

# Community Profile

## Galiwin'ku

### 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

### GENERAL:

Name[s] of community:

**GALIWIN'KU/ELCHO ISLAND**

Number of Outstations:

14, main population centers 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:

Djambarrpuyngu as the main version of Yolgnu Matha

Population:

1800

- Community
- Outstations

1600  
200 but fluctuates depending on season and traditional obligations

Permit requirements:

Yes

Council/Local Association[s]:

Galiwin'ku Community Inc

### ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:

**Road:**

N/A- Island community

**Boat/barge:**

Perkins Shipping runs a barge from Darwin to Elcho Island Ph: (08) 8982 2035. 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 Casuarina Darwin available Ph: (08) 8945 9222.

**Plane:**

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. Armed 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:
- Conditions of availability:
- Any mechanics available locally:

Diesel and Avgas only

Through the workshop via a prepaid card system allowing 24 hr access

Yes at workshop

### ALCOHOL:

- Conditions/restrictions on sale of alcohol/bringing alcohol into community:

Dry community with no permit system in place

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### 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/email access? Both, no constraints  
Any constraints on use?
- Is there a satellite dish? If so, who can access. No, possibility of one being installed soon

### 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

### POLICE:

There is a police station in the community

### 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
- If the school is bilingual, can non-indigenous students attend? No information available

### RECREATION/SPORTING:

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there? Fishing, AFL, basketball, volleyball sometimes, more sporting activities for children as opposed to adults

### RELIGION

Church services available in the community:

Uniting church service- Sundays

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### MEDICAL:

- Health Service operated by: Ngalkanbuy Health Service – independent health service
- GP employed by: Ngalkanbuy Health Service – independent health service
- Hours of operation/on-call: 7.6 hr day, 8.30 – 4.30 pm with an hour off for lunch, health worker always 1<sup>st</sup> on call with 1:4 rotation between Dr and RNs for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Visiting health professionals: Physician, gynecologist, surgeon, dentist, paediatrician, psychiatrist. All come roughly 3 monthly. For eye, orthopedic etc referral appointments can be made for Nhulunbuy visits

- type of service (e.g. dental)
- frequency and duration of visits:

### GP ACCOMMODATION

Type of housing available: 3 Bedroom

- Furnished: Fully Furnished
- Are white goods supplied, if yes, what: Fridge, Freezer, microwave
- Other facilities supplied [e.g. TV, radio]: TV, no video
- Linen & bedding Yes
- Electricity User pays via pre-paid power card
- Water Good quality Bore water
- Laundry facilities Washing machine and dryer provided
- Telephone/fax/email/Internet Yes but no computer provided
- Air-conditioning Yes

### 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 [e.g. sa sites].

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