

COMMUNITY PROFILES MANINGRIDA

NAME OF COMMUNITY:	MANINGRIDA
Outstations:	34 officially although clinic makes visits to only 13
Name or number of clan/groups:	11 language groups
Languages spoken:	4-5 major local languages, most adults speak at least some English.
Population:	2600
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community• Outstations	Virtually all 2600 of population in Maningrida itself over the wet season (Dec – April). Throughout the dry season up to half the community may reside on surrounding homelands / outstations
Permit required:	Yes
Name of the local governing body:	Maningrida Community Government Council is the governing body for the township itself whilst Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation (B.A.C) governs the outstations.
HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY:	Suggested reading "End of Dreaming". Maningrida was established as a trading post in the 1950s. At that time Aboriginal people were trading in crocodile skins and buffalo. To prevent Aboriginal people coming to Darwin to trade Maningrida was settled as a trading centre for Arnhem Land. The Drysdale family settled at Maningrida in 1956 on the land traditionally owned by the Gunavidgi people. Maningrida also housed a leprosarium through the 1960s.
ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:	380 km NE of Darwin
Road: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All year access?• Bitumen, dirt, 4WD or 2WD	Via the Border Store and Oenpelli. Sealed road to the Border store then dirt (250 Kms). River crossings make driving possible only during the dry season. Even then river crossing depth can vary and a 4WD with snorkel is advised. Trip to Darwin takes about 6-8 hrs. Months when the road is open vary, depending on the extent of the wet season, but road is usually open from about June to November
Boat/barge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of company• Frequency• Cost	Yes Perkins Shipping 2 deliveries per week. Depends on volume, minimum cost \$43

Plane:

- Name of airline(s)
- Cost per adult
- Frequency
- RFDS/AMS access

Air North runs 2 flights to Darwin from Mon-Fri and 1 flight on Saturday and Sunday. Scaled charging system with advance bookings cheaper, full fare return Darwin \$600, 3 week advance booking about \$320 return. Airstrip is sealed, night and day strip on which AMS can almost always land

TYPES OF FUEL AVAILABLE:

- Diesel, OPAL,
- Conditions of availability:
- Any mechanics available locally:

No petrol sold. OPAL used for petrol cars. Diesel available.
Fuel cards widely available in community. Can also have a private account with one of the fuel outlets if you wish.
Yes both councils have mechanics employed who will service private vehicles.

WEBSITES:

- This is Maningrida Councils website
- This website was developed to be used as a resource for maternity service providers working in remote Aboriginal communities. The contents are mainly 'Women's Business' and some sections should not be read by men.

www.maningrida.nt.gov.au

<http://www.maningrida.com/mac/bwc/introduction.html>

ALCOHOL:

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

Essentially dry community with legal import of 2 cartons of beer or 12 bottles wine per fortnight via a permit system. (after 3 month qualifying period)

SHOPS:

- Shop(s) available:
- Hours of opening:
- What is for sale (general overview):
- Fresh fruit/veg/milk/meat available:

2 supermarkets, 3 takeaway outlets, 2 fuel stations (one with small shop), 1 kiosk

9-5 weekdays with late night shopping (until 8) on Thursdays. 9-12 on Saturdays

Reasonable range of supermarket items, limited range of hardware, electrical, clothing. Takeaway food
Fresh bread 3 days/week, frozen meat, fairly good range of fresh fruit and vegetables
Barge orders from supermarkets in Darwin – full range of supermarket items including cooler and freezer items can be ordered from Darwin

COMMUNICATIONS: Clinic/Home

- Phone & dial up internet at home? Yes
- Is there Internet/e-mail access? Any constraints on use? PC with internet and email in both doctor's offices at the Health Centre.
- Is there a satellite dish? If so, who can access it Satellite broadband at Health Centre – available for staff

LOCAL INDUSTRY/EMPLOYMENT:

- Is there a local industry? Art/craft centre, bark paintings and weaving, fishing tourism, rangers, nursery, mud brick and construction. Municipal services
- List any employment options for spouses of GPs: School, council, stores, tourism, health

SCHOOL:

What schooling options are available locally?

- Primary ESL model which moves in and out of running as bilingual. School good standard for primary school ages and an advanced stream with English only model is in place within primary school
- Secondary and for what years of secondary school Secondary schooling to year 12. Open learning via correspondence with no supervision available, requires parental supervision
- If the school is bilingual, can non-indigenous students attend? Yes, welcome

RECREATION/SPORTING:

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?

Fishing, camping, AFL, Basketball, Volleyball, swimming pool, bush walking, natural environment appreciation

MEDICAL:

- Health Service operated by: DHCS (Northern Territory Government)
- GP employed by: Malabam Health Board Aboriginal Corporation
- Hours of operation/on-call: 8-5 week days, 2nd on call to Health workers and RNs. Roster for 2nd on call shared with other GP

Staffing at the clinic:

- Number of GP's: 2 (1 FTE and 1 3days/fortnight)
- Number of RN's: 8
- Number of Aboriginal Health Workers: 3 but variable

Visiting health professionals

- type of service (eg dental)
 - frequency and duration of visits
- Surgeon 6 weekly, physician 4-6 weekly, paediatrician monthly, dental team monthly, obs gynae 3 monthly, ophthalmology 6 monthly, ENT 6 monthly, mental health monthly, occupational therapy monthly

GP ACCOMMODATION

- Type of housing available: 2 houses both 3 bedrooms. Garden areas
Locum housing varies depending if incumbent doctor is away from town for holidays and is happy to give house up. Locums may be housed at health flats.
- Furnished – yes, no, partially: Yes
- Are whitegoods supplied, if yes, what: Fridge, freezer, microwave, dishwasher
- Other facilities supplied [eg. TV,radio]: TV, DVD, Radio/CD
- Linen & bedding Supplied for locum, otherwise BYO
- Electricity Paid by employer
- Water Good quality bore, paid by employer
- Laundry facilities Washing machine and drier supplied
- Telephone/fax/ email/internet Bring own PC and fax but connections present at home. 2 phone lines in both houses but no broadband. Phone cost covered by employer, except for international calls. Mobile coverage available – CDMA or Next G
- Air-conditioning In all rooms
- Motor Vehicle Fully maintained 4WD twin cab utility available for private and work use

RELIGION

Church services available in the community: Uniting church with services held in language.

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].