

Ltyentye Apurte

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: L-Ginger-Porter, San-tah Ter-ree-sa

Alternate name: Santa Teresa

Location: Ltyentye Apurte is approx. 80km East of Alice Springs with about 60km of unsealed road.

NT Region: Central

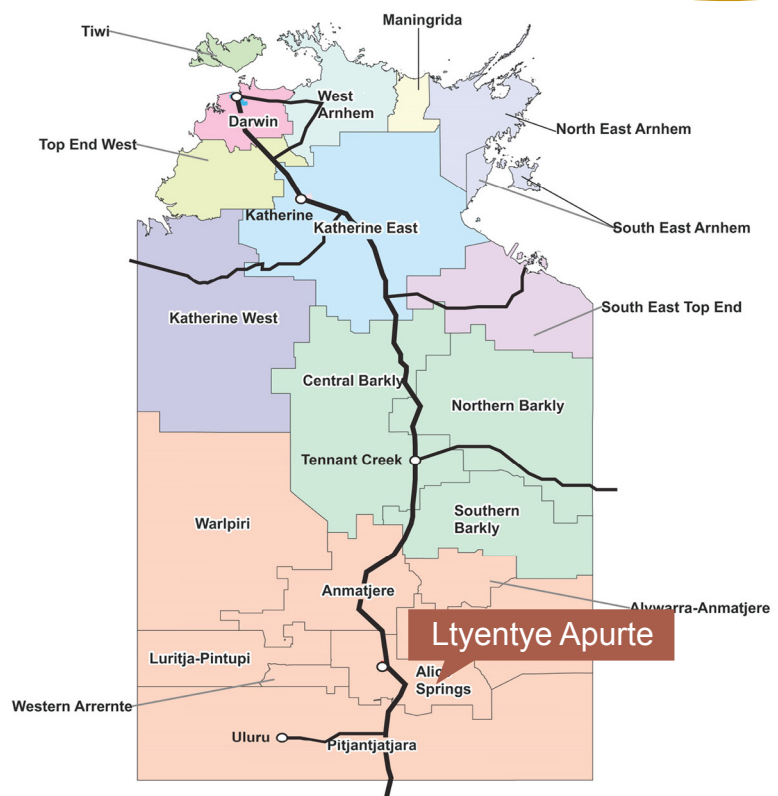
Population: Approx. 600 residents

Access: By road and air

Language groups: Eastern and Central Arrernte

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

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, Community Care Program
Banking: There is an ATM at the Community Store with EFTPOS and credit card facilities.
Recreational/other facilities: There is a recreation hall containing pool tables, a trampoline and a jukebox. There is also a basketball stadium, ALF football oval, children's playground and a swimming pool. Bushwalking tracks and camping sites are also available nearby.

Community store

Santa Teresa Store

Telephone (08) 8956 0805

Santa Teresa Community Store has a basic range of fresh fruit and vegetables available, although prices can be higher due to transportation. Frozen meat and vegetable are often available. It is advisable to bring in as much fresh produce as possible and any specialty products/ items required. The store also sells Opal petrol and Diesel fuel.

Opening hours

Monday - Friday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 12:30pm
Sunday	Closed

Other food outlets

There is a cafe at the Op Shop.

Food orders

Food orders may be placed online with Coles or Woolworths in Alice Springs. Please check with clinic staff regarding collection/delivery.

Commercial accommodation

Available on request to Council Services Manager.

Fuel

Opal and Diesel fuel are available from the Store. Please check opening hours.

Police station

Santa Teresa Police Station

Telephone (08) 8956 0887

Community Safety

Yes, there is a community safety program.

Other police contract

Police assistance line

Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone

4G Telstra

Internet

Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.

Mail

Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte) CPA
 36 Church Street NT 0872

Telephone (08) 8956 0805

Operating Hours

Monday - Friday	9:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm - 5:00pm
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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/>

Access											
Road	Access via the Ltyenty Apurte Road past the Alice Springs Airport approx. 80Km east. 60 km of the road is unsealed. Allow for 1 hour travel time in good conditions.										
Air	The Ltyentye Apurte Aerodrome is unsealed and 3 km from the community.										
Regular passenger transport	<p>Centre Bush Bus</p> <p>Travel to Ltyenty Apurte every Friday.</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8953 0127</p> <p>Email reservations@centrebushbus.com.au</p>										
Health centre											
Health service ²	<p>Mpwelarr Health Service</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8966 0911</p> <p>Email santateresa.cnm@caac.org.au</p> <p>Web www.caac.org.au/client-services/remote-healthservices/santa-teresa</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday - Wednesday</td><td>9:00am - 5:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td><td>9:00am - 12:30pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td><td>9:00am - 5:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table> <p>Facilities</p> <p>Six consulting rooms, six treatment rooms, one emergency room and one hearing room.</p>	Monday - Wednesday	9:00am - 5:00pm	Thursday	9:00am - 12:30pm	Friday	9:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday	Closed	Sunday	Closed
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On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service										
Medical Records System ³	Communicare										
Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>										
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic										
Visiting services	Visiting services include General Practitioner (GP), Remote Nurses, Aboriginal Health Practitioners, Optometrist, Podiatrist Cardiologist, Audiologist, Dentist, Dietician, Diabetes Nurse, Obstetrician, Mental Health Professionals and Psychologist. Health checks including child health checks, health education, immunisation and medication. Congress services and other external services like healthy lifestyle promotions.										
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)										
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.										
Alcohol											
Alcohol ⁴	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.										

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.

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

Governance

Local Government

The local council is the MacDonnell Shire Council.
The land council is the Central Land Council (CLC).

Outstations

Phillipson Outstation

Other tips and relevant information

Other tips/relevant information

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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