



**NORTH**  
**KIMBERLEY**  
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North Kimberley Airport (NK Airport, formally known as Mungalalu Truscott Airbase) is a key strategic commercial airport based on the Anjo Peninsular in the remote Kimberley Region of Western Australia, 333 nautical miles north east of Broome and 281 nautical miles south west of Darwin.

NK Airport leases 46 square kilometre's which is under the traditional ownership of the Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation (WGAC) and leased to NK Airport.

The current 1800 m x 30 m sealed runway provides significant efficiencies for aviation operations in the Kimberley / Timor sea Area. It has all the equipment and facilities necessary to provide aviation logistic support to operations including the oil and gas industry, AMSA for search and rescue, tourism, Australian Border Force, defence and others requiring a support Base in the Kimberley. NK Airport is serviced fortnightly by Shorebarge to transport supplies and Jet A1.

### **Current Infrastructure**

- 2 x CASA certified maintenance hangars capable of servicing 3 x S92 helicopters
- All weather IFR Capability, certified to CASA MOS 139
- 1800m x 30m sealed all weather runway
- PAL Lighting
- Passenger briefing room with entertainment
- Communications are not limited to Telstra DRCS telephone system, Satellite telephones and a VSAT system which provides Wi-Fi through out the airport and camp.
- Automatic weather station which is Almos based as found all around Australia.
- Dedicated helicopter apron with fixed wing parking for Medevacs
- South Apron capable of parking five fixed wings
- Capability to take jets up to a maximum take off weight of 39 Ton
- Hino 4 x 4 fire truck with dedicated emergency response staff
- Medical centre
- Single ensuite rooms to cater for 90 people
- Common TV / Lounge room
- Gymnasium
- Swimming Pool
- Commercial kitchen and mess that seats up to 90 in any one sitting in air conditioning or on the alfresco deck
- Games room
- Fully automated generation system
- Desalination unit

## Search and Rescue (SAR)

North Kimberley Airport is the first point of call for any emergencies in the Timor Sea area. The current helicopter operator at NK Airport is able to be prepare their LIMSAR helicopter and be airborne with a paramedic within 40 minutes.

Both RFDS and Careflight are contracted by other operators to fly into NK Airport to transport a sick or injured person to the nearest hospital.

The SAR operations are not just limited to the oil and gas industry some of the missions completed are;

- Retrieval of a tourist from Mitchell Falls who had fallen
- Retrieval of motor vehicle passengers from the Gibb River / Kalumburu Road
- Assist with SAR for a passenger who fell off a cruise liner
- Retrieval of injured fisherman
- And numerous medevacs over the years for the oil and gas industry

The largest single medevac event that NK Airport has dealt with is the incident involving the foreign vessel Siev 36 carrying 47 refugees of which five lost their lives. The injured were transported to the near by FPSO Front Puffin, then flown on to Truscott, where the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre had set up a field hospital in the hangar, RFDS and Careflight also attended to assist to stabilise the patients before being flown to hospitals around the country



## **Troughton Island**

North Kimberley Airport also holds the lease over Troughton Island which is 25 nautical miles north of Truscott.

Having this aerodrome as an alternate allows aircraft to land at Troughton if adverse weather conditions prevail at Truscott. In addition to improved safety, this allows for great operational flexibility and larger pay loads.

The Island has recently been utilised by NORFORCE for operational requirements.



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