

UNITY PROFILE

GALIWIN'KU

NAME OF COMMUNITY:

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Outstations:

14, main population centres outside Galiwin'ku
 Rorruwuy, Gawa, Mapurru, Mata Mata,
 Mudhamul, other outstations with smaller
 populations, Garriyangurr, Nikawu, Nyekala,
 Wunbirri, Yirringa, Dhudupu, Galawarra,
 Mallarramii

Name or number of clan/groups:

16

Languages spoken:

Djambarrpuynghu as the main version of Yolngu
 Matha

Population:

1800

- Community -
- Outstations -

1600
 200 but fluctuates depending on season and
 traditional obligations

Permit required:

Yes

Name of the local governing body:

Galiwin'ku Community Inc.

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY:

Established by Methodist missionaries during
 WWII. The Methodists had an existing mission at
 Millingimbi prior to the war, but the war forced
 evacuation of people to Galiwin'ku.
 Reference book Galiwin'ku by Beth Thorn and
 Alex Barlow

ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:

Road:

N/A- Island community

Boat/barge:

- Name of company
- Cost
- Frequency

2 companies- Perkins Shipping and Gulf Freight
 run barges from Darwin to Elcho Island.
 Leave Darwin on a Thursday night, arrive Tues
 pm or Wed am. Weekly barge delivery.
 Perishables can be transported. Average weekly
 shop of about 8 boxes costs around \$40. Bulk
 bush orders from Woolworths Darwin available

- Frequency
- RFDS/Airmed access

Air North to Darwin, 2 flights daily on Mon Wed Fri and Sunday, 1 flight daily on Tues, Thurs and Sat. These timetables sometimes change during the wet season with a decrease in flights available (still at least one daily). Full fare \$520 return MissionariesqAviation Fellowship flies to Nhulunbuy daily with 2 flights sometimes on a Sunday. Return fare \$210

Airmed access . evacuations to Nhulunbuy or Darwin depending on severity of condition. Strip is sealed day/night strip. In bad weather during the wet season Air Med may not be able to land at night.

TYPES OF FUEL AVAILABLE:

- Diesel, leaded, unleaded, gas: Diesel and Avgas only
- Conditions of availability: Through the workshop via a prepaid card system allowing 24 hr access
- Any mechanics available locally: Yes at workshop

ALCOHOL:

- Conditions/restrictions on sale of alcohol/bringing alcohol into community: Dry community with no permit system in place

SHOPS:

- Shop(s) available: Aboriginal Land Progressive Assoc runs general store with take away attached
- Hours of opening: 9-5 Mon to Fri , 9-12 Sat
- What is for sale (general overview): Basic groceries/ hardware/ clothing
- Fresh fruit/veg/milk/meat available: Limited fresh fruit and veg, sometimes fresh milk, frozen meat

COMMUNICATIONS: Clinic/Home

- Phone access? Yes
- Is there Internet/e-mail access? Both , no constraints
- Any constraints on use?

No, talk of one coming, but nothing definite as yet

LOCAL INDUSTRY/EMPLOYMENT:

- Is there a local industry? Art, Music- home of the Saltwater Band
- List any employment options for spouses of GPs: Council, school, shop

SCHOOL:

What schooling options are available locally?

- Primary K-7, classes given in English but with an ESL model, if numbers great enough school may cater for English only class. Otherwise parents can look at School of the Air either supplementation or full time - requires parental tuition.
- Secondary and for what years of secondary school NT open Learning Centre via correspondence, requires supervision at home

RECREATION/SPORTING:

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?

Fishing, AFL, basketball, volleyball sometimes, more sporting activities for children as opposed to adults

MEDICAL:

- Health Service operated by: Ngalkanbuy Health Service . independent health service
- GP employed by: As above
- Hours of operation/on-call: 7.6 hr day, 8.15 . 4.45 with hour off for lunch, health worker always 1st on call with 1:4 rotation between Dr and RNs for 2nd on call back up

Staffing at the clinic:

- number of GP's: 1
- number of RN's: 3
- number of Health Workers: Varies but usually 6 at any given time

Physician , gynaecologist, surgeon, dentist, paediatrician, psychiatrist
All come roughly 3 monthly. For eye, orthopaedic etc referral appointments can be made for Nhulunbuy visits

- frequency and duration of visits

GP ACCOMMODATION

- Type of housing available: 3 bedroom
- Furnished . yes, no, partially: Fully
- Are whitegoods supplied, if yes, what: Fridge freezer microwave
- Other facilities supplied [eg. TV,radio]: TV no video
- Linen & bedding No
- Electricity User pays via pre paid power card
- Water Good quality bore water
- Laundry facilities Washing machine and drier provided
- Telephone/fax/ email/internet Phone yes, socket for PC Internet access but need to bring own PC
- Air-conditioning Yes

RELIGION

Church services available in the community: Uniting church service- Sundays

OTHER THINGS FOR THE INCOMING GP AND FAMILY TO CONSIDER:

- Ask the GP & the clinic staff of any dominant local health & social issues to be aware of.
- On arrival in the community, ask an appropriate person to advise you of locations to avoid [eg sacred sites].