

INTRODUCTION

Living in Wyndham

Wyndham takes the prize for the most northern town in Western Australia and is situated 3100km from Perth, 900km from Darwin and 100km from Kununurra (all distances by road).

Wyndham has a population of about 800 residents and has an interesting historical heritage. Celebrating its centenary in 1986, it is very much a pioneering town with a visit to the town's museum providing insights into the town's history.

Those who explore the surrounding landscapes will reap the rewards of rugged ranges, gorges and waterfalls, as well as abundant wildlife particularly in some of the wetlands surrounding the town (notably the Parry's Creek Lagoon areas). The nearby Five Rivers Lookout situated atop Bastion Range will provide spectacular views of the Cambridge Gulf and the five rivers that flow into it, along with the Wyndham Port.

Barramundi fishing is a popular past-time although visitors need to be aware that salt-water crocodiles are prevalent. One interesting specimen is the largest (concrete) crocodile in captivity that welcomes visitors and residents at the entrance to the town.

CLIMATE

Weather and Climate

Wyndham has a tropical monsoonal climate with two distinct seasons. The 'wet' season usually occurs from about October to April when most of the annual rainfall occurs and maximum temperatures increase into the 40's. The rest of the year is known as the 'dry' season that is typified by clear blue skies with day temperatures of low 30's, relatively cool evenings and brilliant sunsets.

Information on Wyndham's weather and climate can be obtained at the Australian Government's Bureau of Meteorology Web site www.bom.gov.au or on (08) 9192 1211. Other sources of weather information include www.weatherzone.com.au and www.weatherchannel.com.au

For an indication of Wyndham's average temperatures and rainfall see the table below.

Month	Average Daily Maximum Temp in Deg C	Average Daily Minimum Temp in Deg C	Average Monthly Rainfall in mm	Average No. of Rain Days
January	37.1	26.4	169.2	14.0
February	35.9	25.8	196.1	14.8
March	36.2	25.5	144.5	10.4
April	35.9	23.7	30.3	3.5
May	33.7	20.9	7.6	0.8
June	31.2	17.9	1.9	0.4
July	31.2	17.1	4.0	0.3
August	33.7	19.2	0.0	0.0
September	36.7	23.0	4.9	0.5
October	38.9	25.8	20.1	2.6
November	39.4	27.1	56.6	6.4
December	38.1	26.9	135.6	10.7

COMMUNICATION

Internet facilities

The Wyndham Telecentre offers internet and videoconferencing services.

Wyndham Telecentre
(08) 9161 1161

Newspapers, magazines and books

National and state newspapers, and a range of special interest magazines can be purchased at the local newsagency:

Frontier Post & News
Koolinda St, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1241

The local newspaper is the Kimberley Echo, distributed every Thursday. Established in 1980 it enjoys a strong readership and loyal local following. Find out more at www.Kimberleyecho.com or by contacting:

Kimberley Echo
Pruinosa St (Cnr Victoria Hwy), Kununurra
(08) 9169 1100

Radio Stations

There are several local radio stations available to tune into.

ABC Kimberley Radio – Kununurra
(08) 9168 4311

www.abc.net.au/kimberley

HCJB Australia
(08) 9168 3465

Vision FM – 88.0FM
(08) 9169 1989

WAFM
(08) 9192 8192

Warringarri Radio
(08) 9168 2214
www.members.westnet.com.au/6wr/

National radio stations include the following:

Radio National: abc.net.au/rn

Radio Australia: abc.net.au/ra/

Triple J: abc.net.au/triplej/default.htm

ABC Classical FM: abc.net.au/classic/freq.htm

Television

Wyndham viewers receive four free-to-air television channels - ABC, SBS, WIN and GWN. WIN and GWN host a combination of regional programming and commercial programs which are viewed on Channels 7, 9 and 10 in other parts of Australia.

For more information:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation: www.abc.net.au

Special Broadcasting Service (SBS):

www.sbs.com.au/sbs_front/index.html

WIN Television (WIN): www.wintv.com.au

Golden West Network (GWN): www.gwn.com.au

COMMUNITY

Community organisations

Further contact details for community organisations can be found in the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Phone Book. These include:

