gunyangara on the Gove Peninsula.

The [East Arnhem Regional Council](#) and [Nhulunbuy Corporation](#) website provides further information about services and events in each community.

East Arnhem residents enjoy a relaxed lifestyle with access to a large range of recreational activities and facilities. Numerous clubs and community groups exist in the region, details are easily available locally. Fishing and camping are also favourite weekend activities for many residents.

Yolŋu Culture

Yolŋu culture is widely celebrated in the region with the annual Garma Festival taking place over a 4-day period each August.

Yolŋu Matha meaning 'Yolŋu tongue' is a broad term used to describe Yolŋu languages spoken within the region. Learn more about Yolŋu culture over on the [ARDS](#) website.



Health Services and contact details

In the event of an emergency, dial 000 for emergency services.

Some of the health service provider contact details are listed below for East Arnhem Land.

Gove District Hospital
(08) 8987 0204

St John Ambulance
(08) 8987 0200

Arnhem Allied Health Centre
(08) 8919 4727

Miwatj Health
(08) 8939 1900

You can search for specific health care services at nt.gov.au/wellbeing

Remote Health Care Facilities in the East Arnhem Region

Location	Phone	Opening hours	Operator
Galiwin'ku (Elcho Island)	08 8970 5800	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8am to 4:30pm Wednesday 8am to 12pm	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
Galiwin'ku (Elcho Island) Homelands	08 8970 5568	Monday – Friday 8am to 4:30pm	Marthakal Homelands Health Service
Gapuwiyak	08 8987 9150	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8am to 4:30pm Wednesday 8am to 12pm	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
Gunyangara	08 8987 3800	8:30am to 4:30pm	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
Laynhapuy Homelands	08 8939 1800		Laynhapuy Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services
Nhulunbuy Urban	08 8987 0211		Gove District Hospital
Ramingining	08 8979 7923	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8am to 4:30pm Wednesday 8am to 12pm	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
Yirrkala	08 8987 2650	Monday to Thursday 8am to 4pm Friday 8am to 12pm	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation

Location	Phone	Opening hours	Operator
Milingimbi	08 8987 9903	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8am to 4:30pm Wednesday 8am 12pm	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation

Dental services

Gove Dental Clinic	Endeavour Square Nhulunbuy NT 0880	08 8922 6466
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Aged Care

The aged care assessment program provides support to eligible people who need Australian Government services such as:

- residential aged care or respite
- home care packages, and
- transition care program for older people after a hospital stay.

To access this program, you must be Aboriginal and 50 years old and over, or non-Aboriginal and 65 years old and over.

For more information, call the Australian Government's My Aged Care on [1800 200 422](tel:1800200422) or go to the Australian Government's [My Aged Care website](https://myagedcare.gov.au) at myagedcare.gov.au.

East Arnhem Regional Council Age Care and Disability Services (EARC) has presence in 7 communities consisting of Angurugu, Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Yirrakala, Umbakumba, and Ramingining.

East Arnhem Regional Council Age Care and Disability Services (EARC)
(08) 8986 8986
info@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au

Mala'la Aged Care and Community Services
(08) 8979 5772
admin@malala.com.au

Yutjuwala Djiwarr Flexible Aged Care
(08) 8998 0700
www.arrcs.org.au

Anglicare Home Care Nhulunbuy
(08) 8939 3400
www.anglicare-nt.org.au



Visiting dental services in remote towns

If you live in a remote town you can access dental services from visiting and mobile dental clinics. To find out when dentists are visiting your town, contact your local remote health clinic at nt.gov.au/wellbeing/remote-health. For information on Gove dental services, Arnhem Dental Clinic can be contacted via email on gove@udentdc.com or via social media on Facebook | Arnhem Dental Clinic.





WORK

Opportunities

Like the region, work opportunities are diverse. Mining has a long-standing presence with Rio Tinto and Gulkula operating on the Gove Peninsula and providing a range of employment opportunities.

