

COMMUNITY PROFILE

OENPELLI (Gunbalanya)

NAME[S] OF COMMUNITY:	OENPELLI / KUNBARLLANJA / GUNBALANYA / GUNBARLLANJA
Outstations:	8
Name or number of clan/groups:	40+ (12 bigger groups)
Languages Spoken:	Kunwinjku (main one); English (2 nd or 3 rd language)
Population:	1500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community -• Outstations -	1000 400-500
Permit required:	Yes
Name of the local governing body:	Kunbarllanja Community Council

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY: Traditional homelands of the Bininj people. Oenpelli was formed on the trading route of buffalo and crocodile skins out of Arnhem Land. Attempts at station farming in the area failed due to difficulties with the tracking of cattle over the escarpment country. A meatworks was established at Oenpelli which still operates today.

ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:	320kms east of Darwin
Road:	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All year access?• Bitumen, dirt, 4WD or 2WD	No – limited/closed during Wet Bitumen and dirt; 4WD and 2WD, depending on the time of year
Boat/barge:	N/A
Plane:	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of airline(s)• Cost• Frequency• RFDS/Airmed access	Gunbalanya Air; other charter companies Approx. \$1100.00 for a return flight to Darwin Charters are booked on demand Yes, all year [bitumen, lights]

TYPES OF FUEL AVAILABLE:

- Diesel, leaded, unleaded, gas: Diesel & unleaded
- Conditions of availability: N/a
- Any mechanics available locally: Yes

ALCOHOL:

- Conditions/restrictions on sale of alcohol/bringing alcohol into community: Dry community; residents can apply for a liquor permit.

SHOPS:

- Shop(s) available: General store (prices are high)
- Hours of opening: 8am-5pm 6 day a week and Sunday morning
- What is for sale (general overview): Groceries
- Fresh fruit/veg/milk/meat available: Limited

COMMUNICATIONS: Clinic/Home

- Phone access? Yes
- Is there internet/email access? Email but it is slow
Any constraints on use?
- Is there a satellite dish? If so, who can access. No

LOCAL INDUSTRY/EMPLOYMENT:

- Is there a local industry? Arts/Crafts
<http://www.injalak.com/>
- List any employment options for spouses of GPs: Limited: school, administrative work at council

POLICE:

The district has two police officers and one Aboriginal Community Police Officer who patrol the communities of Warruwi, Murgenella and Nabarlek along with 16 outstations, including

Goulburn and Croker Islands in the Gurig National Park.

Police carry out other general duties and enforce regional liquor restrictions. Gunbalanya is an Alcohol Restricted Zone under the Liquor Act

<http://www.nt.gov.au/pfes/index.cfm?fuseaction=page&p=46&m=22&sm=48&crumb=33>

SCHOOL:

What schooling options are available locally?

<http://www.directory.deet.nt.gov.au/SchoolProfile.aspx?name=Gunbalanya%20School>

- Primary
- Secondary and for what years of secondary school

Yes; also School of the Air. Primary school teaches on an ESL model [i.e. teaches in English while assuming English is a second language] Have age classes [eg 12 – 16 yr]; studies can be supplemented by resources from NT Open Education Centre [NTOEC]

RECREATION/SPORTING:

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?

Fishing, hunting, swimming pool, basketball, AFL

MEDICAL:

- Health Service operated by:
- GP employed by:
- Hours of operation/on-call:

DHF
Kakadu Health Service
8am - 5pm Mon-Fri (On call roster)

Staffing at the clinic:

10

- number of GP's:
- number of RN's:
- number of Health Workers:

1
4
5

Visiting health professionals:

- type of service (eg dental)
- frequency and duration of visits

Yes
Dentist, Paediatrician, Psychiatry, STD, Chronic Diseases, Ophthalmology; Physiotherapy
Once a fortnight or monthly or as needed by referral

GP ACCOMMODATION

- Type of housing available:
- Furnished – yes, no, partially:

5 BDR elevated (Lot 395, Gunbalanya)
Yes

- Are whitegoods supplied, if yes, what: Yes
- Other facilities supplied [eg. TV,radio]: Yes
- Linen & bedding Yes
- Electricity Yes
- Water Yes
- Laundry facilities Yes
- Telephone/fax/ email/internet Yes
- Air-conditioning Yes

RELIGION

Church services available in the community: Anglican: service and bible study groups conducted 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].