

Papunya

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Pup-pun-ya

Alternate name: Warumpi

Location: 250kms west of Alice Springs along the MacDonnell Ranges

NT Region: Central

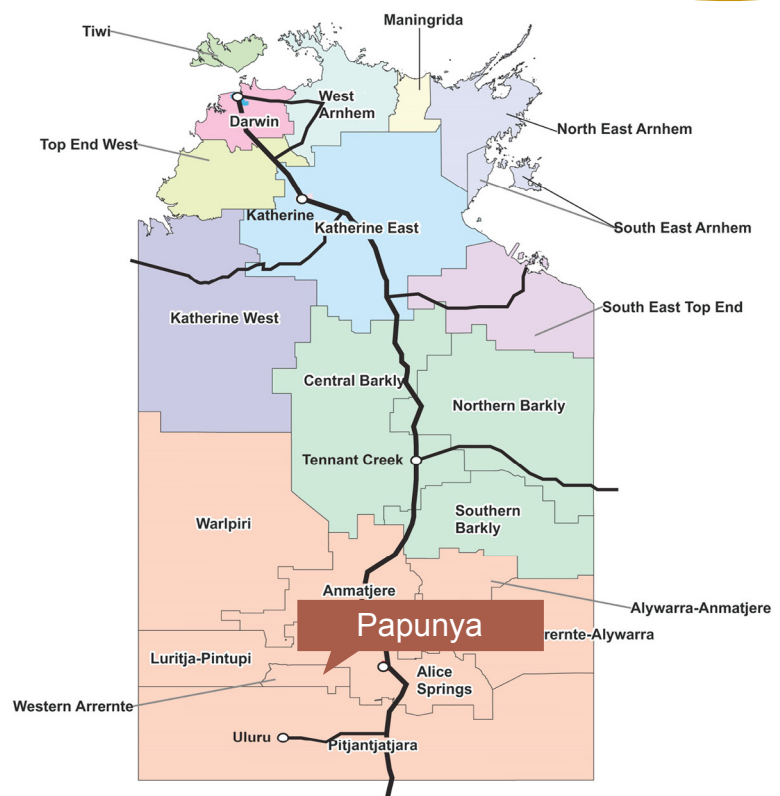
Population: Approx. 460 residents

Access: By road

Language groups: Luritja, Pintupi, Warlpiri and Arrernte

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited use of internet in the 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
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: Yes Council Office: Yes Women's Centre: Yes Childcare Centre: Yes Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program Banking: Yes Recreational/other facilities: Yes, there is a sporting ground, football oval, disco hall, playground and arts centre.							
Community store	Papunya Community Store Aboriginal Corporation The Papunya store offers a great range of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, meats and fresh baked bread. There is also a takeaway store on-site. Opening hours <table><tr><td>Monday – Friday</td><td>08:30am – 06:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday</td><td>09:00am – 01:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday</td><td>10:00am – 01:00pm</td></tr></table>	Monday – Friday	08:30am – 06:00pm	Saturday	09:00am – 01:00pm	Sunday	10:00am – 01:00pm	Telephone (08) 8956 8506
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Other food outlets	No							
Food orders	Coles Woolworths Food orders can be placed online with Coles or Woolworths in Alice Springs. Please check with clinic staff regarding collection/delivery.	Telephone (08) 8941 8055 Website www.coles.com.au Telephone (08) 8995 9308 Website www.woolworthsonline.com.au						
Commercial accommodation	Papunya Store Papunya Community store has limited commercial accommodation.	Telephone (08) 8956 8506						
Fuel	Opal and diesel fuel are available at the community store.							
Police station	Papunya Police Station	Telephone (07) 8956 8510						
Community Safety	MacDonnell Regional Council's Community Safety Program.							
Other police contract	Police assistance line.	Telephone 131 444						
Telephone/internet/mail								
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	4G Telstra							
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the accommodation.							
Mail	Australia Post – Papunya CPA							

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	Papunya is located 240km west of Alice Springs and is accessible via the Tanami Highway and Kintore Road. It is recommended to allow a of four-hour drive time.				
Air	A sealed airstrip is located 4km from the community.				
Regular passenger transport	The Centre Bush Bus provides regular passenger services from Alice Springs.				
Health centre					
Health service ²	<p>Primary Health Care delivered by Central Australia Health Service</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8956 8505</p> <p>Email papunya.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au</p> <p>Web https://health.nt.gov.au/governance-strategies-committees/about</p> <p>Operating hours</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Friday</td><td>08:00am – 05:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table> <p>Facilities</p> <p>Five consulting rooms, one emergency room, staff tearoom, waiting room, client toilets/showers and staff toilets.</p>	Monday – Friday	08:00am – 05:00pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.				
Medical Records System ³	PCIS				
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 midwifery, child health nurse, health promotion, nutrition, men's health, diabetes educator, chronic disease coordinator, ophthalmology, optometry, paediatrics and Specialist Outreach NT visit of obstetrics and gynecology.				
Acute care	St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight.				
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.				
Alcohol					
Alcohol ⁴	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.				
Governance					
Local Government	<p>The local council is MacDonnell Regional Council.</p> <p>The land council is Central Land Council (CLC).</p>				
Outstations	No				

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

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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