

Gunbalanya Business Directory

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1 About Gunbalanya

Gunbalanya, also known as Oenpelli, is situated about 60kms north east of Jabiru, across the East Alligator River in Arnhem Land.

The area around Gunbalanya is known as Stone Country, a name inspired by the spectacular Arnhem Land escarpment and rock formations that emerge from the floodplains surrounding the town.

The township of Gunbalanya was first settled by the pioneering Paddy Cahill, who established a farm in the region in the early 1900s. A mission was later established in the 1920s. The main language spoken in Gunbalanya is Kunwinjku.

1.1 Population

In the 2016 Census, there were 1,116 people in Gunbalanya (State Suburbs) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 88.6% of the population. The median age of people in Gunbalanya (State Suburbs) was 28 years.

1.2 Power and Water

Electricity is supplied by diesel generators. Chlorinated and fluoridated water is supplied to the town via 15 bores, which are situated approximately 3.5km from the town boundary. A single sewage pond where wastewater is treated is also located on the town boundary.

1.3 ICT Information

- Full telephone and internet services
- Broadband Satellite Internet Services – Telstra
- 3G Mobile Coverage
- Television coverage is digital.

1.4 Access

1.4.1 Land

Access is via an unsealed dirt road requiring a 4WD or heavy vehicle. The main road link out of Gunbalanya to Jabiru (and on to Darwin) often closes during the wetter months as the East Alligator River becomes impassable. Dry season (April to November) road access is available. The river crossing at Cahill's Crossing, East Alligator River is usually impassable from November to April; all-year access via air (charters only).

1.4.2 Air

The town is serviced by a tarmac airstrip.



1.5 Local Government

The West Arnhem Regional Council provides local government services in Gunbalanya. Its headquarters is located in Jabiru with a service delivery centre located in Gunbalanya.

1.6 Land Tenure

Gunbalanya is part of Arnhem Land which is Aboriginal Land under the NT Land Rights Act (NT) 1976.

2 Acronyms

ALPA - Arnhem Land Progress Association
ATM - Automatic Teller Machine
CDP - Community Development Program
ICT - Internet Communication Technology
ILC - Indigenous Land Corporation
LPO - Local Post Office
NT - Northern Territory
PMB - Private Mail Bag
TCU - Traditional Credit Union
WARC – West Arnhem Regional Council

3 Accommodation

3.1 Gunbalanya Sports and Social Club

The Gunbalanya Sports and Social Club is a licensed venue serving food, and is open four afternoons per week. Accommodation bookings are available for single rooms, fully furnished or self-contained units.

Address: Lot 633 Gunbalanya, 0822
Postal Address: PMB 87, Oenpelli 0822
Phone: 08 8979 0168
Email: gssc1@bigpond.com
Key Contact: Manager

3.2 Toad Hall (WARC)

Toad Hall has six shared accommodation rooms with single beds. The kitchen, lounge, toilets and showers are shared.

Address: Lot 587 Gunbalanya, 0822
Postal Address: GPO Box 721, Jabiru NT 0886
Phone: 08 8970 3700
Email: gunbalanya.accommodation@westarnhem.nt.gov.au
Website: <https://apac.littlehotelier.com/properties/westarnhemdirect>
Key Contact: Council Service Officer

3.3 Cabins (WARC)

Four cabins with two single beds each and basic cooking facilities.

Address: Lot 588 Gunbalanya, 0822
 Postal Address: GPO Box 721, Jabiru NT 0886
 Phone: 08 8970 3700
 Email: gunbalanya.accommodation@westarnhem.nt.gov.au
 Website: <https://apac.littlehotelier.com/properties/westarnhemdirect>
 Key Contact: Council Service Officer

3.4 Demed Aboriginal Corporation

Demed has a small range of accommodation options available. There is one large house suitable for contractors, or smaller short-stay dwellings for 1-4 people.

Address: Lot 653 Gunbalanya, 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 89, Oenpelli, NT 0822
 Phone: 08 8979 0144
 Email: nicole.webster@demed.com.au
 Key Contact: Office Manager

4 Arts and culture

4.1 Injalak Arts

Injalak Arts is an Aboriginal owned and governed non-profit community art centre that has been operating continuously since 1989. It has over 300 active members - Kunwinjku artists and weavers from Gunbalanya and its outstations. Locally made arts and crafts are available from the on-site gallery, including bark paintings; weavings and a stunning range of fabrics and fabric products hand-printed on-site. The Injalak Hill Rock Art Tours operates in the mornings Monday – Saturday during the dry season (May through to November). For more information visit the website or contact Injalak Arts. The Traditional Owners welcome visitors.

Address: Lot 383 Main Road, Gunbalanya, 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 131, Oenpelli, 0822
 Phone: 08 8979 0190
 Email: info@injalak.com
 Website: <http://www.injalak.com/>
 Key Contact: Co-Managers - Gabriel Maralngurra and Isaiah Nagurrurrba

5 Banking

5.1 Traditional Credit Union (TCU)

The Traditional Credit Union provides personalised quality financial services for Indigenous people and organisations in remote Australia.

