

Ampilatwatja

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Um-bludder-witch

Alternate name: Ammaroo, Ammaro, Honeymoon Bore, Aharreng, Aherre, Amperlatwatye

Location: 320km north east of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

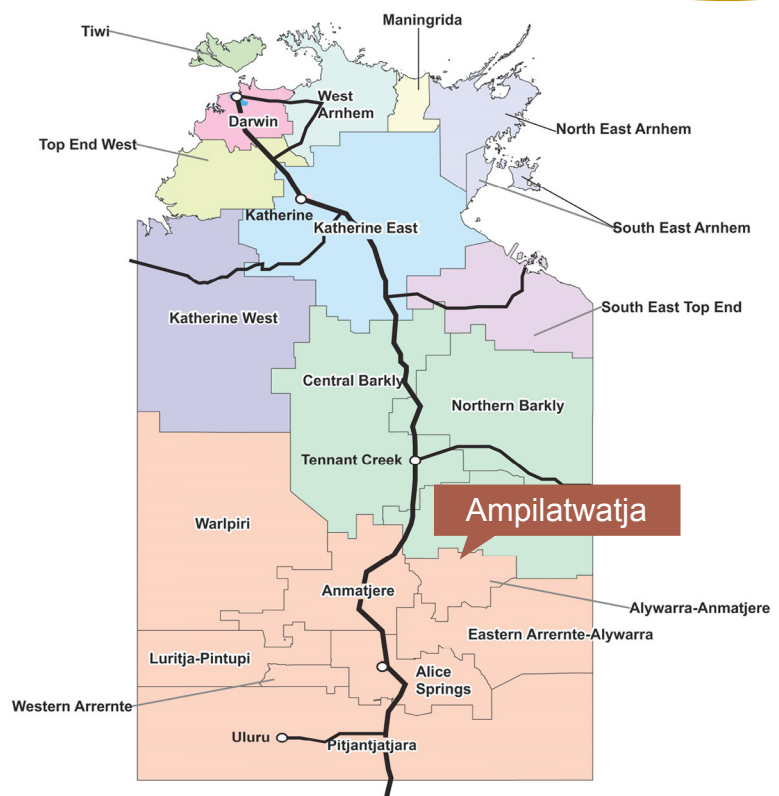
Population: Approx. 650 residents

Access: By road and air

Language groups: Alyawarr

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited use of internet in the clinic



This map of the Northern Territory, divided into regions, has been adapted from the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) Program Management and Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory

Climate (Central)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	-7°C to 32°C
<p>The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 20% – 50%</p> <p>Fine weather with minimal rain is the norm with the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards between the June to July period. Spring (Sept-Nov) and Autumn (Mar-May) in Central Australia see warm days and cool evenings.</p>		
Summer (December to February)	Hot and dry	16°C to 45°C
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%</p> <p>Central Australia has a semi-arid climate. In the summer months, the days are generally hot, sometimes very hot. If rain is to fall, it is more likely in the summer months, which may lead to road closures.</p>		

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: No</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: No</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women’s Centre: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: No</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: Yes</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: Yes</p> <p>Recreation includes 4WD, camping, waterhole swimming, AFL and basketball. The basketball court also doubles as tennis court. Ampilatwatja has a very active group of artists, most of the artists paint Arreth, which translates to ‘strong bush medicine’.</p>		
Community store	Aherrenge Community Store	Telephone (08) 8956 9885	
<p>Limited fresh fruit and vegetables are available although prices are higher due to transportation. Basic groceries, frozen meat and vegetables are also available. It is advisable to bring in as much fresh produce as possible and any specialty products/items required.</p>			
Opening hours		Monday – Friday	9:00am – 1:00pm 2:00pm – 5:00pm
		Saturday	9:00am – 1:00pm
		Sunday	Closed
Other food outlets	No		
Food orders	<p>Food orders can be placed online with Coles or Woolworths in Alice Springs. Please check with clinic staff regarding collection and delivery.</p>		
Commercial accommodation	Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation Accommodation	Telephone (08) 8956 9164	
Urapuntja Health Clinic Accommodation			
Barkly Regional Council Accommodation			
Ampilatwatja Store			
Fuel	Opal and Diesel available at the Aherrenge Community Store		
Police station	The nearest Police Station is in Alprarra, approximately 64km from Ampilatwatja, however police make regular visits to the community.	Telephone (08) 8956 9164	
Community Safety	Yes, there is a Community Night Patrol	Telephone (08) 8956 9966	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444	

Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	4G Telstra		
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.		
Mail	Aherrenge CPA	Telephone: (08) 8956 9966	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday	8:00pm – 4:30pm
		Saturday	Closed
		Sunday	Closed
Access			
Road	Access is by road, 320km North East of Alice Springs via the Plenty and Sandover Highways. The road is sealed for 100km followed by 220km of unsealed road. The trip takes approximately four hours from Alice Springs in dry conditions. A 4WD vehicle is required to make the journey after rain. Heavy rain will close the road.		
Air	Ampilatwatja can be accessed by air. The unsealed air strip is located 500m from the Community. There are no regular passenger flights to the community and the airstrip closes with heavy rains.		
Regular passenger transport	No Regular Passenger service		
Health centre			
Health service ²	Ampilatwatja Health Centre Aboriginal Corporation - AHCAC	Telephone (08) 8956 9942 Email ceo@ampilatwatja.com.au Web http://www.ampilatwatja.com.au/	
	Opening hours	Monday – Wednesday	8:30pm – 12:30pm 2:30pm – 5:30pm
		Thursday	8:30pm – 12:30pm
		Friday	9:00am – 1:00pm 2:30pm – 5:30pm
		Saturday	Closed
		Sunday	Closed
	Facilities	Three consulting rooms, one dental room and two emergency rooms with separate waiting rooms to allow for flexibility when catering for cultural requirements.	
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service		
Medical Records System ³	Communicare		
Vehicles	The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.		

¹ Telstra 3G/Next G are typically the only mobile services that work in more remote parts of the Northern Territory. See link – <http://telstra.com.au/mobile-phones/coverage-networks/our-coverage/>

² For more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

³ Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic
Visiting services	Includes Mental and Women's health services, Nephrology, Dental Services, Ophthalmology, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Nutrition and Dietetics. Ultrasound and Paediatric Specialists visit on a regular basis. The clinic also provides transport to Alice Springs weekly for outpatient consultations with the PATs Program.
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.
Alcohol	
Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
Governance	
Local Government	The local council is the Barkly Shire Council.
Outstations	There are four outstations – Irrultja, Atnwengerrp, Elere and Honeymoon Bore.
Other tips and relevant information	
Other tips/relevant information	<p>Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.</p> <p>Whenever possible, avoid being on the road from dusk till dawn. Apart from the unfenced cattle station, the region has a population of feral horses, donkeys, dogs and the occasional camel along with a native population of Kangaroos and Dingoes. All of which are a significant road hazard.</p> <p>On arrival, please check with the Health Centre to understand any health or social issues within the community. They can also let you know of any sacred sites to avoid.</p>

Disclaimer

This information is prepared in good faith and to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing. However, Aboriginal communities, like any community, can change as the population shifts and people move on. Please contact the RAHC Regional Coordinator or the Health Centre Manager to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your RAHC placement. RAHC also values any input you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.

⁴It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

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