

**THE
TERRITORY**
EAST ARNHEM

**The East Arnhem
Region. A land alive
and inspiring.**





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Live

The place

Think rugged coastlines paired with remote island life. A region of beautiful beaches, amazing culture, relaxed lifestyle and invigorating wildlife trails.

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 4,000 people making it the sixth largest place in the Northern Territory of Australia.

Nhulunbuy was created in the late 1960s when a bauxite mine was established, utilising the natural deep water port, followed by an alumina refinery.

Throughout the region, there are more than 100 homelands = that are home to mostly Aboriginal people with populations ranging from 10 to 200 people. Yolngu are the traditional owners of East Arnhem Land and share a strong connection with the region.

There are a few small towns in the region, such as Nhulunbuy and Yirrkala, but most of the population lives in remote communities. The region is sparsely populated, with a total population of just over 14,000 people.

There are plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities such as fishing, camping, and bushwalking. The region is also home to some of the best Aboriginal art in the world.

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



Weather

Broadly speaking East Arnhem has 2 seasons - the dry and the wet, although Yolŋu culture articulates a more nuanced understanding of the weather cycles, where six seasons are observed.

During the dry season residents enjoy sunny, breezy days paired with blue skies. With average temps around 30° days and 20° nights. The humidity drops to a comfortable 60-65%, making it the perfect conditions for outdoor living.

The wet season generally commences around November and ends towards the end of April. Temperatures can reach mid-30° with the increase in humidity triggering refreshing monsoonal rains combined with spectacular thunder and lightning storms, followed by a drop in humidity and temperatures.

Transport

Gove Airport is situated about 15km from Nhulunbuy with a commercial airport and Airnorth operating daily flights to both Cairns and Darwin. The approximate time to Darwin is one hour and Cairns 1.5 hours.

The Central Arnhem Road connects Nhulunbuy with the Stuart Highway just south east of Katherine. This road is mostly unsealed and four-wheel drives are recommended. There is accessibility for approximately 10-11 months of the year.

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 [here](#).

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

The people

Nhulunbuy is a multicultural community made up primarily of Northern Territory Government staff and those employed in mines and tourism.

Aboriginal Territorians and some Northern Territory Government staff mostly live in the other main communities of Milingimbi in the Crocodile Islands, Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island, Ramingining on the edge of the Arafura Swamp, Gapuwiyak on the shores of Lake Evella, and Yirrkala and Gunyangara on the Gove Peninsula.

East Arnhem residents enjoy a relaxed lifestyle with access to a large range of recreational activities and facilities. Fishing and camping are favourite weekend activities for many people.

The [East Arnhem Regional Council](#) provide services to the Gove Peninsula communities.

Aboriginal language groups

The term “language group” is used often to describe different groups of Aboriginal people because they themselves identify by their language.

Major Aboriginal languages of the Northern Territory



Health Services and contact details

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

There are a range of medical clinics, dentists and chemists in 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	8am to 12pm 1pm to 4:30pm	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
Galiwin'ku (Elcho Island) Homelands	08 8970 5568		Marthakal Homelands Health Service
Gapuwiyak	08 8987 9150	9am to 5pm Emergencies 24/7	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 8939 1900	8:30am to 4:30pm	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
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/remote-health-services.





WORK

Opportunities

Major industries in the East Arnhem region include mining, tourism, agriculture, space travel, aquaculture and fishing. Mining has historically been the anchor industry to economic activity in the region, with the extraction of bauxite at the Rio Tinto and Gulkula mines on the Gove Peninsula. Traditional Aboriginal cultural experiences, Aboriginal art, and the remote and natural wilderness attract tourists to the region, stimulating economic activity and providing employment opportunities.

East Arnhem is the home of the Arnhem Space Centre a commercial launch facility being developed by Equatorial Launch Australia (ELA), near Nhulunbuy. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched a sounding rocket campaign from



the Arnhem Space Centre in 2022, and ELA is currently exploring opportunities for future commercial launch contracts.

For those wishing to relocate to the region there are often a range of employment opportunities available in Nhulunbuy and the East Arnhem region. To view job opportunities, visit the [Gove Jobs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/GOVEJOBS/) Facebook page at [facebook.com/groups/GOVEJOBS/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/GOVEJOBS/).

The Northern Territory Government is a significant employer in East Arnhem, you can search employment opportunities in government at jobs.nt.gov.au.

