

Haasts Bluff

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Hearts - bluff

Alternate name: Ikuntji and Kunparrka

Location: 250km west of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central Region

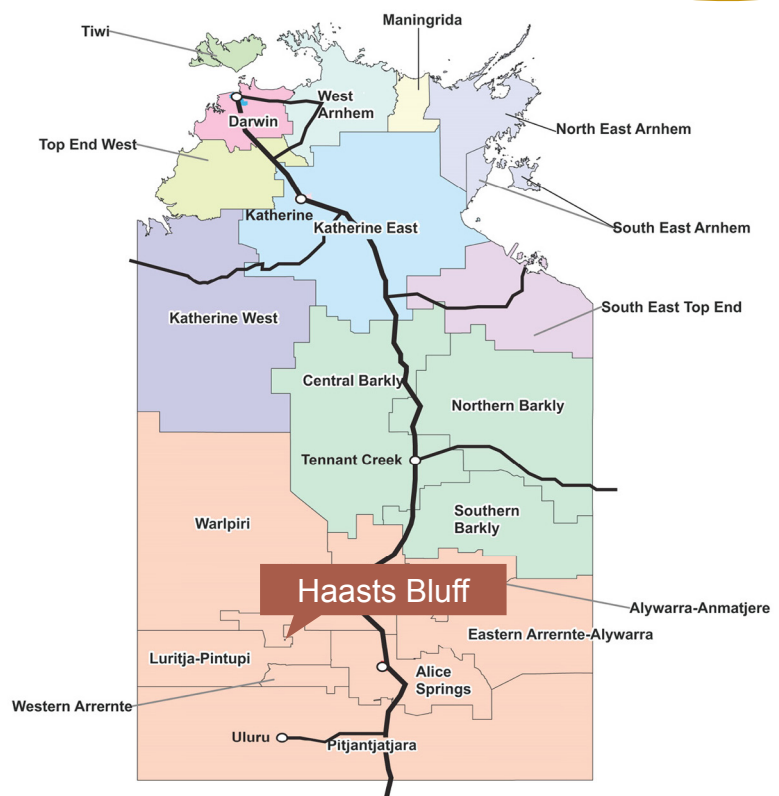
Population: Approx. 150 residents

Access: By road and air

Language groups: Luritja/Pintupi

Phone: No phone service

Internet: No personal use of internet in the clinic or 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
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>		

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: No		
Aged Care Centre: No		
Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program		
Banking: Yes, there is an ATM at the Community Store.		
Recreational/other facilities: The community has an outdoor basketball court with lights for night-time use and an AFL football field. The community also has a public laundry and the Ikuntji Artists Aboriginal Corporation Arts Centre.		
Community store	Kanparrka Store 23 Multa Rd, Haasts Bluff NT 0872	Telephone (08) 8956 8545
The store supplies a range of products including basic groceries, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, household supplies and fuel. It is advisable to bring as much fresh produce as possible and any specialty products/items required.		
Opening hours		
Monday – Friday		9:00am – 12:30pm 2:00pm – 5:30pm
Saturday		9:30am – 12:30pm
Sunday		Closed
Other food outlets	No	
Food orders	Bush Orders via collection or third-party delivery.	
Commercial accommodation	No	
Fuel	Opal and diesel fuel are available in the community.	
Police station	Haasts Bluff Police Station	Telephone (08) 8956 4922
Community Safety	Yes, Community Safety program.	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	No Phone Service	
Internet	No personal use of the internet is available in the clinic or the accommodation. A Wi-Fi internet service is available at the Council Office but may not always be accessible. Wi-Fi is also available in the vicinity of the Recreation Hall and is available 24hrs every day.	

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/>

Mail	Haasts Bluff (ikuntji) CPA 4 Jugadai Road, Haasts Bluff NT 0872		Telephone (08) 8956 8533
Opening hours	Monday – Thursday	9:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 5:00pm	
	Friday	9:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 3:00pm	
	Saturday – Sunday	Closed	
Access			
Road	Haasts Bluff is 227km west of Alice Springs via Larapinta Drive and Namatjira Kintore Link Road, or 257km via the Tanami Highway and then onto Papunya/Kintore Road. The drive time from Alice Springs is approximately three hours.		
Air	Haasts Bluff has an unsealed airstrip and is located 3km from the community.		
Regular passenger transport	Centre Bush Bus	Telephone (08) 8953 0127	
Health centre			
Health service ²	Department of Health (DOH) Haasts Bluff Health Clinic	Telephone (08) 8956 8472 Email ikuntji.clinimgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au	
Opening hours	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 5:00pm	
	Saturday – Sunday	Closed	
Facilities	One consulting/treatment/hearing room and one emergency room.		
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.		
Medical Records System ³	PCIS		
Vehicles	No vehicles		
GPs	A GP visits the clinic every Tuesday.		
Visiting services	Visiting services including dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, dental health, obstetrics, ophthalmology, mental health professionals, gynaecology and hearing health professionals.		
Acute care	RFDS and MRaCC		
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.		
Alcohol			
Alcohol ⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.		

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 Regional Council
The land council is Central Lands Council (CLC)

Outstations

No

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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