

# Yarralin

## Top End Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Yarra-lin

**Alternate name:** Walangeri

**Location:** 380km southwest of Katherine

**NT Region:** Top End

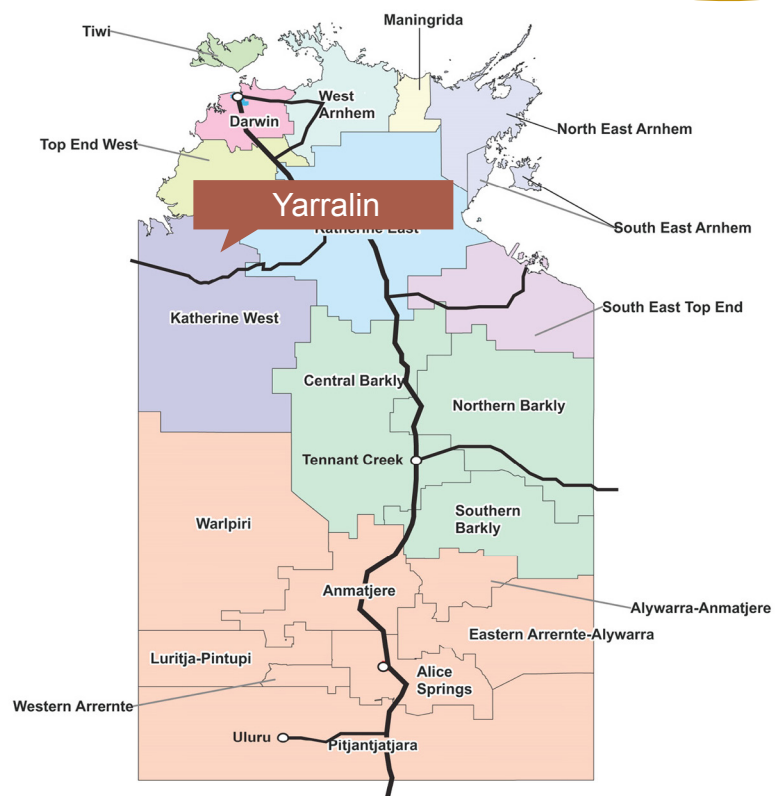
**Population:** Approx. 344 residents

**Access:** Road

**Language groups:** Ngarinyman and Kriol

**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 (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
<b>Winter (June to August)</b>	<b>Cooler and dry</b>	<b>6°C to 19°C</b>
<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>		
<b>Summer (December to February)</b>	<b>Hot and humid</b>	<b>25°C to 38°C</b>
<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

**Church:** No

**Community halls or sheds:** No

**Workforce skills or training facilities:** Yes

**School:** Yes

**Library:** No

**Council Office:** Yes

**Women's Centre:** Yes

**Childcare Centre:** Yes

**Aged Care Centre:** Yes

**Community Safety:** No

**Banking:** No

**Recreational/other facilities:** In Yarralin there are a couple of sporting facilities, including a basketball court and a football oval. The community is also well known for its annual fishing tournament, the 'NT Barra Classic'.

### Community store

**Yarralin Community Store**

**Telephone** (08) 8975 1074

Managed by Aboriginal Investment Group, the Yarralin Community Store offers fresh produce, frozen food and dry goods.

#### Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday

9:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday

9:00am – 12:00pm

### Other food outlets

Yarralin NT Food Delivery Shop

### Food orders

**Woolworths Katherine**

**Telephone** (08) 8934 8100

**Web** [www.woolworthsonline.com.au](http://www.woolworthsonline.com.au)

**Nighthawk Transport**

**Telephone** (08) 8972 3889

**Web** [www.nighthawktransport.com.au](http://www.nighthawktransport.com.au)

Food orders can be placed online with Woolworths Katherine. Nighthawk Transport carries out food order deliveries weekly, with the delivery cost dependent on the size and range of the order.

### Commercial accommodation

**Yarralin Motel**

**Telephone** 0447 142 254

The Yarralin Motel offers accommodation with air-conditioning, satellite TV, bar fridge, kitchen and laundry.

### Fuel

**Yarralin Fuel**

Opal and diesel fuel are both available.

### Police station

Yarralin Police Station

**Telephone** (08) 8975 0882

### Community Safety

No

### Other police contract

Police assistance line

**Telephone** 131 444

## Telephone/internet/mail

### Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone

3G Telstra

<sup>1</sup> 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	Australia Post – Yarralin CPA	Telephone (08) 8975 0839	
Access			
Road	Yarralin is located 380km from Katherine and can be accessed via the Victoria Highway. Most of the drive is along unsealed and often rocky roads.		
Air	There is a short airstrip located near the community.		
Regular passenger transport	Bush Bee-Charters to Aboriginal Communities	Telephone (08) 8953 0696	
	Bush Bee-Charters offers services to Yarralin on demand.		
Health centre			
Health service <sup>2</sup>	Katherine West Health Board	Telephone (08) 8975 0911	
		Email <a href="mailto:hr@kwhb.com.au">hr@kwhb.com.au</a>	
		Web <a href="http://www.kwhb.com.au">www.kwhb.com.au</a>	
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday	8:30am – 4:00pm
		Saturday – Sunday	Closed
	Facilities	Four consulting rooms, four treatment rooms, one emergency room and one dental room.	
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.		
Medical Records System <sup>3</sup>	Communicare		
Vehicles	The health centre maintains an Ambulance and a Toyota Prado. Personal use of the vehicles is not permitted.		
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic.		
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, dental, obstetrician, ophthalmologist, women's health professionals, mental health professionals, nutritionist, gynaecologist, hearing, health promotion, sexual health nurse, respiratory physician/general medicine, diabetes educator, child health nurse, MECSH program nurses and social workers.		
Acute care	Care Flight		
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.		
Alcohol			
Alcohol <sup>4</sup>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.		
Governance			
Local Government	The local council is the Victoria Daly Regional Council.		
	The land council is the Northern Land Council (NLC).		

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

<sup>3</sup> Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

<sup>4</sup> It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

## Outstations

Lingarra, Pigeon Hold and Top Springs Outstation.

## 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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