



**A strategic airport location in
the remote Kimberley, WA**

Back in Australian hands.



Light Aircraft



Helicopters



**Defence
Exercises**



RFD Service



Jet Aircraft
to MTOW 39,000kg

The airport falls under the traditional ownership of the Wunambal Gaambera people

A strategic jewel of Australia's north



Mungulalu North Kimberley Airport (MNKA) is the largest all-weather airport in the far north Kimberley of Western Australia. Established as Truscott Airfield by the RAAF in 1944, it is a busy hub servicing 15,000 passenger movements per annum for a range of industries, including the ADF, Australian Border Force and oil and gas. We also operate Troughton Island, providing an alternative airstrip 46km north.

The strategic locations of MNKA and Troughton Island have always been highly valued. Truscott was a critical supply link and staging post for Allied operations across northern Australia and the Pacific theatre in WWII and many of the qualities that made it so strategically valuable then still echo today. This has been reflected by increased use by the Australian Army and Border Force in recent years.

MNKA & the ADF – a strong partnership with room to grow

Air Force: we have the potential to support surveillance and reconnaissance missions

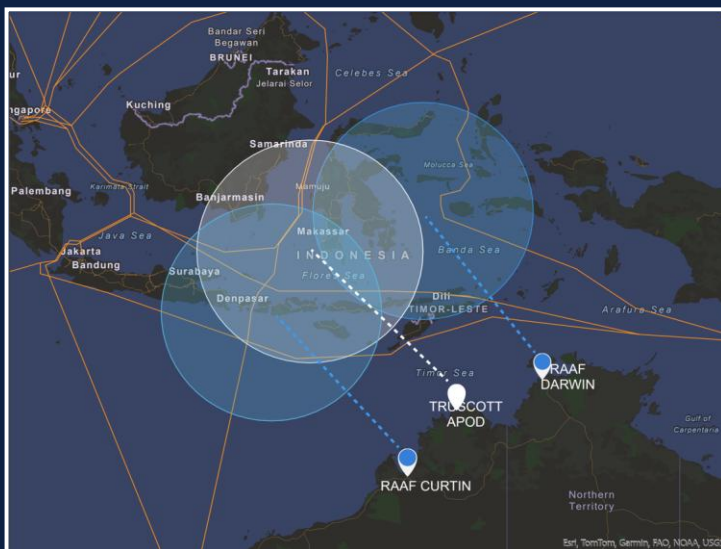
Navy: our location is advantageous for marine patrols and as a logistics hub

Army: terrain suits land force training & rapid deployment exercises.

Previous users include: **Australian Army 5 RAR, 1 CSR, 1HB, 3HB, 2 EHS, 1,2,3 SQN TPR, NORFORCE, 51FNQ RFSG; RAA 8/12, 20 REG RAA; RAAF 452 SQN, 453 SQN.**



Providing dual-node resilience for the Northern Network



Right place, right time, right distance...

Located within 550km of Broome and RAAF Base Darwin, MNKA is perfectly positioned to fill a gap in Australia's Northern Network. Our facility can aid the ADF's ability to operate from Australia's Northern Approaches, as identified in the Defence Strategic Review (DSR).

By using MNKA, the ADF can shorten sortie times for rotary-wing, fixed wing ISR and SAR aircraft, increasing time-on-station and the ability to respond effectively to developing situations in the Timor Sea, approaches to Ashmore Reef and at key offshore infrastructure.

Having additional northern airfield capacity increases ADF options to posture aircraft, small detachments and littoral elements forward, enabling "fight tonight" responsiveness that the DSR identifies as being urgent for the north. The MNKA-Troughton combination builds local redundancy without having to rely solely on major ADF bases.

Increased mission radius

For MQ-28 Ghost Bat, MC-55A Peregrine Sigint, MC-25 Stingray air-air refuelling & C-27J Spartan mobility and transport.

The MNKA of today and tomorrow

Current aviation infrastructure

- All weather IFR capability certified to CASA MOS 139
- Dedicated aprons for 3 x S92 helicopters and medivac fixed wing
- 2 x certified maintenance hangers capable of servicing 3 x S92s
- Fuel farm with 185,000L capacity + 36,000L diesel
- 2 x dedicated fixed and rotary wing aprons
- 3x mobile refuelling trucks



Support infrastructure

- Barge landing site with 10-16m of deep water access
- Transit passenger facility
- 120 x single room accommodation
- Mess hall, kitchen and TV room
- Swimming pool and gym
- First aid centre
- Wifi and internet coverage

A future MNKA that reflects northern Defence priorities



We are actively planning for a bigger and even better MNKA, to meet the needs of our diverse user base. This includes extensive accommodation upgrades, with current surge capacity highly inefficient.

An upgraded MNKA would support Defence needs through:

- A longer, stronger and more versatile runway
- Increased fuel storage aligned with ambitions for the north
- Standalone ADF accommodation

A WWII-proven operating site with modern civil utility

Stronger MNKA in our national interest

With MNKA and Troughton Island returned to full Australian ownership in early 2025, there are opportunities to ensure our facility's capabilities align with key ADF outlooks such as the National Defence Strategy and Integrated Investment Program.

As a multi-user facility for a range of essential industries, an upgraded MNKA would provide the ADF with scalable surge capacity that meets the NDS emphasis on rapid readiness and 'strategy of denial' – without the time and cost associated with greenfield works.

We see the future of Munggalalu North Kimberley Airport as a key asset in the Northern Network for the ADF. In tandem with Troughton Island, our facility can increase logistics and resilience capabilities for Defence in a remote area, while strengthening the ability to deter, detect and, if required, defeat threats in the immediate region.



Federal recognition of MNKA's strategic importance
Visiting our facility and Troughton Island in June 2025, Special Envoy for Defence Luke Gosling MP described Munggalalu North Kimberley Airport as "a great example of infrastructure that has multiple benefits for northern development."



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