

Umbakumba Business Directory

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1 About Umbakumba

The Umbakumba community started in 1938 as a base for trepanging and as a service point for Qantas flying boats. During World War II it was a service point for the Royal Australian Air force flying boat base. After the war, the church missionary society ran Umbakumba as a mission until 1966, when it was taken over by the Australian Government. The island economy changed dramatically when manganese was discovered near Angurugu. In 1964 the Groote Eylandt Mining Company was granted leases on the island, and the first shipments of manganese ore left in 1966. Groote Eylandt now produces over three million tonnes of manganese ore each year.

Anindilyakwa is the language of the communities of Groote Eylandt. Umbakumba also has a number of Yolŋu Matha speakers.

1.1 Population

In the 2016 Census, there were 503 people in Umbakumba (State Suburbs) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 95.6% of the population. The median age of people in Umbakumba (State Suburbs) was 25 years.

1.2 Power and Water

Electricity is supplied by a diesel generator. Chlorinated and fluoridated town water is supplied by bore, and waste water is treated in sewerage ponds on the outskirts of town.

1.3 ICT Information

- Telephone services, land lines, mobile coverage and a public phone located rear of Regional Council office.
- NBN Satellite Internet Services – Telstra
- No Mobile Phone Coverage
- Television is via VAST satellite service only.

1.4 Access

Fuel is not available in Umbakumba.

1.4.1 Air

Groote Eylandt airport, located 1km from Angurugu, is the main air access point for the island. Owned and maintained by GEMCO, the airstrip is sealed and there are flights to and from Nhulunbuy/Darwin most days by Air North. There are also weekly flights to and from Cairns.

Charter flights can also be arranged direct to Umbakumba which has a dirt airstrip that can accommodate twin engine light aircraft.



1.4.2 Road

Umbakumba is approximately 50km east of Angurugu on Groote Eylandt, located 650km east of Darwin and 50km off the Arnhem Land coast in the Gulf of Carpentaria. A 50km drive west links Angurugu to Umbakumba. The sealed road is open to all vehicles. In times of significant flooding road access may be cut at a road crossing not far from Angurugu.

1.4.3 Sea

There is a freight barge service from Darwin to Alyangula twice a week.

1.5 Local Government

The East Arnhem Regional Council, Anindilyakwa Ward provides local government services in Umbakumba. Its headquarters is located in Nhulunbuy, with a Service Delivery Centre located in Umbakumba.

1.6 Land Tenure

Umbakumba is part of the Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Land Trust, which is Aboriginal Land under the NT Land Rights Act (NT) 1976. In December 2008 the Anindilyakwa Land Trust, representing the Traditional Owners of Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island, entered into a Whole of Township Lease with the Executive Director Township Leasing over the communities of Angurugu, Umbakumba and Milyakburra. The term of the head lease is for an initial term of 40 years with an option exercisable by the Executive Director for a further 40 years.

2 Acronyms

ALC- Anindilyakwa Land Council
 ATM - Automatic Teller Machine
 EARC – East Arnhem Regional Council
 GEMCO- Groote Eylandt Mining Company (BHP Billiton)
 GCC – GEBIE Civil and Construction Pty Ltd
 GEBIE - Groote Eylandt Bickerton Island Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation
 GEMYDU - Groote Eylandt and Milyakburra Youth Development
 ICT- Information and Communication Technology
 PO- Post Office
 NT - Northern Territory
 PMB- Private Mail Bag
 CDP - Community Development Programme

3 Accommodation

Apart from limited accommodation for government purposes there is no accommodation available in Umbakumba. The closest accommodation house, Groote Eylandt Lodge, is located 65kms west of Umbakumba situated in Alyangula. Owned by Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises, managed by Metro Hotels.

Address: 1 Bougainvillea Drive, Alyangula NT 0885
 Postal Address: PO Box, Alyangula NT 0885
 Phone: 1800 877 077
 Email: reservations@grooteeylandtlodge.com.au
 Key Contact: Manager

4 Arts and culture

There is an Art Gallery in Alyangula and a Culture, Arts and Training Centre Hub in Angurugu.

4.1 Art Gallery

Managed by the Anindilyakwa Land Council

Address: 1 Bougainvillea Drive, Alyangula NT 0885
Postal Address: PO Box 166, Alyangula NT 0885
Phone: 08 8987 6667
Email: arts@alcnt.com.au
Key Contact: Director

4.2 Culture, Arts & Training Centre Hub

Managed by the Anindilyakwa Land Council

Address: Lot 347, Angurugu NT 0882
Postal Address: PO Box 166, Alyangula NT 0885
Phone: 08 8987 6667
Email: arts@alcnt.com.au
Key Contact: Director

5 Banking

5.1 ATM

There is no bank in Umbakumba. ATM facilities are available at the Umbakumba Store and Mini Mart.

