

Lajamanu

Katherine Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Lar-jar-marnoo

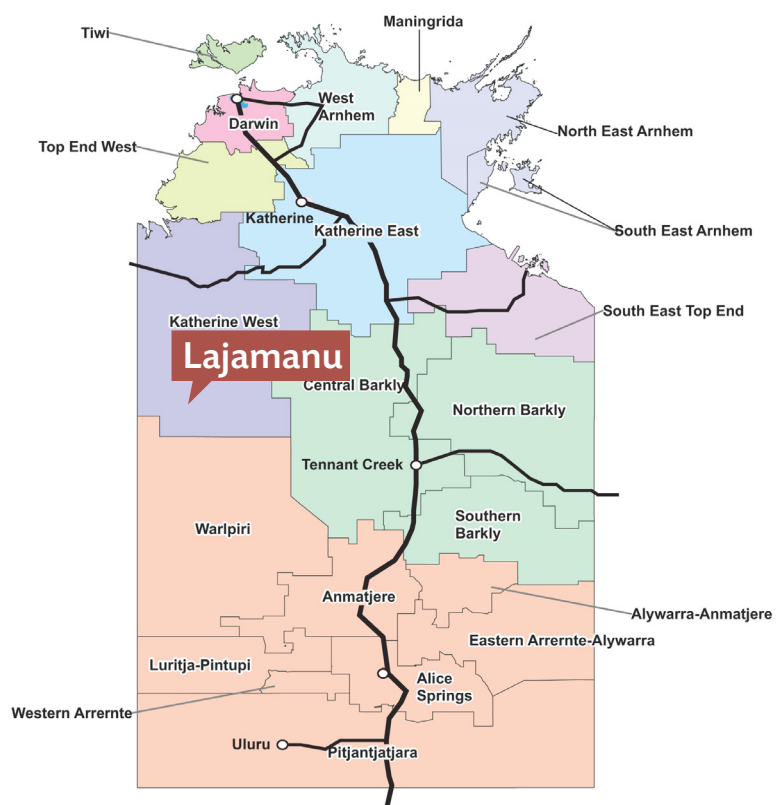
Alternate names: Hooker Creek

Location: 560km south-west of Katherine

Population: 700 approximately

Access: By road from Katherine

Language groups: Warlpiri and Gurundji



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 & Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory

Climate

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter dry season (May to September)	Cooler and dry	15°C to 33°C
<p>The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. Humidity 20% - 50%.</p> <p>Fine weather with no rain and much lower humidity than Wet Season and a possibility of becoming cold by Territory standards during June / July.</p>		
Summer wet season (October to April)	Hot and humid	22°C to 35°C
<p>Humidity can rise to 95%. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. Humidity 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>		

Governance

Local Government	Central Desert Regional Council (CDRC)	Telephone (08) 8975 0886 Web www.centraldesert.nt.gov.au
Outstations	Mirrinyungu, Jiwarpa, Lul-tju Mungurrupa, Parnta, Parrulyu, Tjabalajabala, Pinja Jangalpangalpa, Ngarnka, Yartalu Yartalu and Green Swamp Hills.	
Permit System¹	<p>A permit is required for all visitors to the community who are not on official government business. Government workers (and contractors to government) do not require a permit, this includes all RAHC staff.</p> <p>Permit application forms are available through Central Land Council (CLC).</p> <p>Web www.clc.org.au</p>	

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community	<p>Post Office: Lot 238 Desert track, Lajamanu NT 0852 Monday - Friday, 9am to 3pm</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: Yes</p> <p>Banking: Commonwealth Bank Agency. Two ATMs are located at the Lajamanu Store. One is operated by Traditional Credit Union and the other by Firstpoint. There are full Eftpos and credit card facilities in the store and service station.</p>	<p>Telephone (08) 8975 0886</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8975 0946</p>
Community store	<p>Lajamanu Store:</p> <p>The Lajamanu Progress Aboriginal Corporation owns and operates a modern supermarket which has a full range of fresh, frozen chilled and dry goods available, as well as hardware, clothing and takeaway food. Fresh meat comes from Kalkarindji.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening hours Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm and 1.30pm – 5pm Saturday 9.30am– 12pm, Sunday closed 	Telephone (08) 8975 0986
Other food outlets	There is a takeaway store	
Food orders	<p>Bush orders can be arranged from Katherine Woolworths</p> <p>Woolworths Katherine:</p>	Telephone (08) 8934 8100
Recreational facilities	Football oval, Basketball courts, camping, fishing and swimming	
Commercial accommodation	Longhouse – Central Desert Regional Council. The Longhouse has six rooms, all with shared bathrooms, lounge and kitchen. Bookings can be made through the CDRC office in Lajamanu. All forms of payment are accepted.	
Police station	Two-post Police Station and accommodation	Telephone (08) 8975 0622
Alt. police contact	Emergency only	Telephone 000
Other	Community Night Patrol	Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone² / Phone	Telstra 3G coverage available. Please check with your mobile provider before heading out bush. Landlines available for usage in staff accommodation.
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¹ RAHC HPs are not required to obtain permits for their placement as they are exempt under legislation related to the Emergency Response