Alcohol & Drug Rehabilitation
(08) 9161 1381

Country Women's Association Wyndham
(08) 9161 1131

Family & Children's Services – Wyndham
(08) 9161 1110

Family Support Service Inc – Wyndham – Joongari House
(08) 9161 1383

Home & Community Care Service
(08) 9161 1014

Jardamu Resource Centre
(08) 9161 1448

Jardamu Safe House
(08) 9161 1717

Lions Club – Wyndham
(08) 9161 1375

Munumburra Festival Committee
(08) 9161 1120

Ngnowar Aerwah 7 Mile Rehan Centre
(08) 8161 1496

Returned & Services League – Wyndham
(08) 9161 1201

State Emergency Service – Wyndham
(08) 9168 1436

Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service – Wyndham
(08) 9161 1189

Wyndham Action Group

(08) 9161 1120

Wyndham Child Care Centre
(08) 9161 1035

Wyndham Community Club
(08) 9161 1130

Wyndham District Youth Services
(08) 9161 1570

Wyndham Home & Community Care
(08) 9161 1431

Wyndham Multi Purpose Centre
(08) 9161 1431

Wyndham Rural communities Program Information Services
(08) 9161 1120

Wyndham Tourist Association
(08) 9161 1181

Wyndham Toy Library & Joongari House
(08) 9161 1383

Religious organisations

Wyndham has a number of religious organisations and fellowship groups with regular church services held by most major denominational groups. Contact details for the resident pastor or minister, or a congregational representative are provided:

St Boniface Anglican Church
Koolama St, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1326

Revival Life Centre
(08) 9161 1339

Wyndham People's Church
Kangaroo Road
(08) 9161 1266

Sisters of St Joseph – Wyndham
(08) 9161 2966

Queen of Apostles Church
St Peter's Way, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1242

East Kimberley Uniting Church Parish – Wyndham
Koolama St, Wyndham
(08) 9168 1208

EDUCATION & PLAYGROUPS

Kindergarten & Playgroups

Information on child care facilities in Wyndham can be sourced from the following providers:

Wyndham Childcare Centre
(08) 9161 1035

Wyndham Playgroup
(08) 9161 1383

Wyndham Schools

St Joseph's Catholic school offers Kindergarten to Year 7. Details are:

St Joseph's Catholic School
St Peter's Way, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1021

Like Kununurra, Wyndham District High School offers pre-school to Year 10, with post-compulsory school courses being offered in association with TAFE. Contacts details for the school are:

Wyndham District High School
Coverley St, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1063

Tertiary Education

TAFE Wyndham Campus
Cnr Ord & Sharp Streets, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1072

HEALTH FACILITIES

Health and medical

The following health services are available in Wyndham. For appointments and clinic times, please contact the individual centres directly. More information on facilities of the Health Department can be found at www.health.wa.gov.au (go to Country Services, Kimberley Region)

Wyndham Dental Clinic
Minneroo St, Wyndham
(08) 9168 1529

School Dental Service
(08) 9161 1031

Child Health Clinic
Koolama St, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1362

Kimberley Population Health – Aboriginal Nutrition worker
(08) 9168 6580

Wyndham Health Service, Wyndham Hospital
Minderoo St, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1104

Community Health Services
Minderoo St, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1104

HOUSING

Hotels

Parry Creek Farm Tourist Resort

(08) 9161 1139

www.parrycreekfarm.com.au

Wyndham Town Hotel

(08) 9161 1003

Real Estate

Information on accommodation and housing in Wyndham can be located at www.kimberleyfirstnational.com.au Further contact details for Wyndham's real estate information are:

Kimberley First National Real Estate

Shop 15 Kununurra Shopping Centre, Kununurra

(08) 91682666

mail@kimberleyfirstnational.com.au

SERVICES

Banking

Banking organisations that have agencies in Wyndham include:

Bankwest

131718

www.bankwest.com.au

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

132221

www.commbank.com.au

Agency facilities for these banks can be located at:

Frontier Post & News

Koolinda St, Wyndham

(08) 9161 1241

Postal Services

Details of Wyndham's postal services are available at:

Wyndham Licensed Post Office

Koolinda St, Wyndham

(08) 9161 1241

These agency facilities for Australia Post are also located at:

Frontier Post & News

Koolinda St, Wyndham

(08) 9161 1241

SHOPPING

Shopping

For details and contact information for Wyndham's shopping facilities, please refer to Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley phone directory.

