

# Ali Curung

## Central Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Ali-Cu-rung

**Alternate name:** Ale-kerange

**Location:** 378km north of Alice Springs

**NT Region:** Central

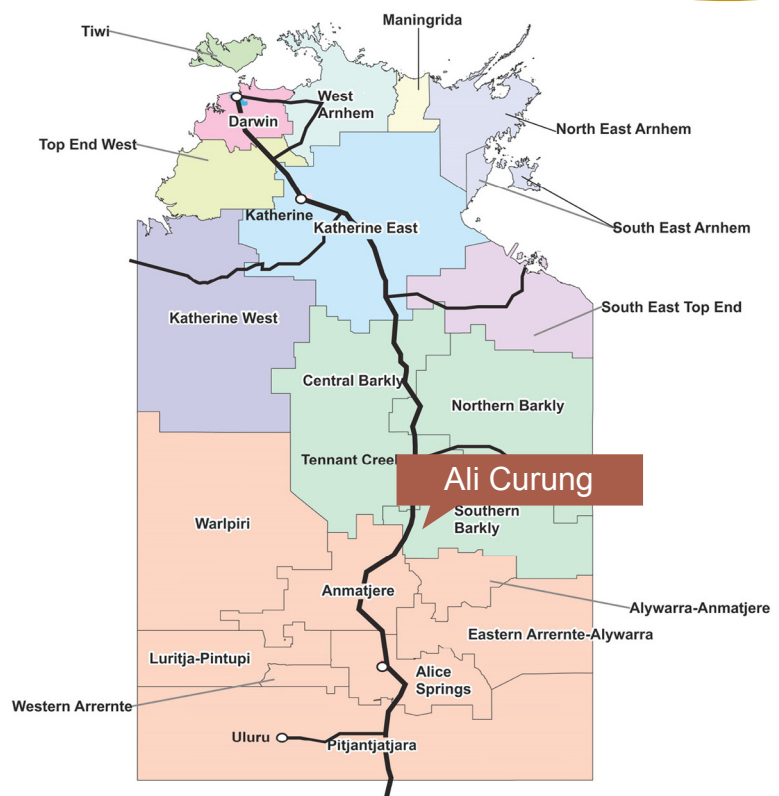
**Population:** Approx. 449 residents

**Access:** By road and air

**Language groups:** Warlpiri,  
Warumungu, Alyawarr, Kaytete

**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: 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, Community Care Program

Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program

Banking: Yes

Recreational/other facilities Yes, the Arlpwe Art and Culture Centre was opened in 2008 and is located in Ali Curung. The art studio is open to the public Monday to Thursday and the art gallery is open by appointment. The Arlpwe Art and Culture Centre holds a cultural festival every year in June, to celebrate the traditions and cultures of the four Aboriginal language groups living in Ali Curung.

Community store

Mirnmirri Store

Telephone (08) 8964 1965

The store supplies a range of products including basic groceries, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, household supplies and fuel.

It is advisable to bring specialty products/items required.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

Saturday

Sunday

8:00am – 4:00pm

8:00am – 12:00pm

Closed

Other food outlets

Warrabri Bakery Store

Fresh bread is baked daily.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

Saturday – Sunday

4:30pm – 7:00pm

8:30am – 12:30pm

4:00pm – 6:30pm

Food orders

Bush orders can be arranged through the Mirnmirri Store

Commercial accommodation

Wycliffe Well Holiday Park

13030 Stuart Hwy, Davenport

NT 0872

Website <http://wycliffewellholidaypark.com>

Telephone (08) 8964 1966

Fuel

Puma and Diesel fuel is available from the Mirnmirri Store.

Police station

Ali Curung Police Station

Telephone (08) 8964 1959

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

4G Telstra

<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/>

Internet	Yes, personal use is available.		
Mail	Mail can be lodged via the Health Centre. Please check with the clinic staff.		
Access			
Road	Ali Curung is a four hour drive North of Alice Springs via the Stuart Highway. The community is located 170km South of Tennant Creek. The road is sealed and takes approximately two hours from Tennant Creek.		
Air	Ali Curung 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	The Greyhound Bus runs daily from Darwin and Alice Springs to Ali Curung.		
Health centre			
Health service <sup>2</sup>	Ali Curung Primary Health Centre	Telephone (08) 8964 1954	
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday Saturday – Sunday	8:00am – 5:00pm Closed
	Facilities	One consulting room and one emergency room	
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service		
Medical Records System <sup>3</sup>	PCIS		
Vehicles	The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.  <b>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b>		
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic		
Visiting services	Visiting services include Mental Health Professionals, dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, dental health services, ophthalmology, Women's Health Professionals, gynaecology and hearing health services.		
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)		
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.		
Alcohol			
Alcohol <sup>4</sup>	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.		

<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.

<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

**Local Government** The local council is the Barkly Shire Council.  
The land council is the Central Land Council (CLC).

**Outstations** None

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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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