

Hermannsburg

Central Region

Community Profil

Pronunciation: Her-mans-berg

Alternate name: Ntaria

Location: 130km West of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

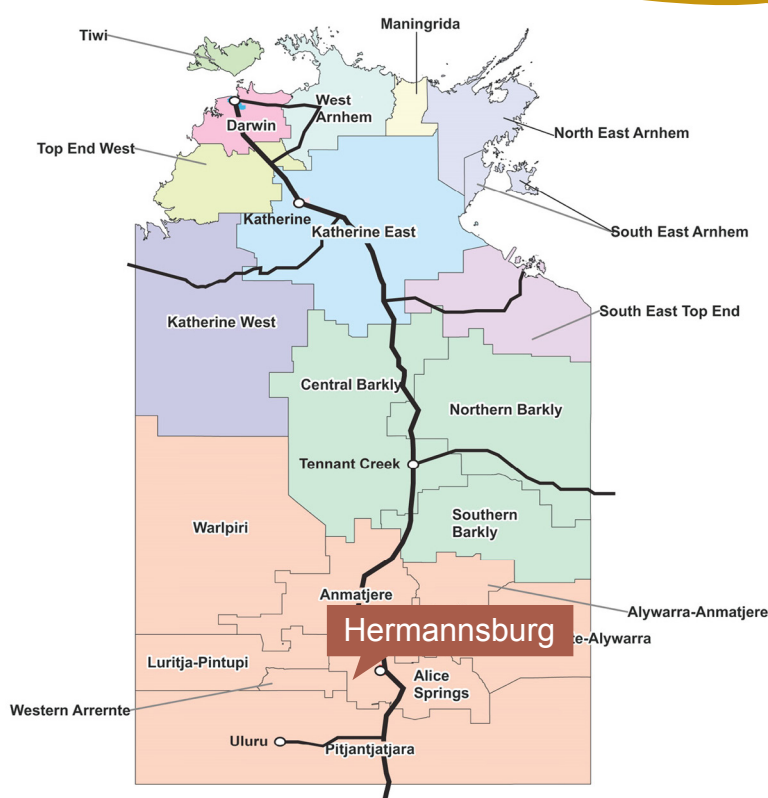
Population: Approx. 711 residents

Access: By road

Language groups: Western Arrarnta

Phone: 3G 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
The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. 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.	
Summer (December to February)	Hot and dry	16°C to 45°C
The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. 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: No Council Office: Yes Women's Centre: Yes Childcare Centre: No Aged Care Centre: No Community Safety: Yes Banking: Yes Recreational/other facilities: Yes, there is a sport and recreation hall, basketball court, football oval, arts centre and the historic precinct which attracts many tourists each year.							
Community store	Ntaria Supermarket Basic fresh fruit and vegetables are available although prices are higher due to transportation costs. Frozen meat and vegetables are often available. It is advisable to bring in as much fresh produce as possible along with any specialty products/items required. Opening hours <table><tr><td>Monday – Friday</td><td>8:00am – 5:30pm</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday</td><td>9:00am – 1:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr></table>	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 5:30pm	Saturday	9:00am – 1:00pm	Sunday	Closed	Telephone (08) 8956 7480
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Other food outlets	Ntaria Supermarket Takeaway Hot coffee and food available for takeaway or eat in with outdoor seating area available. EFTPOS is available in store. Kata-Anga Tea Rooms Located in the Historical Precinct (Lot 196) and offers cafe food.							
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	Hermannsburg Historical Precinct (Camping facilities only) Ntaria Supermarket Campground and Bungalows	Telephone (08) 8956 7402 Telephone (08) 8956 7480						
Fuel	Diesel and Opal (unleaded) fuel available from Ntaria Supermarket.							
Police station	Hermannsburg Police Station	Telephone (08) 8956 7422						
Community Safety	Ntaria Women's Safe House							
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444						
Telephone/internet/mail								
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	3G Telstra							
Internet	Only personal use of the internet is available in the clinic.							
Mail	Mail can be lodged via the Health Centre. Please check with the staff.							

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	The community is accessible via Larapinta Drive leaving from Alice Springs. The 130km access road is a sealed road for the entire distance to the community. It is approximately 1.5 hours' drive from Alice Springs. Heavy rain will make the road inaccessible for short periods.	
Air	Not accessible by air.	
Regular passenger transport	No	
Health centre one		
Health service ²	Hermannsburg Health Service	Telephone (08) 8956 7433 (08) 8954 8888 Email ntaria.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/remote-health/remote-health-services
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities	Eight consulting rooms and one emergency room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
Medical Records System ³	PCIS	
Vehicles	The Health Centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. No vehicle is provided for personal use. NT DOH has a strict policy on vehicle use; any non-clinical use is not permitted.	
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic.	
Visiting services	Various specialists visit the clinic throughout the year.	
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)	
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.	
Health centre two		
Health service ⁴	Central Australia Aboriginal Congress	Telephone (08) 8951 4400 Email info@caac.org.au Web https://www.caac.org.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities	Eight consulting room, one treatment room and two emergency room
On-call services	Yes	

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

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Medical Records System⁵

Communicare

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Other

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Alcohol

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RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

Governance

Local Government

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

Outstations

None.

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.

⁵ Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

⁶ It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

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