



~ Welcome to Ramingining ~ You are on Yolŋu land.

The Community Safety Committee requests that you
Please respect our culture, laws and cultural protocols.



Do's ✓

Don'ts ✗

<p>Getting Around: walking and driving</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do Watch out for dogs - they can be aggressive. Do Watch out for children on the roads. Do Drive slowly, respectfully - always be alert. Do Smile, wave and say hello. Do Ask before taking photos. Do Contact the Rangers to get permission from the Traditional Owners before going anywhere out of community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't speed or drive recklessly. Don't rev engine or beep horn unnecessarily. Don't go into people's houses or yard unless invited. Don't go 'off track' exploring. Don't go fishing or hunting without asking. Don't take anything from country without asking. Don't ask permission from just 'anybody'.
<p>Appropriate Dress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do Dress respectfully and appropriately: for women, skirts or loose trousers below the knee. Thin strap tops are ok. Do Carry a sarong to sit on the ground to or cover up (for women - to throw across your lap if you wear pants). Do Take care with sunburn and insects- cover up, use sunscreen and repellent and wear appropriate protective footwear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't wear tight, short, or revealing clothing, including leggings, tights, or short shorts, especially for women. Don't walk around barefoot - not advisable for your health and safety. Don't get too hung up about what to wear- just observe others and do the same.
<p>Communication: talking and body language</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do Understand sometimes people say 'yes' just to be polite. Do Be friendly, authentic, and professional. Do Use simple language and concepts - one point per sentence- English is a foreign language for many. Do Consider your tone and speed when talking- slow, clear and respectful please. Do Be considerate of how you position your legs when sitting. Closed or crossed legs is preferable. Do Ask what is appropriate greeting or way to summon someone over and they will show you. Do Feel free to respectfully ask about Yolŋu language and culture; it shows appreciation and willingness to learn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't assume 'yes' always means yes! Don't use intense eye contact, especially across genders - male and female. Don't be overtly physical, especially touching or patting the head which is sacred, even for children. Don't ask too may direct probing questions. Don't position yourself too directly in front or across from someone; sit, stand slightly offside. Don't use crooked finger towards you to call someone over- this gesture is extremely offensive. Use this gesture to say 'come here' →





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Ceremonies and Funerals

- Do Be aware these can take place anytime - usually announced by sounding car horn, loudspeaker announcement and people wailing - be respectful and observe 'no go' zones.
- Do Ask if there are any ceremonies or restricted areas you need to be aware of.
- Don't go unless you are invited - if in doubt ask who you should see to get permission.
- Don't take photos without permission.
- Don't stare or ask too many probing questions.
- Don't travel alone where possible, especially women.

The people of Ramingining are very welcoming and tolerant of cultural differences; however there are a few things that visitors, including people coming to live and work here and contractors are asked to particularly observe and respect:

- * There are often secret ceremonies taking place in and around Ramingining. Inadvertently trespassing in these areas is considered extremely offensive and can have serious consequences. Please ask upon your arrival if there are any restricted areas in force.
- * Permits are required to travel and stay in Arnhemland. Please ensure you have a current permit. Access to any areas outside of community also requires permission from the appropriate people and traditional owners. Please refer to indigenous contacts below and <http://www.nlc.org.au/>
- * This is a DRY Community – no alcohol or illicit substances are permitted. A Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) Management Plan is in force – all known and potential sniffable or ingestible substances must be secured appropriately at all times. For more information contact the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Support Officer on 08 89870 445 or http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Alcohol_and_Other_Drugs/ or Police.
- * The Clinic and Police Station often operate with minimal staff. Please bring your own personal medical supplies including pain relief and respectfully observe the opening hours and emergency contacts.
- * For Permissions to go out of the community sightseeing, fishing or hunting, please contact the Rangers who will obtain the appropriate permissions from the traditional owners. Ranger Office 08 8979 7988. Or contact any of the Indigenous Community Liaison and Engagement Officers below.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS:

Aust.Govt.- Community Engagement Indigenous Engagement Officer	08 8979 7997 08 8979 7928	Web: http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs
East Arnhem Regional Council Indigenous Liaison Officer	08 8979 7906	Email: raminging@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au Web: http://www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au/raminging/
Police and Emergency Services Aboriginal Community Police Officer	08 8979 7858 131 444 - 000	Web: http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Police/NT-Police-station-profiles
Clinic – NT Dept. Health Aboriginal Community Health Worker	08 8979 7923	Email: Web: http://www.health.nt.gov.au/
School – NT Dept. Education Aboriginal Home Liaison Officer	08 8979 7924	Email: Web: