Wurrumiyanga Business Directory
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1 About Wurrumiyanga

Wurrumiyanga is located north of Darwin on Bathurst Island, at the southern entrance to Apsley Strait.

Wurrumiyanga was originally established by the Catholic Church as a Mission in 1911. Originally named Nguiu it was renamed Wurrumiyanga, meaning the place where cycads grow’ in 2010.

1.1 Population

In the 2016 Census, there were 1,563 people in Wurrumiyanga (State Suburbs) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 90.2% of the population. The median age of people in Wurrumiyanga (State Suburbs) was 29 years.

1.2 Power and water

Electricity is supplied by diesel generators. Chlorinated and fluoridated water is supplied to the town via 9 bores which are situated approximately 7.4km from the town boundary. Three sewage ponds where wastewater is treated are also located on the town boundary.

1.3 ICT information

- Internet access
- 3G mobile coverage
- Satellite commercial television and radio available

1.4 Access

1.4.1 Air

Wurrumiyanga is accessible by air through Fly Tiwi as they provide daily flights from Darwin.

1.4.2 Road

Wurrumiyanga is not accessible by road.

1.4.3 Water

A freight barge comes from Darwin on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as an inter-island ferry that connects to Melville Island. Sealink also operate a regular ferry service between Darwin and Wurrumiyanga (check the website https://www.sealinknt.com.au/)

1.5 Local government

Wurrumiyanga Local Authority consists of 18 members and is the main forum for community management and local service provision issues. The Tiwi Island Regional Council oversees the local authority.
1.6 Land tenure

Wurrumiyanga is located within the Tiwi Aboriginal Land Trust and is Aboriginal Land under the NT Land Rights Act (NT) 1976.

2 Acronyms

TLC – Tiwi Land Council

3 Accommodation

3.1 Mantiyupwi Motel – Tiwi Enterprises Pty Ltd

Motel and Construction camp accommodation available

- Address: Lot 969 Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
- Postal Address: GPO Box 40245 Casuarina NT 0811
- Phone: 08 8941 1162 or 08 8978 3755
- Mobile: 0447 772 492
- Email: rayallwright@tiwienterprises.com
- Website: http://www.tiwienterprises.com
- Key Contact: CEO – Ray Allwright

3.2 Tiwi Tours

Tiwi cultural and art experience day tour ex Darwin

- Address: Puantalura St Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
- Postal Address: Post Office Wurrumiyanga NT 0822
- Phone: 08 8923 6555
- Mobile: 0401 990 746
- Email: Darwin.daytours@aatkings.com.au
- Website: http://www.aatkings.com.au
- Key Contact: Assistant Manager

4 Arts and culture

4.1 Tiwi Design

Tiwi Designs is a successful Indigenous art centre that has established a significant reputation within the Indigenous fine art market. Tiwi Designs is renowned for the diversity of artworks produced by its artists including ochre paintings, carvings, screen-printed fabrics and ceramics. This contemporary arts practice has a long history with its connections to Tiwi culture, body painting and ceremony through the emergence of fabric printing and ceramics that signalled beginning of Tiwi Design in the late 1960’s and early 1970s.
4.2 Ngaruwanajirri Workshop and Gallery

Tiwi Art & Craft

Address: Forestry Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Postal Address: PMB 229 Winnellie NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3724
Mobile 0437 783 724
Email: Ngaruwanajirri.inc@bigpond.com
Website none
Key Contact: Manager – John Naden

4.3 Patakijiyali Museum

See a comprehensive collection of all things Tiwi as accumulated by the Catholic Church over the years. Some of the new displays at the museum include the ‘Tiwi Sportsperson Hall of Fame’ and the ‘Early Nuns’ experiences at Wurrumiyanga’. Recently the Second World War audio visual exhibit was completed along with the ‘Radio Shed, exhibit. Also large collection of artefacts chronicling Tiwi history & culture

Address: Lot 490 Old Catholic Church Presbytery grounds
Postal Address: GPO Box 40245 Casuarina NT 0811
Phone: 08 8978 3973
Mobile 0488 199 227 (after hours 0447 772 492)
Fax 08 8970 9222
Email: olshgard@yahoo.com.au
Website None
Key Contact: Sister Anne Gardner

4.4 Bima Wear

Bima Wear is a fabric printmaking and clothing business based at Wurrumiyanga (formerly Nguiu), Bathurst Island, Tiwi Islands off the northern coast of Darwin in the Northern Territory of Australia.