Address: Lot 647 Main Road, Gunbalanya, 0822
 Postal Address: PO Box 40425, Casuarina, NT 0811
 Phone: 08 8979 0101

Email: info@tcu.com.au
Website: http://www.tcu.com.au
Key Contact: Darwin-based General Manager

6 Community services

6.1 Australia Post Office

The Post Office provides a range of basic, standard postal services, as well as a small range of retail products.

Address: West Arnhem Regional Council Offices, Lot 647 Gunbalanya, 0822
Postal Address: GPO Box 721, Jabiru NT 0886
Phone: 08 8970 3700
Website: http://auspost.com.au/
Key Contact: Council Service Officer

6.2 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: Kunbarllanja Community Office, Oenpelli Road, Oenpelli NT 0822
Postal Address: Centrelink, Reply Paid 7800, Canberra BC ATC 2610
Phone: 1800 136 380
Website: http://www.humanservices.gov.au
Key Contact: Remote Service Manager, 08 8965 2401

6.3 Demed Aboriginal Corporation

Demed Aboriginal Corporation is based at Gunbalanya, and is responsible for providing support services to a group of outstations in Western Arnhem Land that have been established by Indigenous people who have resided at Gunbalanya, and who generally speak the Kunwinjku (Gunwinggu) language. Demed has a mechanical workshop with 14 Indigenous staff. Adjumarllarl Rangers provide land management services under Demed.

Address: Lot 653 Main Road, Gunbalanya, 0822
Postal Address: PMB 89, Oenpelli, NT 0822
Phone: 08 8979 0144
Mobile: 0428 003 033
Email: carol.watters@demed.com.au
Key Contact: General Manager – Carol Watters

6.4 Police Fire and Emergency Services

The Gunbalanya Police, Fire and Emergency Services undertake search and rescue, law enforcement and counter disaster control. A range of motor vehicle registry and firearms permits, registration and licensing services are available from the police station.

Address: Gunbalanya Police Station, Lot 409 Gunbalanya 0822
Postal Address: PMB 70, Oenpelli, 0822
Phone: 08 8979 0180 or 000 in an emergency
Email: nathan.conelius@nt.gov.au pfes@nt.gov.au
Website: <http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au>
Key Contact: Officer in Charge – Nathan Conelius

6.5 Power and Water Authority

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

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

6.6 West Arnhem Regional Council

The Regional Council provides a range of traditional local government services including local infrastructure, local environmental health, administration of local laws, commercial and agency services, aged care, youth development as well as delivering a wide range of community programs. The West Arnhem Regional Council's head office is located in Jabiru.

Address: Lot 647 Gunbalanya, 0822
Postal Address: GPO Box 721, Jabiru NT 0886
Phone: 08 8970 3700
After hours: 0409 624 243
Email: hine.ahu@westarnhem.nt.gov.au
Website: <http://www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au>
Key Contact: Council Services Manager

7 Construction and trade

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Mobile: 0428 003 033
Email: carol.watters@demed.com.au
Key Contact: General Manager - Carol Watters

8 Education and training

8.1 Gunbalanya School

Gunbalanya School caters for children 0-18 years in age. The child and family centre caters for 'Family as First Leaders', preschool and the crèche. The school provides education services to two Homeland learning centres. The School also manages the Trade Training Centre, offering VETiS training aligned to student pathways and school based apprenticeships. The school caters for NTCET completion.

Address: Lot 444 Gunbalanya, 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 66, Gunbalanya, NT, 0822
 Phone: 08 8979 0181
 Email: Sue.trimble@ntschoools.net
 Website: <http://www.westarnhemcollege.nt.edu.au/>
 Key Contact: Principals – Esther Djayhgurrnga and Sue Trimble

9 Food and dining

9.1 Adjumarllarl Takeaway – ALPA

A small takeaway outlet is situated alongside the Adjumarllarl Supermarket selling an array of healthy hot meals and a selection of fresh sandwiches.

Address: Lot 651 Gunbalanya 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 284, Winnellie, NT 0821
 Phone: 08 8979 0161
 Email: gunbalanya@alpa.asn.au
 Website: <http://www.alpa.asn.au>
 Key Contact: Duty Managers

10 Healthcare

10.1 Gunbalanya Health Centre

Gunbalanya Health Centre provides an active medical program delivery service on Monday - Wednesday and Fridays between 0830-1630 hours, and 0900-1200 on Thursdays as well as an after-hours emergency service. Visiting specialists are available on a regular basis.