5.2 ANZ Bank

The nearest bank is the ANZ Bank in the Alyangula Arcade 65kms away. Full banking services are provided.

Address: 1-9 Bougainvillea Drive, The Arcade, Alyangula NT 0885
Postal Address: PO Box 12, Alyangula NT 0885
Phone: 08 8934 1100
Email: Brooke.roche@anz.com
Website: <http://www.anz.com>
Key Contact: Manager – Brooke Roche

6 Community services

6.1 Anglicare NT – Money Matters East Arnhem

Money Matters East Arnhem provides a free, non-judgmental service to individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties. A Financial Councillor services Umbakumba.

Address: Nhulunbuy Office, Lot 6, 93 Chesterfield Circuit
Nhulunbuy NT

Postal Address: PO Box 179, Nhulunbuy NT 0881

Phone: 08 8939 3400

Email: adminnhulunbuy@anglicare-nt.org.au

Website: anglicare-nt.org.au

Key Contact: Financial Councillor

6.2 Australia Post Office

The Post Office is located in the Umbakumba CDP Office where mail is sorted and can be collected. It is open from Monday – Thursday from 0900 – 1630 (closed during lunch from 1200 – 1300) and Friday from 0900-1200. Full postal facilities are available in Alyangula Township.

Address: Lot 229, CDP Office, Umbakumba NT 0822

Postal Address: PO Box 669, Alyangula NT 0822

Phone: 08 8987 7006

Email: Fogradysmith@gebie.com.au

Key Contact: General Manager CDP

6.3 Department of Human Services

Agent Services provide a free face-to-face service to the community, information products and forms, access to a telephone, internet-enabled computer and printer for government business and Medicare claiming facilities.

Address: Lot 229 Mamarika Street, CDP Office, Umbakumba NT 0822

Postal Address: Reply Paid 7800, Canberra BC ACT 2610

Phone: Customer contact number 1800 136 380

Phone: Remote Service Support Manager 08 8965 2401

Key Contact: Remote Service Support Manager

6.4 East Arnhem Regional Council

The Council provides a range of traditional local government services including local infrastructure, local environmental health, administration of local laws, commercial and agency services as well as wide range of community programs. The Council also operates the sports and recreation centre and the aged care centre.

Address: Lot 229, Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 2 Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Phone: 08 8987 7024
 Email: Yanja.thompson@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au
 Website: eastarnhem.nt.gov.au
 Key Contact: Council Services Manager – Yanja Thompson

6.5 Police Fire and Emergency Services

The Alyangula Police Fire and Emergency Services undertake law enforcement in Umbakumba, including counter disaster control, motor vehicle accidents and traffic related matters. Motor vehicle registration, licencing and inspections, and firearms permit services.

Address: Corner Ayawarra Cres and Taylor St, Alyangula NT 0885
 Postal Address: PO Box 397 Alyangula NT 0885
 Phone: 08 8987 6122 or 000 in emergencies
 Email: Tanya.woodcock@pfes.nt.gov.au
 Website: <http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au>
 Key Contact: Senior Sergeant – Tanya Woodcock

6.6 Power and Water Authority

Power and Water contracts and trains local Essential Services Operators to run these services day-to-day.

General Enquiries: 1800 245 092
 Emergencies: 1800 245 090
 Email Power: remotedarwinassets@powerwater.com.au
 Website: <http://www.powerwater.com.au>

6.7 Umbakumba Community Library

Umbakumba Community Library is a Public library. The collection of the library contains 2000 volumes.

Address: Council Offices, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 2 Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Phone: 08 8987 6783
 Email: Umbakumba.library@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au
 Website: <http://www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au>

7 Construction and trade

7.1 Aminjarrinja Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation

Aminjarrinja Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation performs all aspect of construction from mining to territory housing, through to development and construction of medical centres and schools.

Address: Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Postal Address: PO Box 228, Alyangula NT 0855
 Phone: 08 8987 6385
 Email: aminjarrinja@y7mail.com
 Website: www.aminjarrinja.com
 Key Contact: CEO – Keith Hansen

8 Education and training

8.1 Umbakumba School

Umbakumba School offers education from early years to senior years. The school focuses on the priorities of attendance, student achievement in numeracy, literacy and pathways to employment, as well as community engagement and participation.

