

# Anyinginyi

## Central Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Any-in-gin-yi

**Alternate name:** Tennant Creek

**Location:** 506km north of Alice Springs

**NT Region:** Barkly Region

**Population:** Approx. 3000 residents

**Access:** By road and air

**Language groups:** Waramanga, Warlmanpa, Warlpiri, Jingulu, Garawa, Mudburra, Kaytetye, Alyawarr, Amatyerr and Wambaya.

**Phone:** 4G Telstra and Optus

**Internet:** Only personal 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         |
|--|--|---------------------|
| <b>Winter (June to August)</b>   | <b>Cooler and dry</b>  | <b>-7°C to 32°C</b> |
| The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.<br>Humidity Range 20% – 50% | 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. |                     |
| <b>Summer (December to February)</b>   | <b>Hot and dry</b>   | <b>16°C to 45°C</b> |
| The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.<br>Humidity Range 30% – 95%          | 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.                              |                     |

## Infrastructure, facilities and services

### Community

**Church:** Yes

**Community halls or sheds:** Yes

**Workforce skills or training facilities:** Yes

**School:** Yes

**Library:** Yes

**Council Office:** Yes

**Women's Centre:** Yes

**Childcare Centre:** Yes

**Aged Care Centre:** Yes

**Community Safety:** Yes

**Banking:** Yes

**Recreational/other facilities:** Recreational facilities are located on Ambrose Street. Facilities include a fully equipped gymnasium with group fitness classes, football oval, basketball court and a town swimming pool. Tennant Creek Golf Club is located on Peko Road. Popular tourist attractions in the area include Lake Mary Anne Dam, Battery Hill Mining Centre, Nyinkk Nyunyu Cultural Centre, and the Devil's Marbles rock formations.

### Community store

#### IGA Independent grocers Association

**Telephone** (08) 8962 2296

The IGA store has a good range of grocery items, meat, dairy and frozen foods. Fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered to the store twice weekly and fresh bread is available Monday to Friday.

*\*Please check with the Health Service for further information regarding the location of the IGA and confirmation of opening hours\**

#### Opening hours

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Monday – Friday | 9.00am – 6.00pm  |
| Saturday        | 10.00am – 4.00pm |
| Sunday          | 10.00am – 4.00pm |

### Other food outlets

Blue Stone Motor Inn Restaurant  
Memories Restaurant  
Sporties Club - Steak & Grill Restaurant  
Woks Up Chinese Restaurant  
Red Centre Café  
Top of Town Café  
Rocky's Pizza

### Food orders

Food orders can be placed online through IGA Northside Alice Springs and Coles Alice Springs. Please check with clinic staff regarding collection and delivery.

### Commercial accommodation

Blue Stone Motor Inn  
Safari Lodge  
Eldorado Motor Inn  
Tennant Creek Caravan Park  
Outback Caravan Park  
Tennant Creek Caravan Park

### Fuel

There are four fuel stations located in Anyinginyi; BP Truck Stop, United Petrol, Lone Star Station (Caltex) and IOR Petroleum.

### Police station

Tennant Creek Police Station

**Telephone** (08) 8962 0944

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| Community Safety                    | Yes, there is a community safety program.   |   |                                     |
| Other police contract               | Police assistance line  | Telephone 131 444   |                                     |
| Telephone/internet/mail             |   |   |                                     |
| Mobile phone <sup>1</sup> /phone    | Telstra and Optus   |   |                                     |
| Internet                            | Only personal use of the internet is available in the accommodation.  |   |                                     |
| Mail                                | Tennant Creek Post Office LPO<br>49 Paterson Street,<br>Tennant Creek NT, 0860  | Telephone (08) 8962 2895  |                                     |
|                                     | Opening hours   | Monday – Friday<br>Saturday<br>Sunday   | 8:00am – 4:00pm<br>Closed<br>Closed |
| Access                              |   |   |                                     |
| Road                                | Tennant Creek is accessible by road via the Stuart Highway. It is 506km North of Alice Springs. It is recommended to allow a drive time of five to six hours. |   |                                     |
| Air                                 | Tennant Creek has a small regional airport located near the town. It is available for use 24/7 and has a sealed air strip.                                    |   |                                     |
| Regular passenger transport         | Tennant Creek is also accessible by rail (Ghan Rail) and Greyhound Bus (Daily).   |   |                                     |
| Health centre                       |   |   |                                     |
| Health service <sup>2</sup>         | Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation (AHAC)   | Telephone (08) 8962 2385<br>Web <a href="https://www.anyinginyi.org.au/">https://www.anyinginyi.org.au/</a><br>Email <a href="mailto:tandeo.sakala@anyinginyi.com.au">tandeo.sakala@anyinginyi.com.au</a> |                                     |
|                                     | Opening hours   | Monday – Friday<br>Saturday<br>Sunday   | 8:00am – 4:30pm<br>Closed<br>Closed |
|                                     | Facilities  | 13 consulting and treatment rooms.  |                                     |
| On-call services                    | Anyinginyi Health Centre does not have a 24hour service. 24hour emergency on-call services are available at Tennant Creek Base Hospital.                      |   |                                     |
| Medical Records System <sup>3</sup> | Communicare   |   |                                     |
| Vehicles                            | Anyinginyi has over 10 vehicles however not for personal use.<br><b>**Note: All Troop Carriers (Outreach) are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b>           |   |                                     |
| GPs                                 | Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic  |   |                                     |

<sup>1</sup> 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/>

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

<sup>3</sup> Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

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| <b>Visiting services</b>                   | Visiting specialist services include dietetics, podiatry, obstetrics, ophthalmology, gynaecology, optometry, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, exercise physiology, hearing health services, ASH renal and ASH cardiac teams.  |
| <b>Acute care</b>                          | St Johns Ambulance and Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)   |
| <b>Other</b>                               | Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.  |
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| <b>Alcohol<sup>4</sup></b>                 | RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.   |
| <b>Governance</b>                          |   |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | The local council is the Barkly Shire Council.<br>The land council is the Central Land Council (CLC).   |
| <b>Outstations</b>                         | None  |
| <b>Other tips and relevant information</b> |   |
| <b>Other tips/relevant information</b>     | <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.*

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

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