Address: Lot 503 Gunbalanya, 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 6, Winnellie, NT 0822
 Phone: 08 8979 0178
 After hours: 08 8979 0178 – Diversion in place for after-hours emergencies only
 Email: Gunbalanyaclinicmgr.DHF@nt.gov.au
 Website: <http://www.health.nt.gov.au>
 Key Contact: Clinic Manager

11 Labour hire

11.1 Rise Ventures

RISE is a member of the Community Development Programme (CDP) which is a Federal Government program that implements Government objectives for remote Australian communities. These activities include providing practical work related projects & services, training, fostering and creating small enterprises and supporting emerging businesses. The RISE mission is to assist people gain sustainable employment and RISE to the challenge of self-determination.

Address: Lot 619 Banyan Gunbalanya 0822
 Postal Address: Lot 619 Gunbalanya 0822
 Phone: 08 8972 0744
 Email: info@riseventures.com.au
 Website: <https://www.riseventures.com.au>
 Key Contact: Business Manager – West Arnhem Region

12 Other businesses and organisations

12.1 Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation

Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation's objectives include providing benevolent relief, health, education, employment, housing, transportation, and communication and other services to residents of the Gunbalanya area. The Corporation also undertakes economic development activities for the benefit of the people in the area.

Address: Lot 376 Gunbalanya 0822
 Postal Address: GPO Box 2644 Darwin NT 0801
 Phone: 08 8941 6355
 Email: andrewmaralngurra@gmail.com
 Key Contact: Chair– Andrew Maralngurra

13 Gunbalanya Station

The ILC operates floodplain cattle fattening operations and an abattoir as separate businesses at Gunbalanya Station in West Arnhem Land, NT. Gunbalanya Station finishes weaner steers and heifers from the ILC's Warrigundu Station (Hodgson Downs) and is focussed on the live export trade. The ILC has expanded the abattoir to accommodate increased production of beef and buffalo.

Address: Lot 645 Gunbalanya, 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 209, Oenpelli, NT 0822
 Phone: 08 8979 0278
 Email: gunbalanyastation@ilc.gov.au
 Website: <http://www.ilc.gov.au/ILC-Businesses/Profiles/Gunbalanya-Station-and-Meats>
 Key Contact: Managers – Jay and Anna Gook

14 Mengerr Aboriginal Corporation

Mengerr Aboriginal Corporation's objectives include furthering the economic development of the Township of Gunbalanya, in addition to creating and attracting better employment and business opportunities for the residents of Gunbalanya.

Address: Lot 586 Banyan Camp, Gunbalanya 0822
 Postal Address: CSB 6 c/o Gunbalanya Post Office
 Phone: 0417 853 557
 Key Contact: Director – Evonne Gumuraul

15 The Gunbalanya Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation

The Gunbalanya Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation's objectives include furthering the economic development of the Township of Gunbalanya, in addition to creating and attracting better employment and business opportunities for the residents of Gunbalanya.

Address: Lot 586 Banyan Community, Gunbalanya NT 0822
 Postal Address: Lot 586 Banyan Community, Gunbalanya NT 0822
 Phone: 0487 914 932
 Key Contact: Director – Evonne Gumuraul

16 Retail – fuel

16.1 Gunbalanya Service Station and Store

Gunbalanya Service Station and Store sells diesel and opal fuel as well as basic food items.

Address: Lot 653 Gunbalanya, NT 0822
 Postal Address: PO Box 36320, Winnellie, NT 0821
 Phone: 08 8979 0165
 Email: k16347@hotmail.com
 Key Contact: Manager – Yuyu Cheng

17 Retail – shops

17.1 Adjumarllarl Supermarket - ALPA

The store offers customers a choice of quality fresh foods and an extensive range of merchandise including furniture. The ALPA food card and the Basics card are accepted and ATM facilities are available.

Address: Lot 651 Gunbalanya, NT 0822
 Postal Address: PMB 284, Winnellie, NT 0821
 Phone: 08 8979 0161
 Email: gunbalanya@alpa.asn.au
 Website: <http://www.alpa.asn.au>
 Key Contact: Duty Managers

17.2 Gunbalanya Meats

Trading as Gunbalanya Meats, the ILC supplies fresh affordable meat to six grocery stores in Indigenous communities in the NT, various meat wholesalers and retailers based in Darwin, and to Ayers Rock Resort.

Address: Lot 645 Main Road, Gunbalanya, NT 0822
Postal Address: PMB 209, Oenpelli, NT 0822
Phone: 08 8979 0428
Email: gunbalanyastation@ilc.gov.au
Website: <http://www.ilc.gov.au/ILC-Businesses/Profiles/Gunbalanya-Station-and-Meats>
Key Contact: Manager

18 Tourism

Currently, there are no tourism ventures based in Gunbalanya.

19 Transport and automotive

19.1 Gunbalanya Air Charters

Gunbalanya Air Charters offer scenic flights in single or twin engine aircraft.

Address: Gunbalanya Airport, 0822
Postal Address: PO Box 36320, Winnellie, NT 0823
Phone: 08 8979 0165 or 08 8941 2216
Email: gunair@bigpond.com
Key Contact: Manager – Karen Seibert

20 Acknowledgements

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation would like to thank the Gunbalanya businesses and community groups for their participation in this directory.

21 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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