

# Wirliyatjarrayi

## Central Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Willy-ah-jar-ray

**Alternate name:** Willowra Station

**Location:** 337km north west of Alice Springs

**NT Region:** Central

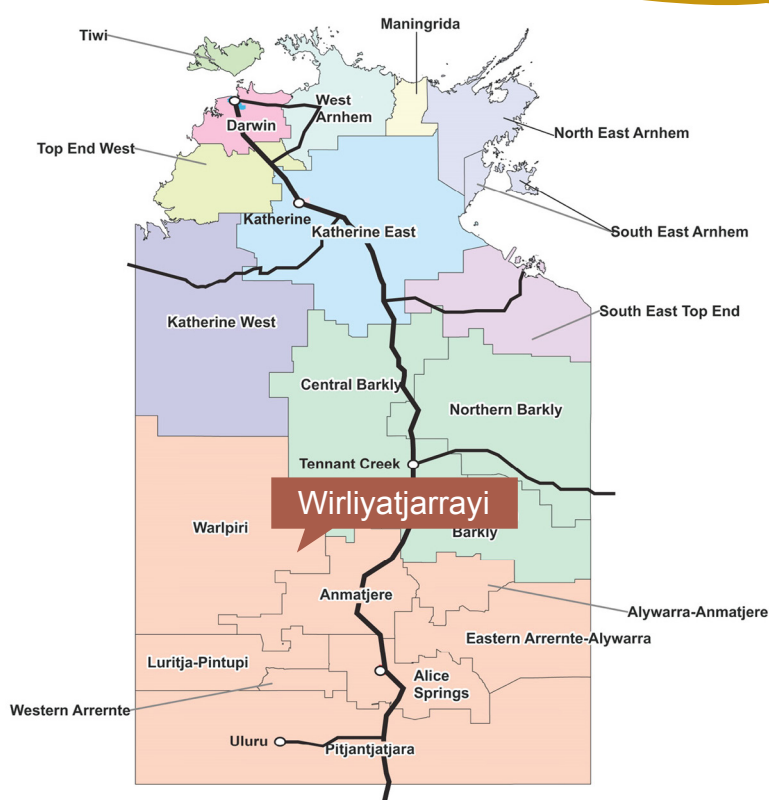
**Population:** Approx. 354 residents

**Access:** Road and air

**Language groups:** Warlpiri

**Phone:** No phone service

**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>
<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	<b>Church:</b> Yes <b>Community halls or sheds:</b> Yes <b>Workforce skills or training facilities:</b> Yes <b>School:</b> Yes <b>Library:</b> No <b>Council Office:</b> Yes <b>Women's Centre:</b> No <b>Childcare Centre:</b> Yes, Community Care Program <b>Aged Care Centre:</b> Yes, Community Care Program <b>Community Safety:</b> Yes <b>Banking:</b> Yes <b>Recreational/other facilities:</b> Yes, there is a football oval, basketball court, softball facilities, a community park and playground.		
Community store	Wirliyajarrayi Store	Telephone (08) 8956 8333	
	The Wirliyajarrayi store has a basic range of fresh fruit and vegetables. Frozen meat and vegetables are often available. It is advisable to bring specialty products/items required.		
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday	9:00am – 1:00pm 2:00pm – 5:00pm
		Saturday	9:00am – 11:00am
		Sunday	Closed
Other food outlets	No		
Food orders	Bush orders can be placed online with Coles or Woolworths in Alice Springs and collection arranged with clinic staff/visitors travelling to community. Speak to Health Centre staff to confirm.		
Commercial accommodation	Available on request to the Council Services Manager	Telephone (08) 8956 4820	
Fuel	Opal and Diesel fuel available in the Community		
Police station	Willowra Police Station	Telephone (08) 8956 9733	
Community Safety	Yes, there is a safety program		
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444	
Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone <sup>1</sup> /phone	No Phone Service		
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.		
Mail	The council office doubles as a CPA (08) 8956 4820. Mail is delivered once a week via the mail plane.		

<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/>

Access		
Road	Wirliyajarrayi is accessible by road via the Stuart Highway. It is 334km North West of Alice Springs. Travel along the Stuart Highway towards Tennant Creek, and turn off the highway 15km North of Ti Tree, then drive 130km North West to the community. It is recommended to allow a drive time of three to four hours.	
Air	A sealed airstrip, is a five minute drive from the community and used by charter airlines, the RFDS and the mail plane.	
Regular passenger transport	Centre Bush Bus travels to Wirliyajarrayi twice a week from Alice Springs.	Telephone (08) 8953 0127
Health centre		
Health service <sup>2</sup>	Willowra Health Centre	Telephone (08) 8956 8788 Email <a href="mailto:willowra.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au">willowra.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.health.nt.gov.au">www.health.nt.gov.au</a>
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities	One emergency room and two consulting rooms.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service	
Medical Records System <sup>3</sup>	PCIS	
Vehicles	The clinic has two vehicles, not for personal use. 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 GP visits the clinic regularly.	
Visiting services	Visiting services include paediatrics, podiatry, ophthalmology and obstetrics. A Dentist, ENT Nutritionist, women's health specialist and mental health professional also visit the clinic.	
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)	
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 Central Desert Regional Council. The land council is the Central Land Council (CLC).	
Outstations	None	

<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

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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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