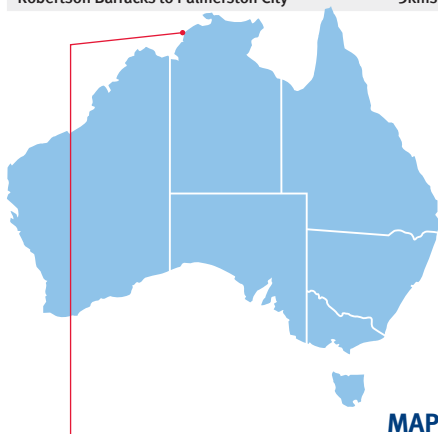




APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

Larrakeyah/HMAS Coonawarra to Darwin City	2kms
Larrakeyah/HMAS Coonawarra Palmerston City	22kms
RAAF Base Darwin to Darwin City	6kms
RAAF Base Darwin to Palmerston City	16kms
Defence Establishment Berrimah to Darwin City	12kms
Defence Establishment Berrimah to Palmerston City	10kms
Robertson Barracks to Darwin City	22kms
Robertson Barracks to Palmerston City	3kms



MAP

A map of Darwin can be found on the **Defence Housing Australia (DHA)** website and **Google Maps**

Darwin is a vibrant tropical city, surrounded by the sea, world heritage national parks and the outback. A diverse cultural background provides some of the best and most varied food experiences in Australia. With the Mindil Beach markets, V8 Championship races, the Darwin Cup and the famous Beer Can Regatta, there is always an event to look forward to in Darwin. Palmerston city is just a 15 minute drive south-east of Darwin, and is one of Australia's fastest growing areas.

Finding a property

All Darwin and Palmerston suburbs are within 30kms of the Defence bases and as such, are suitable locations for housing. Many members find it difficult to secure housing due to the availability of properties, competitiveness of the market, lack of rental properties accepting pets, and the requirement to inspect the property before a tenancy application is accepted.

Some real estate websites that you may find useful are www.domain.com.au and www.realestate.com.au.

Real estate agents commonly advertise properties only a few weeks before vacancy, with many only advertising after the property becomes vacant. Inspections of the properties are often 'open house' and are generally held in the afternoons, during the week. You may find that prospective tenants will offer above the advertised rent to secure a property.

NOTE - Ceiling increases to cover any rent above the ceiling entitlement is not guaranteed, and must meet the requirements as set out in the Defence Pay and Conditions Manual (**PACMAN**). You should check your eligibility before submitting a request.

House hunting trips:

House hunting trips are subject to approval. If you wish to apply for a house hunting trip please refer to **PACMAN** for your entitlements or alternatively, contact 139 DHA (139 342).

Utilities

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free **Fast Connect** service, where they will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf – you can contact them on 1300 661 464 (local call cost) or access the service via the **DHA** website.

Public transport

There are taxi and bus services throughout Darwin and Palmerston.

The NT Transport Group website is a good source of information.



Schools

Public education in Darwin and Palmerston is zoned.

For information on private and public schools visit the [Northern Territory Education and Training Directory](#).

Child care

Darwin and Palmerston have several day care centres, as well as family day care. Please note that waiting lists may apply. Some useful contacts are:

> Family Day Care Australia	1800 621 218
> ABC Learning Centres	1800 222 543
> Child Care Access Hotline	1800 670 305
> Department of Defence Child Care Centres	
> Australian Child Care Index	

Hospitals

> Royal Darwin Hospital (Public)	(08) 8922 8888
> Darwin Private Hospital (Private)	(08) 8920 6011
> Palmerston Emergency After Hours Clinic (6pm to 8am)	

Sport

There are many sporting and recreational activities in Darwin and Palmerston including fishing, athletics, bowls, AFL, soccer, golf, cricket, rugby league, rugby union, netball and the Arafura Games.

Water restrictions

There are no water restrictions in the Northern Territory.

Where can I find more information?

> [Northern Territory Government](#)

> [The Territory](#)

Climate

Darwin and Palmerston are tropical regions and effectively have just two seasons - wet and dry. The wet season runs from November to April and the dry season is from May to October. Cyclones are a fact of life in the top end and it is important to know how to stay safe and prepare for cyclones. For more information visit the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) website.

Contact DHA

> DHA (139 DHA)	139 342
> Darwin Office Fax	(02) 6222 2257
> www.dha.gov.au	