² 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	Internet access at clinic is minimal. Please check with HCM																	
Mail	One mail flight per week is conducted in the community aircraft which is owned by the Lajamanu Progress Association and is operated on their behalf by Chartair.																	
Alcohol																		
Alcohol ³	Lajamanu is a dry community. This applies to everyone, including visitors.																	
Access																		
Road	<p>Darwin (9 hours⁴): 880 km sealed and dirt road from Darwin via Katherine.</p> <p>Katherine (6 hours⁴): The town is located approximately 450 kms south west of Katherine, on the northern edge of the Tanami Desert. Access is west on the Victoria Hwy, approximately 120 kms then south onto the Buntine Highway (sealed), approximately 150 kms to Top Springs. Continue west on the Buntine Hwy 180kms (sealed road). Access can also be made from Alice Springs utilising the Tanami Road, which is unsealed and often in poor repair.</p> <p>The Bodhi Bus</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Telephone (08) 8971 0774</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Web http://thebodhibus.com.au/route-service/</p>																	
Air	<p>Facilities: Flights take 1-2 hours from Katherine and 2.5 hours from Darwin. The air strip is an all-weather sealed runway which closes occasionally following very heavy rains. Charters: Charter flights are available in and out of the community by Chartair in conjunction with locally owned Lajamanu Air Pty Ltd. Katherine Aviation also flies from Katherine to Lajamanu.</p>																	
Health Centre																		
Health service	Katherine West Health Board (KWHB)	<p style="text-align: right;">Telephone (08) 8975 0870</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Web www.kwhb.com.au</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Email lajamanuadmin@kwhb.com.au</p>																
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Facilities	Nine consult rooms and one emergency room																	
Operating hours	Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm																	
On call	RN 1st and 2nd on-call roster managed by HCM																	
Vehicles	<p>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> <p>No vehicle is provided for personal use. As per KWHB vehicle policy document.</p>																	
GP	One permanent GP																	

³ It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory

⁴ Approximate travel time one-way

Medical Records System	Communicare (training should be arranged before your arrival in the community)	
Visiting services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dentist• Dental therapist• Physician• Paediatrics• Ear, nose and throat• Ophthalmology• Optometrist• Physiotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dietitian• Occupational therapist• Audiologist• Mental health• AIDS/STD screening• Adult assessment and coordination team• Family youth and community services• Environment Health Officers.
Acute care	Careflight evacuates to Katherine or Darwin depending on the situation	
Other	Pregnant women birth in Katherine or Darwin depending on the situation.	
Accommodation		
Housing	One bedroom secure units or two-bedroom secure house. **Note: Sharing of facilities may be required	
Facilities	Fully self contained. Linen provided.	
What to pack for placement		
Clothes	For advice on what to wear while on placement, please refer to www.ntgpe.org/sites/default/files/media-library/documents/Appropriate%20Clothing%20in%20Indigenous%20Communities%202017%20Jun%2006.doc.pdf	
Supplies	Bring any specialty foods and a small quantity of fresh food. **Note: Please be mindful of weight restrictions on plane travel	
Other tips or relevant information		
Other tips/relevant information	Be prepared for variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects. Bring a hat, sturdy shoes, insect repellent and sunscreen. **Please check with the health clinic on arrival for sacred sites to avoid and health or social issues to be aware of.	

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 and up to date information or photos you can provide to improve our Community Profiles. Updated May 2017.

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