

Wadeye

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Wad-air

Alternate name: Port Keats

Location: 400kms south west of Darwin

NT Region: Top End

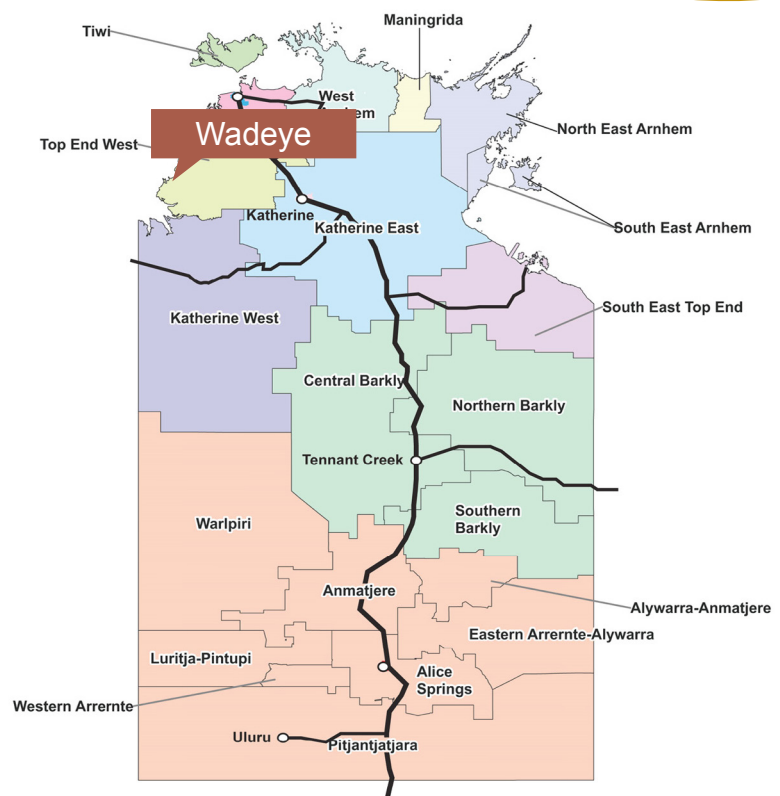
Population: Approx. 2679 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Murrinh Patha, Larrakia and Kriol

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 (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	6°C to 19°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 and the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards during June/July.</p>		
Summer (December to February)	Hot and humid	25°C to 38°C
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C during the day in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%.</p> <p>The build-up occurs from September with building humidity, intermittent lightning storms and downpours. Rains typically arrive December/January with regular heavy downpours and the possibility of cyclones.</p>		

Infrastructure, facilities, and services

Community	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: Yes</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: Yes</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women’s Centre: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: Yes</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: Yes, several facilities and recreational activities are available in Wadeye, including Wadeye Sports and Recreation Centre, a gym, fishing, charter tours, camping, bushwalks and the annual rodeo. Nearby attractions include beaches, waterholes, and the Fitzmaurice River.</p>		
Community store	Murrinhpatha Nimmipa Store	Telephone (08) 8972 350	
	The store stocks a small range of groceries including fresh fruit, veg, milk and meat. They receive weekly fresh deliveries via QAL service.		
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday	09:00 – 4:45
		Saturday	09:00 – 12:00
		Sunday	Closed
Other food outlets	Mi Patha Takeaway, T-House Café and Tuckerbox NT.		
Food orders	Coles	Telephone (08) 8941 8055 Web www.coles.com.au	
	Woolworths	Telephone (08) 8995 9308 Web www.woolworthsonline.com.au	
	QAL Transport	Telephone (08) 8901 7022	
	Food orders can be made through Coles and Woolworths Supermarkets in Darwin and delivered via QAL Transport.		
Commercial accommodation	Thammarrurr Development Corporation	Telephone (08) 8978 2111	
	West Daly Regional Council Visitor Accommodation	Telephone (08) 8901 3920	
Fuel	Wadeye Petrol Station is open 24 hours with Opal and Diesel.		
Police station	Wadeye Police Station	Telephone (08) 8978 2366	
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		
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.		

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	Wadeye LPO Shop 2/65 Perdjert Street, Wadeye, NT 0822	Telephone (08) 8978 2217
Access		
Road	Wadeye is accessible in the dry season between May to October via the unsealed Daily River Road. The drive is 403km and takes around 5 hours.	
Air	The air strip is sealed 1 km from the township	
Regular passenger transport	Murin Air flies to Wadeye daily.	Telephone (08) 7922 2400
Health centre		
Health service ²	Wadeye Community Health Centre	Telephone (08) 8978 2360 Email wadeye.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 8:00 – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities Twelve consulting rooms, one treatment area, men and women’s waiting areas, two dental rooms, one hearing room, one x-ray lab and two emergency rooms.	
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service.	
Medical Records System ³	PCIS	
Vehicles	The Health Service has 7 vehicles on-site. The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.	
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic.	
Visiting services	Dietician, midwife, podiatrist, nutritionist, dental therapist, women’s health professionals, audiologist, mental health professionals, gynaecologist, maternal health professionals, remote sexual health team, child and youth health team, optometrist, dentist, obstetrician, ophthalmologist.	
Acute care	Care Flight	
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.	
Alcohol		
Alcohol ⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.	
Governance		
Local Government	West Daily Council. Land Council - Northern Land Council.	
Outstations	There are five outstations including Kuy, Fossil Head, Yedder, Ditchi and Old Mission.	

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

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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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