Northern Territory Government jobs

Sector	Website
Health	health.nt.gov.au/careers
Police	pfes.nt.gov.au/join-us
Teaching	education.nt.gov.au/education/careers-in-education
TourismNT	tourismnt.com.au/about-us/careers.aspx

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
Jobs in Australia's Northern Territory	jobs.theterritory.com.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
Australian Hotels Association (NT)	ahant.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

School term and holiday dates differ to other States with a longer mid-year break of 3 weeks.

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 theterritory.com.au/study.



School	Location	Contact
Gapuwiyak School	East Arnhem	(08) 8987 9122 Admin.gapuwcec@ntschoools.net
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
Laynhapuy Homelands School	Yirrkala	(08) 8987 1224 Ceo@laynhapuy.com.au
Yirrkala School	Yirrkala	(08) 8987 1988 admin.yirrkala@ntschoools.net
Baniyala Garrangali School	East Arnhem	(08) 8987 9114 Kirsten.morey@education.nt.gov.au
Alyangula Area School	Alyangula	(08) 8987 6366
Alyarrmandumanja Umbakumba School	Umbakumba	(08) 8987 6793
Angurugu School	Angurugu	(08) 8987 6355
Milyakburra School	Milyakburra	(08) 8987 6084
Milyakburra School	Milyakburra	(08) 8987 6084

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 Campus](#) offers TAFE programs and supports Katherine students studying higher Education and Research.



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.

There are a number of cultural tours with local indigenous guides to the local beaches.

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 (9) 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 Yolngu culture where the cross-cultural exchange is immersive for all that attend. Hosted by the Yothu Yindi Foundation.

Other events include:

- East Arnhem Live
- Community festivals
- Ladies fishing comp

Dining

The Gove Peninsula Surf Lifesaving Club was established in 1974 and offers a great dining experience. Gove also has its own pizzeria and Latitude 12 is a great place to catch up with friends for a drink.

There are also bakeries and mobile café's. Banubanu's Seabreeze Restaurant is an elevated Pavilion overlooking the blue waters of our Western Cove. While the Waterfront Kitchen located at the Gove Boat Club on the Gove Peninsula, a short 15 minute drive from Nhulunbuy offering visitors a lovely selection of food options.

The Walkabout Tavern situated in the centre of Nhulunbuy features a sports bar, bistro, bottle shop and is the home of Nhulunbuy's nightclub come the weekend.

The Yirrkala Community Store is located opposite the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre in the beautiful community of Yirrkala, 18 kilometres south-east from Nhulunbuy.

The Gove Country Golf Club, features a 9 hole golf course and Fairways restaurant and bar - all in one idyllic location.

Shopping

You can shop for all the essentials with most communities and towns including local stores. Nhulunbuy features a large Woolworths, pharmacy, newsagency, butcher and fishing tackle shop for all the everyday necessities.

The Gopu Community Store is a Yolngu managed general store located in the Gunyangara community, a 15 minute drive from Nhulunbuy stocking a range of locally produced artwork and jewellery items as well as groceries, fruit, hot lunches and great coffee!

Laynhapuy Homelands community stores operate in Gangan, Garrthalala, Wandawuy, and Baniyala/Yilpara providing regular deliveries of fresh and healthy food and household products.

ALPA operates remote community stores in Galinwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Minjilang, Ramingining.

Local attractions

In Nhulunbuy there are over 25 clubs and associations with multiple options for both adult and youth sports and recreation.

There is a large community library, an olympic sized swimming pool, multiple playgrounds, a skate park, play group, art centres, golf, toy library and two large sporting ovals.

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

Renting

Property type	Price per week
2 bedroom flat	\$380
3 bedroom house	\$530 to \$555
4 bedroom house	\$630 to \$705
5 bedroom house	\$850

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 www.developingeastarnhem.com.au/housing.

Estimated Moving Expenses to East Arnhem Region

The below graphic showing the average cost to move your personal possessions.

Place of origin	Estimate for moving service
Adelaide	\$7,000 - \$13,000
Brisbane	\$7,000 - \$13,000
Melbourne	\$7,000 - \$13,000
Perth	\$10,000 - \$15,000
Sydney	\$9,000 - \$14,400

For information on the real estate market in this area, check your favourite online real estate website for accommodation options, or visit realestate.com.au