Address: Lot 350, Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Postal Address: PO Box 698, Alyangula, NT 0885
 Phone: 08 8987 6793
 Email: Admin.umbakumba@ntschoools.net
 Website: directory.ntschoools.net
 Key Contact: Principal

9 Employment and training

9.1 GEBIE CDP and RSAS

GEBIE Community Development Program (CDP) delivers the Community Development Program (CDP) in Umbakumba. CDP priorities are to help remote employees meet their workforce needs by training and supporting people in remote communities.

Address: Lot 229, CDP Office, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Postal Address: PO Box 669, Alyangula NT 0885
 Phone: 08 8987 7006
 Email: Fogrady-smith@gebie.com.au
 Key Contact: General Manager CDP and RSAS

10 Food

10.1 Miyabama Store

The Miyabama Store is a supermarket and takeaway food outlet. The store carries a variety of food items and other groceries.

Address: Lot 355, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Postal Address: CMB Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Phone: 08 8987 6503 or 0429 566 284
 Email: Aminjarrinja@y7mail.com
 Key Contact: Manager

10.2 Mikbamurra Store

The Mikbamurra Store is a supermarket and takeaway food outlet. The store carries a variety of food items, clothing and furniture and white goods.

Address: Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Postal Address: CMB Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Phone: 08 8987 6792
 Email: mikbamurra@alpa.asn.au
 Key Contact: Manager

11 Healthcare

11.1 Groote Eylandt Health Store

Based in Alyangula this business is essentially a chemist and can order prescription medicines.

Address: Shop 2, Alyangula Arcade, Bougainvillea Drive, Alyangula, NT 0885
 Postal Address: PO Box 347, Alyangula, NT 0885
 Phone: 08 8987 6283

11.2 Umbakumba Aged Care

Umbakumba Aged Care provides aged and disability services to the Umbakumba Community.

Address: Lot 229, Mamarika Street, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 2 Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822
 Phone: 08 8987 7123
 Email: Doreen.Howes@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au
 Key Contact: Manager

11.3 Umbakumba Health Centre

Umbakumba Health Centre operates as a drop in centre, providing primary health services, a visiting specialist program, men's health clinic, child health services, antenatal care and a women's clinic. Opening hours are between 0900-1600 hours, with an after-hours emergency service available as well.

Address: Lot 177, Umbakumba Community,
Umbakumba NT 0822

Postal Address: PO Box 347 Alyangula NT 0885

Phone: 08 8987 6772

Email: umbakumba.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au

Key Contact: Clinic Manager

12 Retail - fuel

Warning - there is no fuel available in Umbakumba. The closest fuel source is located at the Yimilyumanja Community Store in Angurugu, 65kms west of Umbakumba.

Address: Lot 372 to 373 Angurugu NT 0885

Postal Address: PO Box 1953 Berrimah, NT 0828

Phone: 08 8987 6673

Email: info@outbackstores.com.au

Website: <http://www.outbackstores.com.au>

Key Contact: Manager

13 Retail - shops

13.1 Miyabama Store

The Miyabama Store is a supermarket and takeaway food outlet. The store carries a variety of food items and other groceries.

Address: Lot 355, Umbakumba NT 0822

Postal Address: CMB Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822

Phone: 08 8987 6503 or 0429 566 284

Email: Aminjarrinja@y7mail.com

Key Contact: Manager

13.2 Mikbamurra Store

The Mikbamurra Store is a supermarket and takeaway food outlet owned by the Mikbamurra Aboriginal Corporation. The store carries a variety of food items, clothing and furniture and white goods.

Address: Lot 199, Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822

Postal Address: CMB Umbakumba Community, Umbakumba NT 0822

Phone: 08 8987 6792

Email: mikbamurra@alpa.asn.au

Key Contact: Manager

14 Transport and automotive

There is a community bus service between Umbakumba, Angurugu and Alyangula. Ferry and barge services are in Alyangula. Air services including charter planes are based at the Alyangula Airport. The closest automotive businesses are, Groote Eylandt Car Rentals and Groote Eylandt Automotive and Marine both located at Alyangula.

14.1 Barge Service

14.1.1 Sea Swift (NT) Pty Ltd

Sea Swift proudly provides end to end logistics for all of your freight requirements. Having 30 years' experience in the industry, we understand the essential nature of your needs and are working hard to keep Ramingining connected to your suppliers. Call us today to book your next freight service.

Address: Sea Swift Depot, Groote Eylandt Wharf
 Postal Address: GPO Box 3367, Darwin NT 0801
 Phone: 08 8935 2400
 Email: sales@seaswift.com.au
 Website: seaswift.com.au
 Key Contact: Key Account Managers, Mick Taylor & Fiona Goulding

14.2 Ferry Service

14.2.1 SeaLink Northern Territory

Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust and Anindilyakwa Land Council jointly fund the ferry service which is operated by SeaLink NT. The ferry provides safe and regular transport between Bickerton Island, Groote Eylandt and Numbulwar.

