

Alpurrurulam

Barkly Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Al-poor-a-roo-lam

Alternate name: Lake Nash, Warte Alparayetye and Ilperrelhelame

Location: 650kms north west of Alice Springs

NT Region: Barkly

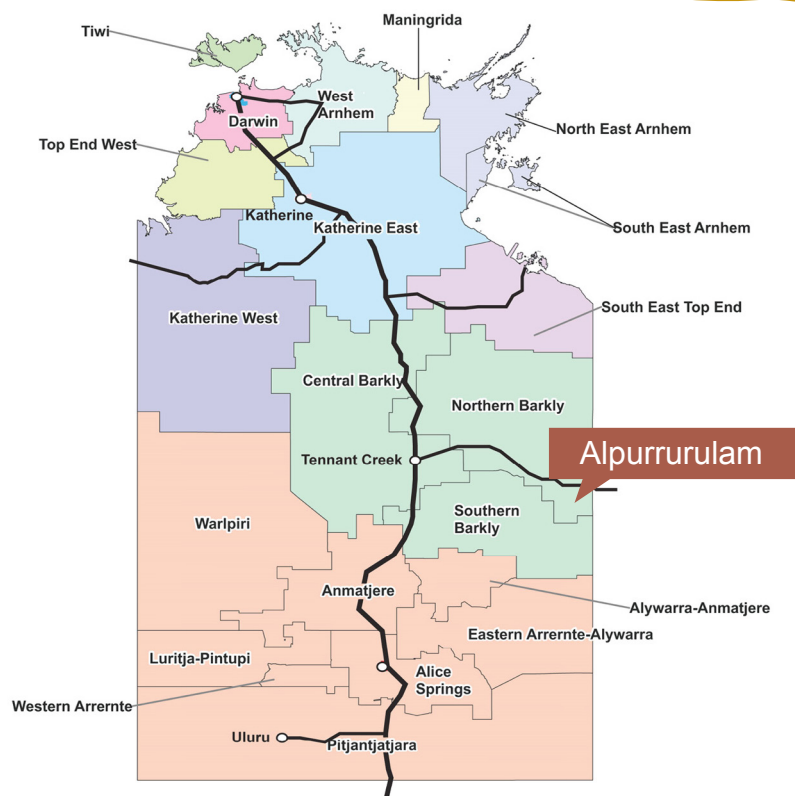
Population: Approx. 460 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Alywarre and Alywarr

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: There is internet for personal use



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: No Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes, Rainbow Gateway Community Development. School: Yes Library: No Council Office: Yes, Alpururulam Council Service. Women's Centre: No Childcare Centre: No Aged Care Centre: Yes Community Safety: Yes Banking: Yes, there is an ATM at the store. Recreational/other facilities: There is a sports and recreation centre for activities such as softball, basketball and other types of indoor sport. The community has a local AFL football club and a social club for camp drafting and rodeo sports.		
Community store	Warte Alparayetye Aboriginal Community Store The community store sells Opal fuel, diesel, food, drinks, fresh fruit and vegetables, automotive essentials, household goods, clothes, shoes, art supplies, toys and takeaway foods. Opening hours Monday – Friday Saturday Sunday 08:00am – 11:00am 3:00pm – 5:00pm 08:00am – 11:00am Closed	Telephone (07) 4748 4860	
Food orders	Coles Woolworths ABC Transport Food orders can be placed through Coles or Woolworths and delivered by ABC Transport.	Telephone (08) 8941 8055 Website www.coles.com.au Telephone (08) 8995 9308 Website www.woolworthsonline.com.au Telephone (08) 8955 4312	
Commercial accommodation	Barkly Regional Council Warte Community Store Accommodation	Telephone (07) 4748 4800 Telephone (07) 4748 4860	
Fuel	Fuel is available from the Warte Community Store. Please note there is no after-hours fuel.		
Police station	Avon Downs Police Station Located an approximately two hours' drive north of Alpururulam.	Telephone (08) 8964 5555	
Community Safety	Yes, there is a community safety programme.		
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444	
Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	4G Telstra		

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/>

Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.						
Mail	Alpurrurulam has a post office agency and mail can be lodged via the health centre. For more information please check with the clinic staff.						
Access							
Road	Alpurrurulam is 570km east of Tennant Creek and can be accessed via the sealed Barkly Highway. Alternatively, Alpurrurulam can be accessed via the Sandover Highway, a 646km mostly dirt road. In the wet season, the Sandover Highway may experience flooding.						
Air	The sealed aerodrome is located 10km from the community.						
Regular passenger transport	Northern Territory Air Service (NTAS) is a chartered air service for this region.						
Health centre							
Health service²	<p>Alpurrurulam Community Health Centre</p> <p>Telephone (07) 4748 3111</p> <p>Email Lakenash.Clinicmgr@nt.gov.au</p> <p>Web www.health.nt.gov.au</p>						
	<p>Operating hours</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Friday</td><td>8:00am – 12:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>1:00pm – 4:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table>	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 12:00pm		1:00pm – 4:00pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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	<p>Facilities</p> <p>Three consulting rooms, an emergency room, a dental room and a hearing health room.</p>						
On-call services	24-hour emergency on-call service.						
Medical Records System³	PCIS						
Vehicles	<p>The clinic has one ambulance and a Landcruiser. Personal use is at the discretion of the Primary Health Care Manager and District Manager. 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	Visiting Service once a month.						
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietician, midwife, podiatry, dental, ophthalmologist, women's health professionals, mental health professionals, ENT nutritionist and hearing health.						
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)						
Other	Birthing women birth in Mt Isa.						
Alcohol							
Alcohol⁴	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.

Other tips and relevant information

Local Government Local Council is Barkly Regional Council.
Land Council is Central Land Council.

Outstations There are no outstations.

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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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