Tourism is another established sector supported by many locally owned and operated businesses. A growing number of Aboriginal businesses also offer exciting opportunities across a range of industries, from tourism and cultural experiences to professional services and enterprise.

For those working in education, schools are located throughout East Arnhem Land, with opportunities to work in Nhulunbuy as well as smaller communities and homelands. Charles Darwin University and Flinders University also have a presence in Nhulunbuy.

Most large Northern Territory Government departments are represented within the region



offering a range of career opportunities, particularly in the healthcare and education sectors.

East Arnhem Regional Council offer a range of municipal services within the region with various employment opportunities available.

There are also opportunities across health and human services, with both government and non-government organisations operating throughout East Arnhem.

To start exploring opportunities available to you, check out the following job websites.

Northern Territory Government jobs

Sector	Website
Department of Health	jointheterritory.nt.gov.au/healthcareers
NT Police Force	jointheterritory.nt.gov.au/joinntpolice
Education and Training	jointheterritory.nt.gov.au/work/education-and-training
Tourism and Hospitality	jointheterritory.nt.gov.au/work/tourismandhospo
All agencies	jointheterritory.nt.gov.au/agencies

Key job websites

Key job sites	Website
Seek	seek.com.au/jobs/in-Northern-Territory-NT
Indeed	au.indeed.com/jobs-in-Northern-Territory
Adzuna	adzuna.com.au
Australian jobsearch	workforceaustralia.gov.au
Join The Territory	jointheterritory.nt.gov.au

Defence jobs

Defence jobs	Website
Australian Army	army.defencejobs.gov.au
Royal Australian Air Force	airforce.defencejobs.gov.au
Royal Australian Navy	navy.defencejobs.gov.au

Peak industry associations

Industry associations often have job listings on their websites

Peak industry associations	Website
The Chamber Of Commerce NT	chambernt.com.au
Master Builders NT	mbant.com.au
Minerals Council Of Australia NT Division	minerals.org.au/careers
CPA Australia	cpaaustralia.com.au
Hospitality NT	hospitalitynt.com.au
Engineers Australia Northern Division	engineersaustralia.org.au
Property Council Of Australia NT Division	propertycouncil.com.au

Local Government Councils

Often have job listings available on their website. Their peak body Local Government Association NT (LGANT) has links to all Council websites.

LEARN

Schools and Daycare

There are 4 terms in the school year and, most government schools follow the same term dates with the exception of some remote schools.

School term dates are available here: nt.gov.au/learning/primary-and-secondary-students/school-term-dates-in-nt.

If your child attends a [non-government school](#), check the term dates with the school.

Territory schools generally hold classes between 8am and 3pm. All government schools are co-educational.

In the Northern Territory there are three stages of schooling which are:

- Primary - transition to Year 6
- Middle - Year 7 to Year 9
- Senior - Year 10 to Year 12.

There are 12 primary and secondary schools, as well as 6 early childhood and childcare schools located across the East Arnhem region. The majority of schools are public schools.

Student transfers

If transferring from one school to another, your child's records will automatically transfer between government schools in the Territory.

If your child is transferring to a non-government school, your written consent must accompany any request.

Financial Assistance for students

You may qualify for a range of financial assistance available to support Learning in the NT including:

- Scholarships
- HELP fees
- VET fee help,
- Austudy
- Abstudy
- Youth Allowance
- Assistance for Isolated Children
- Back to school payment scheme
- School Sport Vouchers

Enrolling at school

You can complete a student enrolment form online or in person at your child's new school. Enrol your child at nt.gov.au/learning/primary-and-secondary-students/enrol-your-child-at-school.

If enrolling in preschool you must also complete the supplementary preschool enrolment form.

The Northern Territory Government, in partnership with education providers, offers Study in Australia's Northern Territory Scholarships to talented students. The scholarships are for vocational education and training, higher education, and schools.