Supermarkets

Contact details for Wyndham's bakery, supermarket and other food outlets are:

Wyndham Bakery
(08) 9161 114

Wyndham Supermarket & Butchers
(08) 9161 1018

Wyndham Port Takeaway
(08) 9161 1676

TRANSPORT

Air travel

Airnorth (Australia's northern airline) operates regular passenger services from Kununurra to Darwin and Perth. Airnorth are Qantas frequent flyer partners and also offer special charter services. You can book with Airnorth on:

Airnorth
Kununurra Airport, Kununurra
1800 627 474
www.airnorth.com.au

A connecting coach or flight from the Kununurra Airport to Wyndham can be arranged. Useful contact information is:

Wyndham Aviation
(08) 9161 1835

Bus

Greyhound Coachlines operate regular services to Darwin and Perth. For details of the services available go to www.greyhound.com.au

Rental cars

Unfortunately Wyndham does not have rental car facilities available, however these can be easily accessed in nearby Kununurra:

Avis Kimberley
12 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra
(08) 9169 1258
www.avis.com.au

Budget Rent a Car Kununurra
(08) 9168 2033
www.budget.com.au

Hertz – Kununurra
(08) 9169 1424
www.hertz.com.au

Thrifty Car Rentals
(08) 9169 1911
www.thrifty.com.au

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Library

The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley hosts the Wyndham Library in its shire offices where it is serviced by the State Library Board. Details of opening hours and the facilities provided are available at:

Wyndham Public Library
Koolama St, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1002

Movies

Contact the Wyndham Picture Gardens on (08) 9161 1135 for details of upcoming events.

National Parks

Managed by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM), four national parks are within the vicinity of Wyndham. Part of CALM's aim is to ensure that visitors to the national parks leave with positive memories of what they have seen and heard, and this is visible in the care with which they are maintained. Find out more at www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks

Drysdale National Parks

Due to the remote location of this huge national park (430, 000 hectares) unfortunately it is difficult to access. Those lucky enough to have visited it say it is "wild, untouched and very beautiful".

Prince Regent River Nature Reserve

Being a member of a charter boat group is the best way to view this also remote national park that covers an expansive 630,000 hectares. UNESCO has recognised the significance of this reserve by granting it "World Biosphere Reserve" status.

Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve

An easy drive from Wyndham, this bird watcher's paradise is regarded as a wetland of international significance. In addition to 17 species of duck, a vast array of magpie geese, swamp hens, cranes, dabchicks, pelicans, brolga and jabiru can be observed. Walking tracks are well marked and binoculars are a must to gain a close-up of the fascinating wildlife. The best time to visit is during the dry season.

Sports & Leisure

The town has many sports and leisure opportunities, with a range of community clubs drawing like-minded people together to share these activities. Below is a listing of some of Wyndham's community clubs and groups.

Wyndham Arts & Crafts Council
(08) 9161 1383

Wyndham Community Club
(08) 9161 1130

Wyndham Indoor Cricket Association
(08) 9161 1130

Wyndham 6 Mile Darts Club
(08) 9161 1130

Wyndham Port Crocs Football Club
(08) 9161 1310

Wyndham Golf Club
(08) 9161 1351

Wyndham Gymkhana Association
(08) 9161 1467

Wyndham Netball Association
(08) 9161 1618

East Kimberley Pistol Club
(08) 9161 1477

Wyndham Swimming Club
(08) 9161 1293

Wyndham Tennis
(08) 9161 1002

Wyndham Turf Club
0418 949 136

Other Sporting Facilities

The following facilities are also provided by the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley:

Peter Reid Memorial Hall
St Peter's Way, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1002

Wyndham Recreation & Youth Centre
(08) 9161 1002

Wyndham Swimming Pool
Civic Way, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1293

Wyndham Oval
Great Northern Highway, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1293

Wyndham Tennis Courts
St Paul's Way, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1293

Wyndham Basketball Courts
Koolama St, Wyndham
(08) 9161 1293

Tourist attractions

For more information on the following natural attractions, please refer to the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Shire Directory, or ask at the Wyndham Tourist Information Centre on (08) 9161 1281.

- The Cockburn Range
- The Grotto
- Australia's Largest Boab Tree
- Crocodile Statue
- Prison Tree
- Parry's Creek Road
- Marigu Billabong & Parry's Creek Lagoons
- Five Rivers Lookout
- The Residency
- Three Mile Valley
- Dreamtime Park
- Wyndham Museum
- Wyndham Port Heritage Trail
- Gully Cemetery
- Afghan Cemetery
- Cambridge Gulf
- The Gut
- Moochalabra Dam
- Cave Paintings
- Wyndham Zoological Gardens and Crocodile Park

MORE INFORMATION

More Information

For more information on Wyndham, refer to the following sites:

www.eastkimberley.com.au

www.kimberleytourism.com/wyndham.htm

www.westernaustralia.com

www.kimberley.wa.gov.au