

# Amoonguna

## Central Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Ah-moon-gu-nah

**Alternate name:** N/A

**Location:** 21km south east of Alice Springs

**NT Region:** Central

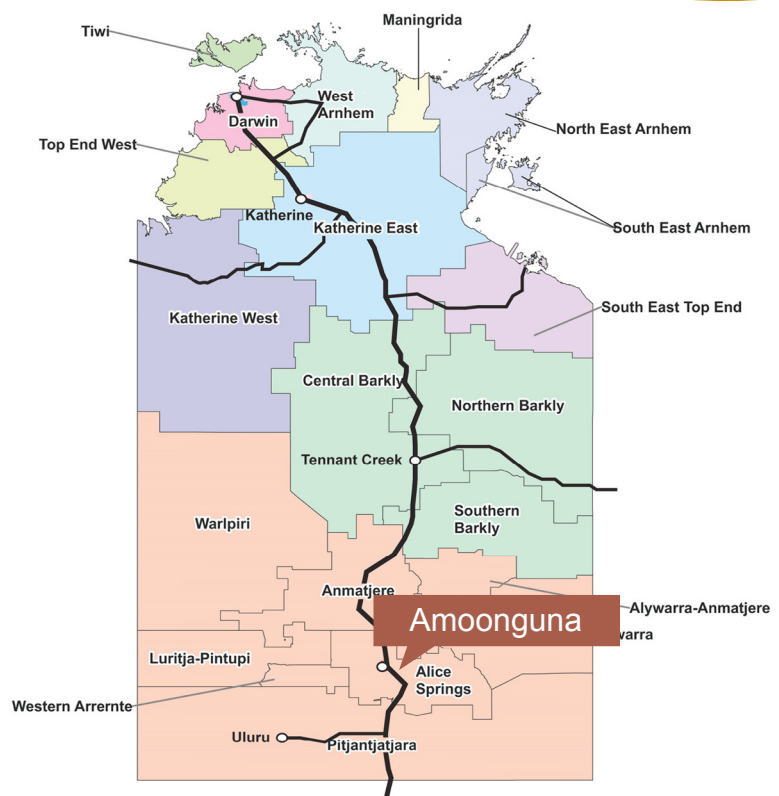
**Population:** Approx. 318 residents

**Access:** By road

**Language groups:** Southeastern Arrernte, Alyawarre and Luritja

**Phone:** 4G Telstra

**Internet:** Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



*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
<b>Winter (June to August)</b>	<b>Cooler and dry</b>	<b>-7°C to 32°C</b>
<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>		
<b>Summer (December to February)</b>	<b>Hot and dry</b>	<b>16°C to 45°C</b>
<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

Church: No

Community halls or sheds: Yes

Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes

School: Yes

Library: No

Council Office: Yes

Women's Centre: Yes

Childcare Centre: No

Aged Care Centre: Yes

Community Safety: Yes

Banking: No

Recreational/other facilities: Amoonguna is located 21km from Alice Springs therefore all facilities and activities available in Alice Springs will be accessible to those in Amoonguna.

Community store

Amoonguna Store

Telephone (08) 8952 9043

The Amoonguna Store has a range of fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen food, dairy and some household products.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

Saturday

Sunday

9:00am – 3:00pm

Closed

Closed

Other food outlets

Coles, Woolworths and a range of takeaway food outlets are available from Alice Springs.

Food orders

Food orders may be placed online with Coles or Woolworths in Alice Springs.

Commercial accommodation

No Commercial Accommodation

Fuel

United Heavitree Gap – Alice Springs

68 Palm Circuit, Ross NT 0873

Police station

Alice Springs Police Station

Telephone (08) 8951 8823

Community Safety

Yes

Other police contacts

Police assistance line

Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone

4G Telstra

Internet

Yes, personal use is available.

Mail

Australia Post – Alice Springs Post Shop

33 Hartley Street, Alice Springs NT 0870

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 5:00pm

<sup>1</sup> Telstra 3G/Next G is 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/>

Access											
Road	Amoonguna is a 15-minute drive on a sealed road from Alice Springs. In the event of heavy rain, the Todd River can rise, and the community becomes inaccessible.										
Air	No										
Regular passenger transport	Alice Springs Taxi										
Health centre											
Health service <sup>2</sup>	<p><b>Amoonguna Health Service (CAAC)</b></p> <p><b>Telephone</b> (08) 8952 9327</p> <p><b>Web</b> <a href="https://www.caac.org.au">https://www.caac.org.au</a></p> <p><b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:amoongunaclinic@caac.org.au">amoongunaclinic@caac.org.au</a></p> <p><b>Opening hours</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Wednesday</td><td>8:30am – 5:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td><td>8:30am – 12:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td><td>8.30am – 5:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Facilities</b></p> <p>Three consulting rooms and one emergency room.</p>	Monday – Wednesday	8:30am – 5:00pm	Thursday	8:30am – 12:00pm	Friday	8.30am – 5:00pm	Saturday	Closed	Sunday	Closed
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On-call services	<p>Amoonguna Health Service does not have a 24hour service, however, these services are available at Alice Springs Hospital.</p> <p><b>Telephone</b> (08) 8951 7777</p>										
Medical Records System <sup>3</sup>	Communicare										
Vehicles	Several vehicles are available including two passenger buses, one with wheelchair access and one sedan. These vehicles are not available for personal use.										
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic										
Visiting services	Includes Dietetics, Podiatry, Optometry, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Health Checks including child health checks, Immunisations, Health Education and Medications. General Practitioners, Remote Nurses, Aboriginal Health Practitioners, Allied Health staff, Diabetes Nurses and Social Workers also visit the clinic.										
Acute care	St Johns Ambulance										
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.										
Alcohol											
Alcohol <sup>4</sup>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.										
Governance											
Local Government	The local council is the MacDonnell Shire Council. The land council is the Central Land Council (CLC).										
Outstations	N/A										

<sup>2</sup> For a more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

<sup>3</sup> Training should be arranged before you arrive in the community.

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

## Other tips and relevant information

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Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.

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.

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.

#### 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.*

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