Twelve Tiwi women currently produce unique fabric prints and sewn garments in brilliant, bold, timeless designs. Fabrics feature traditional symbols, structures and family and environmental representations that are central to Tiwi culture. We also work in other art practices such as painting, linocut, etching and design.

Bima Wear Association is a not for profit organisation based on the Tiwi Islands in the NT. Our Association objectives are:
• to reduce poverty and promote the welfare and development of women and girls of the Aboriginal community at Bathurst Island
• to improve the living standards of Tiwi women and girls
• to provide a safe facility for Tiwi women and girls to access support
• to provide programs which facilitate capacity building, education, skill development, economic development and community development
• to foster the preservation and development of traditional and other cultural and recreational activities.

Address: Kerinaiua Highway, Wurrumiyanga NT 0822
Postal Address: Post Office Wurrumiyanga NT 0822
Phone: 08 8970 9235
Mobile N/A
Website  http://www.bimawear.com.au
Key Contact: Manager

5 Banking

5.1 Traditional Credit Union

Address: Pillyamanyirra Supermarket complex
Postal Address: PO Box 40425 Casuarina NT 0811
Phone: 08 8978 3983 or 08 8999 0777 (Darwin office)
Mobile N/A
Email: info@tcu.com.au
Website  http://www.tcu.com.au
Key Contact: General Manager – John Appleby

6 Community services

6.1 CatholicCareNT

Address: The old Presbytery
Postal Address: Post Office Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3921
Mobile N/A
Email: tiwiislands@catholiccarent.org.au
Website  http://www.catholiccarent.org.au
Key Contact: PA to Director – Lara Tonkin
6.2 Tiwi Island Regional Council

Tiwi Islands Regional Council provides infrastructure and services to the Tiwi community on Bathurst & Melville Islands.

Address: Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822  
Postal Address: PMB 267 Winnellie NT 0822  
Phone: 08 8970 9500  
Email: info@tiwiislands.nt.gov.au  
Website: http://www.tiwiislands.org.au  
Key Contact: CEO – Marion Scrymgour

6.3 Police Fire and Emergency Services

Address: Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822  
Phone: 08 8978 3967  
Key Contact: Officer in Charge - OIC

6.4 Tiwi Land Council

The Land Council communicates and facilities opportunities for the Tiwi people in regard to their land and sea use by way of consultation with traditional owners.

Address: Pickataramoor – Melville Island  
Postal Address: PO Box 38454 Winnellie NT 0821  
Phone: 08 8997 0797  
Mobile: N/A  
Email: admin@tiwilandcouncil.com  
Website: http://www.tiwilandcouncil.com  
Key Contact: Executive Officer – Terry Larkin

7 Construction and trade

7.1 Bathurst Island Housing Association

BIHA offers general building including new builds, repairs and maintenance, all electrical and air-conditioning, all plumbing and drainage works. Machinery hire (includes 1 loader, 3 backhoes, 2 excavators, 1 bobcat, 1 scissor lift, 1 hydraulic platform 15m, 1 forklift, 2 8tonne trucks, miscellaneous equipment hire including temporary fencing, mowing and slashing.

Address: Lot 727 Puantjimi St Wurrumiyanga  
Postal Address: PO Box 54 Wurrumiyanga NT 0822  
Phone: 08 8978 3866  
Mobile: 0438 126 118  
Email: manager@biha.net.au  
Website: http://www.biha.net.au  
Key Contact: Manager – Bob Cooper
8 Education and training

8.1 Xavier Catholic College

Xavier Catholic College (XCCW) is located in the growth town of Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island, 80 kilometres north of Darwin. Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School (MCPS) and XCCW together form the Catholic Education Precinct and provide a Quality Catholic Tiwi Education for students from Pre-School to Year Thirteen.

Wurrumiyanga (formerly Nguiu) means 'land of the giant cycads' and is traditionally owned by the Tiwi people. In 1911 Bishop Gsell started a Catholic Mission and in 1912 MCPS (formerly St Therese's Catholic School) was established. XCCW followed in 1932.

