

# ABOUT EAST ARNHEM LAND NORTHERN TERRITORY



## ABOUT TARGETED RECRUITMENT

The Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) has expanded its traditional workforce retention and training model by recruiting doctors to targeted remote communities with high medical workforce need. The aim is to enhance the attractiveness of rural and remote posts to high quality applicants to provide communities with a well-supported and sustainable GP workforce.

The initial pilot of the program in 2018-19 has successfully secured the services of six full-time doctors to six rural and remote communities across Australia.

Targeted recruitment positions utilise existing RVTS training positions and infrastructure. The training is fully funded by the Australian Government and is a four-year GP training program delivered by Distance Education and Remote Supervision to Fellowship of the ACRRM and/or RACGP.



### Location

East Arnhem Land is in the north-eastern corner of the Northern Territory and covers about 34,000sq kms. The region has an estimated population of 16,000, of whom 12,000 are traditional owners. The area is serviced by a weekly barge service and daily domestic air service.



### Attractions

The area is a great drawcard for fishing and outdoor enthusiasts. In the township of Nhulunbu itself there are numerous sporting, hobby and recreational clubs and facilities including tennis courts, football ovals, a surf club, sailing club, fishing club, golf and netball courts.



### Housing

The coastal centre of Nhulunbuy offers a range of rental accommodation options, including houses, townhouses and flats, some of which is held by the private sector. In addition to those available on the private market, Developing East Arnhem Limited holds up to 250 rental properties which are available at rates competitive to larger centres.



### Education

Nhulunbuy offers a good education network to support children from early childhood years through to further education. There are three schools: Nhulunbuy Primary School, Nhulunbuy High School and Nhulunbuy Christian College. The high school has boarding facilities.

# ABOUT MIWATJ HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



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Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation is the regional Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service in East Arnhem Land. It provides comprehensive primary health care services for more than 6000 Indigenous residents of North East Arnhem and public health services for close to 10,000 people across the region.

Miwatj operates within a Human Rights framework, a rights-based approach, with self-determination at its core and the advancement of broader Indigenous Rights and improvement of the social determinants of health as its ultimate mission. It believes addressing the underlying social determinants is the most effective way to improve a population's health.

Under the direction of the community-elected board, Miwatj has progressively transitioned health services in the Miwatj region

to community control, something that has driven Miwatj's growth over the past 25 years.

Miwatj currently operates six clinics in Nhulunbuy, Gunyanara, Yirrkala, two locations in Galiwin'ku, and Yurrwi (Milinimbi) in East Arnhem Land. From 1 July 2019, Mitatj will operate two additional clinics at Ramingining and Gapuwiyak.

Miwatj has offices in Nhulunbuy and Darwin.

Gove District Hospital is a 30-bed hospital providing medical, surgical, paediatric, obstetric and emergency services to Nhulunbuy and the remote Aboriginal communities of East Arnhem Land.

## FAST FACTS



### Referring hospitals

- Royal Darwin Hospital - 1042km
- Alice Springs Hospital - 1496km



### Services

- Maternal and child health
- Chronic disease management
- Health promotion
- Eye care
- Mental health



### Visiting specialists

- Surgery (General)
- Renal
- Ear, nose, throat
- Paediatrics
- Neurology
- Endocrinology
- Ophthalmology