

# Gunyanjara Master Plan 2019

## Our vision for Gunyanjara

*A thriving & empowered community.  
An economic base on Gumatj country.*

## Our goals and actions



### A resilient economy, with employment and training for Yolŋu people

- Development of three key economic precincts – a tourism precinct at the Gove Boat Club; a marine industrial precinct, and a thriving town centre
- Exploring future opportunities in non-Yolŋu, private residential and ecotourism accommodation



### Quality infrastructure and services to support community life

- Improvements to town infrastructure, including essential services and roads
- Shade, lighting and rubbish bins to improve amenity of public spaces, new basketball and oval facilities, and a new cemetery
- Upgrades to and expansion of our Education Hub, and establishment of a new rehabilitation clinic

## New housing to support population growth

- Construction of additional new housing
- Negotiation of construction and maintenance contracts with the Northern Territory Government to provide income and employment for traditional owners
- Development of a shared equity or rent-to-buy scheme to support interested Yolŋu residents to build equity in their homes



## Strong leadership to position Gunyanjara for the future

- Strong financial management
- Engagement of the community as members
- Invest in the capacity of the Njarrariyal Board and staff
- New formal agreements with the Northern Territory Government and the East Arnhem Region Council to empower Gumatj people



## Promoting Gumatj culture and managing our country sustainably

- Protection of important environmental and cultural sites
- Sustainable management of new industries by Yolŋu people
- Rehabilitation of damaged country, including the tip and market garden, and representation of traditional owner interests in the rehabilitation of mining areas
- A new cultural and arts space at the 50 Cent shelter, and new signage to share Yolŋu culture and history



# Gunyanjara in profile



## A strategically important location

Gunyanjara (also known as Ski Beach) is located in Melville Bay, on the Gove Peninsula in North East Arnhem Land. It is approximately 15 kilometres west of the town of Nhulunbuy.

Melville Bay is a strategically important location, as the key port between Darwin and Cairns and the gateway to North East Arnhem Land.



## Local infrastructure and services

Gunyanjara has access to good infrastructure, including electricity at standard tariffs, quality drinking water, fully reticulated sewerage system, and good road and telecommunications connections.

The community has access to local education, health, and administrative services, with other services provided nearby in Nhulunbuy.



## A base for Gumatj people

The traditional owners of the region are the Gumatj clan of the Yolŋu nation, who have lived in the region for at least 50,000 years. Gunyanjara is the administrative and residential base for Gumatj people.



## An active local economy

There are a range of existing enterprises in the lease area, including the popular Gove Boat Club, commercial freight operations, a lumber mill and workshop, and a local store and café.



## A growing population

There are currently approximately 285 people living in Gunyanjara, most of whom are Yolŋu people. The population is expected to grow considerably over the next 20 years.



## Open for business

Narrariyal is a Gumatj-owned company which administers the township lease and facilitates development opportunities. Narrariyal will seek to form respectful partnerships with third parties, based on a mutual commitment to the empowerment of Gumatj people.



## Secure tenure arrangements

Gumatj traditional owners have entered a 99 year township lease over Gunyanjara and surrounding land. The lease enables secure tenure arrangements and faster decision-making.

For further information on the Gunyanjara Master Plan or to discuss opportunities for land use, please visit [gunyanjara.com.au](http://gunyanjara.com.au) or email [info@ngarrariyal.com.au](mailto:info@ngarrariyal.com.au)