Address: Kerinaiau Highway Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Postal Address: PMB 139 Winnellie NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3970
Mobile N/A
Fax 08 8978 3914
Email: Admin.xcec@nt.catholic.edu.au
Website http://www.xcecnt.catholic.edu.au
Key Contact: Principal – Mrs Tess Fong

8.2 Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School

Operated by the Catholic Education Centre

Address: Kerinaiau Highway Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Postal Address: PMB 139 Winnellie NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3986

9 Food and dining

9.1 Nguiu Ullintjinni Association Incorporated

Takeaway food and assorted bakery items

Address: Lot 398 Kerinaiau Highway, Wurrumiyanga NT 0822
Postal Address: PO Box 105 Nguiu Post NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3981
Mobile 0439 827 736
Email: gm@nua.org.au
Key Contact: General Manager – Louie De Guzman
10 Healthcare

10.1 Top End Health Service

Address: Lot 737 Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Postal Address: PO Box 75 Nguiu Bathurst Island NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3984
Mobile N/A
Fax 08 89878 3906

11 Labour hire

11.1 Tiwi Islands Training & Employment Board

The Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board was established by the Tiwi Land Council to coordinate all training and employment activities on the Tiwi Islands. The Board is owned and managed by a Tiwi Board of Directors.

The Board is nationally registered until 2018 as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) under the Australian Quality Training Framework. The Board also manages one of only two NT funded Group Training Organisations operating a new apprenticeship scheme.

We have offices in Wurrumiyanga, Milikapiti & Pirlangimpi

Address: (Head office) 2162 Armidale St Stuart Park NT 0820
Postal Address: O Box 37745 Winnellie NT 0821
Phone: 08 8941 5988
Mobile N/A
Email: reception@titeb.com
Website http://www.tiwiislandstraining.com
Key Contact: Administration Assistant

12 Other businesses and organisations

12.1 Nguiu Ullintjinni Association Incorporated

Takeaway food, supermarket and retail outlet (whitegoods and clothing)

Address: Lot 398 Kerinaiuja Highway, Wurrumiyanga NT 0822
Postal Address: PO Box 105 Nguiu Post NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3981
Mobile 0439 827 736
Email: gm@nua.org.au
Key Contact: General Manager – Louie De Guzman
12.2 Nguiu Club Aboriginal Corporation

Licenced premises, bar and bistro 4 nights per week with provision of food and drinks

Address: Lot 478 Kerinaiua Hwy Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Postal Address: c/- Post Office Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3979
Mobile N/A
Email: ncl@outbackstores.com.au
Key Contact: Manager

13 Retail – fuel

13.1 Nguiu Ullintjinni Association Incorporated

Fuel sales

Address: Lot 398 Kerinaiua Highway, Wurrumiyanga NT 0822
Postal Address: PO Box 105 Nguiu Post NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3981
Mobile 0439 827 736
Email: gm@nua.org.au
Key Contact: General Manager – Louie De Guzman

14 Retail – shops

14.1 Nguiu Ullintjinni Association Incorporated

Supermarket

Address: Lot 398 Kerinaiua Highway, Wurrumiyanga NT 0822
Postal Address: PO Box 105 Nguiu Post NT 0822
Phone: 08 8978 3981
Mobile 0439 827 736
Email: gm@nua.org.au
Key Contact: General Manager – Louie De Guzman

14.2 Pillyamanyirra Supermarket

The supermarket supplies a wide range of groceries, meat, fresh fruit & vegetables, electrical appliances and white goods, clothing and some hardware items

Address: Lot 861 Malawu St Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Postal Address: 67 Pruen Rd Berrimah NT 0828
Phone: 08 8970 9094
Mobile 0447 772 492 (after hours)
Email: ngu@outbackstores.com.au
Key Contact: CEO Ray Allwright
15 Transport and automotive

15.1 Nguiu Garage

Automotive repairs, supply & fit tyres and batteries, spare parts and lubricants sales

Address: Lot 405 Wurrumiyanga Bathurst Island NT 0822
Postal Address: GPO Box 40245 Casuarina NT 0811
Phone: 08 8970 9256
Mobile: N/A
Email: nguiugarage@tiwienterprises.com
Website: http://www.tiwienterprises.com
Key Contact: Manager

15.2 Fly Tiwi

Fly Tiwi provides air transport to from Darwin to Wurrumiyanga

Address: 9 Murphy Rd Marrara NT
Postal Address: As above
Phone: 08 8927 0099
Mobile: 0427 447 319
Email: book@flytiwi.com.au
Website: http://www.flytiwi.com.au
Key Contact: Manager

15.3 Tiwi Enterprise - Vehicle Hire

Vehicles hire service for both Bathurst and Melville Island – 2wd and 4wd vehicles available, bookings essential

Address: Lot 696 Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT 0822
Postal Address: GPO Box 40245 Casuarina NT 0811
Phone: 08 8941 1162 or 08 8978 3755
Mobile: 0447 772 492
Email: rayallwright@tiwienterprises.com
Website: http://www.tiwienterprises.com
Key Contact: CEO – Ray Allwright

16 Acknowledgements

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17 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.

The Directories will be updated biannually in February and September.

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