For more information on studying and living in the Northern Territory, visit the Study NT website at studynt.nt.gov.au/studynt



School (Government)	Location	Contact
Baniyala Garrangali School	East Arnhem	(08) 8987 9114 rogelio.demalle@education.nt.gov.au
Gapuwiyak School	East Arnhem	(08) 8987 9122 admin.gapuwcec@ntschoools.net
Laynhapuy Homelands School	Yirrkala	(08) 8987 1224 lhs.admin@education.nt.gov.au
Milingimbi School	East Arnhem	(08) 8987 9902
Nhulunbuy High School	Nhulunbuy	(08) 8987 0844 Nhulunbuy.high@education.nt.gov.au
Nhulunbuy Primary School	Nhulunbuy	(08) 8987 0022 Nps.frontoffice@education.nt.gov.au
Ramingining School	East Arnhem	(08) 8979 7924
Shepherdson College	Galiwin'ku	(08) 8987 9044
Yirrkala School	Yirrkala	(08) 8987 1988 admin.yirrkala@ntschoools.net

School (Non-government)	Location	Contact
Dhupuma Barker	Gunyangara	+61 2 8438 7999 reception@barker.nsw.edu.au
Mapuru Yirrkala College	East Arnhem	(08) 8970 4996 jackie.nguluwidi@ntschoools.net
Nhulunbuy Christian College	Nhulunbuy	(08) 8965 2900 admin.ncc@ntschoools.net

Childcare services	Address	Contact
Nhulunbuy Community Child Care Centre	Nhulunbuy	(08) 8987 3311
Galiwin'ku Child Care Centre	Galiwin'ku	(08) 8979 8813 Galiwinku.childcare@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au
Gapuwiyak Child Care	East Arnhem	(08) 8970 3309 Gapuwiyak.childcare@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au
Yirrkala Child Care Centre	Yirrkala	(08) 8939 2412 Yirrkala.childcare@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au
Arnhem Early Learning Centre	Nhulunbuy	(08) 8987 1004

Discover schools in the East Arnhem Region at nt.gov.au/learning/primary-and-secondary-students/list-of-urban-and-remote-schools.

You can learn more about support available to you at nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships

CDU's Nhulunbuy campus offers TAFE, training, education and research opportunities while Flinders University's clinical education facility supports medical students and health professionals in the region.



THRIVE

Arts and Culture

There are several famous indigenous arts centres in East Arnhem, including the renowned Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre in Yirrkala, Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts, Milingimbi Art and Culture and Anindilyakwa Arts Gallery located on nearby Groote Eylandt.

The region offers various cultural tours led by local guides enabling visitors to immerse themselves in the regions rich cultural heritage.

There is more information [here](#) on facilities in the region.

Sports

The East Arnhem Sport and Recreation program delivers structured, physical and socially interactive sporting activities, events, competitions and games through the nine communities of East Arnhem Regional Council.

Learn more about the wide variety of sports on offer in region at nt.gov.au/leisure/sport

Events

Each August East Arnhem host the Garma Festival, a celebration of Yolŋu culture. Organised by the Yothu Yindi Foundation, the event offers an immersive cross-cultural experience for all involved.

Other events include:

- East Arnhem Live
- Yarrapay Festival
- Community markets
- Multiple fishing competitions facilitated by Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club
- Ivan Danks boat building day
- Many more across all of East Arnhem

Learn more about the events on offer in the region [here](#).

Dining

Set on the water's edge, the Gove Peninsula Surf Lifesaving Club offers a relaxing evening and night out. Visiting food stalls offer a family friendly dining experience to patrons.

Nhulunbuy also features its own pizzeria, bakery and number of cafes, offering a great spot to catch up with friends.

A short boat trip away, Banubanu's Seabreeze Restaurant is set in an elevated pavilion with stunning views of the blue waters of Western Cove. A local's favourite, the Waterfront Kitchen at the Gove Boat Club, provides visitors a delightful range of food options.

In the heart of Nhulunbuy, the Walkabout Tavern, features a sports bar, bistro, bottle shop, and a nightclub on weekends.

In nearby Yirrkala, the community store is conveniently located opposite the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, 18 kilometres south-east from Nhulunbuy.

The Gove Country Golf Club features a 9-hole golf course and Fairways restaurant and bar - all surrounded by the laid-back beauty of the region.

Shopping

In most communities and towns, you'll find local stores where you can shop for all the essential items you need. Nhulunbuy features a Woolworths, pharmacy, news agency, warehouse and fishing tackle shop for all the everyday necessities. The local industrial estate also provides a range of services including mechanics, panel repair, boat servicing, car hire, construction and trades.

The Yirrkala Community Store is a part-Yolŋu owned general store located in the Yirrkala community, a 15 minute drive from Nhulunbuy stocks fresh produce, grocery items, ice and bait, clothing, general hardware and a great selection for children.

In Gunyarrara, the Gopu Community Store, a Yolŋu managed general store, a 15 minute drive from Nhulunbuy offers groceries and locally produced artwork and jewellery, as well as hot lunches and great coffee.

Laynhapuy Homelands community stores operate in Gangan, Garrthalala, Wandawuy, and Baniyala/Yilpara while APLA operates remote community stores in Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Minjilang, Ramingining providing regular deliveries of fresh and healthy food and household products.

Local attractions

Nhulunbuy has more than over 30 clubs and associations with opportunities to get involved in sport, recreation and community activities for all ages.

There is a community library, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, playgrounds, a skate park, playgroup, art centres, golf, tennis courts and squash courts, toy library and two sporting ovals and indoor sporting facilities at local schools.

Other attractions include Garanhan (Macassan Beach), Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Arts Centre, Gove Boat Club, Wanuwuy (Cape Arnhem), Bawaka and Lonely Beach, Banambarrna (Rainbow Cliff), East

Arnhem Islands, Wathuwuy (Goanna Lagoon) and Gapuru (Memorial Park).

Local Services

Banking is available at the Westpac branch in Nhulunbuy along with a post office, library and Services Australia branch.

Community Amenities

Visit bushtel.nt.gov.au to gain an understanding of what is available in each of these regional communities:

- [Nhulunbuy \(https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/16222\)](https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/16222)
- [Milingimbi \(https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/531\)](https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/531)
- [Galiwin'ku \(https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/492\)](https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/492)
- [Ramingining \(https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/550\)](https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/550)
- [Gapuwiyak \(https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/500\)](https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/500)
- [Yirrkala \(https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/576\)](https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/576)
- [Gunyangara \(https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/514\)](https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/514)
- [Maningrida \(https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/362\)](https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/362)

MOVE





Housing and suburbs

Nhulunbuy offers a range of housing options. There is accommodation available to rent or buy through the private market. For information on available properties, contact the two real estate agents operating in Nhulunbuy:

- East Arnhem Real Estate (www.eare.com.au)
- Gove Real Estate (www.goverealestate.com)

Currently, acquiring housing can require some lead times due to high competition

Developing East Arnhem Limited (DEAL)

Developing East Arnhem Limited, or DEAL provides rental properties to support the establishment and expansion of businesses in Nhulunbuy.

More information about DEAL housing, including how to apply is available at [Developing East Arnhem](#)

Moving to East Arnhem Region

The move to East Arnhem can be assisted by a range of freight and logistics services, including barge freight and road freight. Providers servicing the region include [SeaSwift](#), [Northeast Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation Logistics \(NEAL\)](#), [DJC Build](#), [Schaper Concrete & Construction](#) and others.



Short-term and commercial accommodation

There are a range of short-term and commercial accommodation options available in the region. Visitor accommodation includes Walkabout Lodge, Banubanu, Buymarr Getaways, Bawaka, Yanawal Units and local Airbnb and short-stay properties.

Campground accommodation is available at Gove Boat Club Campground. Worker and commercial accommodation is also available, including Bunuwat Workers Camp, subject to availability.