For further details and current timetables visit: <https://www.sealinknt.com.au/ferry/ferry-timetables/groote-eylandt-bickerton-island-timetable>

Bookings can be made online, by phoning SeaLink NT or purchasing tickets on board the vessel.

Postal Address: PO Box 3014, Darwin NT 0801
 Phone: 1300 130 679 bookings
 Email: www.sealinknt.com.au bookings
 Key Contact: Business Manager, Angela Panagopoulos

Air Services

14.2.2 Air Frontier

Air Frontier is a locally owned company operating in the Territory since the early 1090's. Air Frontier provides air charter services to Government, businesses and private charters augmented by evacuation and medivac flights, scenic flights, aerial surveillance, film and photography, freight and other specialty flying. Air Frontier's professional staff and well maintained aircraft provide a network of single and twin engine aircraft, all weather, 24/7 charters across the NT to provide the best service for its customers ever changing requirements. Safety and Service is our number 1 priority.

Address: Base at Groote Eylandt Airport
 Postal Address: PO Box 1777, Coolalinga NT 0839
 Phone: 0437 717 777
 Email: gove@airfrontier.com.au & admin@airfrontier.com.au
 Key Contact: Operations

14.2.3 Air North

Discover your connections with Airnorth, Australia's second-longest running airline.

Airnorth carries out 13 services from Darwin to Groote Eylandt weekly.

Alternatively, you can fly from Groote Eylandt to Gove three times a week, and from Darwin to Gove 13 times weekly. Book today by calling reservations

Address: Base at Groote Eylandt Airport
 Phone: Reservations 1800 627 474
 Email: @airnorth.com.au
 Website: Airnorth.com.au

14.2.4 Arafura Aviation

Providing air charter services in Groote Eylandt

Address: Alyangula Airport
 Postal Address: GPO Box 498, Darwin NT 0801
 Phone: 08 8945 2934 or 0488 139 120
 Email: bookings@arafuraaviation.com.au
 Website: www.arafuraaviation.com.au

14.2.5 Black Diamond Aviation

Black Diamond Aviation operates across East Arnhem Land and the Northern Territory.

Specialising in multi-engine passenger charter, our fleet incorporates the latest aviation technology including: GNSS satellite navigation, instrumentation to conduct all weather approaches, ADS-B and weather radar – all required to meet strict Government contracts. Our services include: Private, Corporate, Business and Government Charter, Medivac flights using a stretcher configuration, Scenic flights, and Passenger and Freight configurations. Our twin-engine aircraft, all with 5 passenger seats, enables a year round all weather-24/7 capability, enabling our pilots to meet strict deadlines and making us the number one choice for business and personal commitments.

Address: Black Diamond Aviation Terminal, Gove Airport, Nhulunbuy NT
 Postal Address: PO Box 1508, Nhulunbuy NT 0881
 Phone: 0413 443 544
 Email: operations@blackdiamondaviation.com.au
 Website: blackdiamondaviation.com.au

14.2.6 Katherine Aviation

Katherine Aviation is a Northern Territory owned and experienced charter flight operator, providing reliable and flexible flight services throughout Australia's vast outback region. The company's charter service is regularly called on by government agencies and private companies who entrust Katherine Aviation's professional staff and well-maintained aircraft to extensive patient travel, medivac flights, power and water service maintenance and Indigenous community clinics transport.

Address: Base at Groote Eylandt Airport
 Postal Address: PO Box, Katherine NT
 Phone: 08 8971 1277 or 0427 120 893
 Email: operations@katherineaviation.com.au
 Key Contact: Operations

14.3 Automotive

14.3.1 Groote Eylandt Automotive and Marine

Address: 9 Ayawurra Crescent, Alyangula NT 0885
 Postal Address: PO Box 222, Alyangula NT 0885
 Phone: 08 8987 6544
 Email: eylandt.automotive@bigpond.com
 Key Contact: Manager – Alan McVicar

14.3.2 Groote Eylandt Car Rentals

Address: 144 Holland Drive, Alyangula NT 0885
 Postal Address: PO Box 640, Alyangula NT 0885
 Phone: 08 9887 6438
 After Hours: 0413 366 149
 Email: bookings@grootecars.com.au
 Key Contact: Manager – Bruce Marshall

15 Acknowledgements

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16 Change of details

If you would like to update your listing in this business directory please contact the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation on 1800 256 923 or email businessinfo@nt.gov.au to request a change of details form.

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