

Kaltukatjara (Docker River)

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Kal-tuck-kut-jara

Alternate name: Docker River

Location: Kaltukatjara is 230km west of Yulara and 673km southwest of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

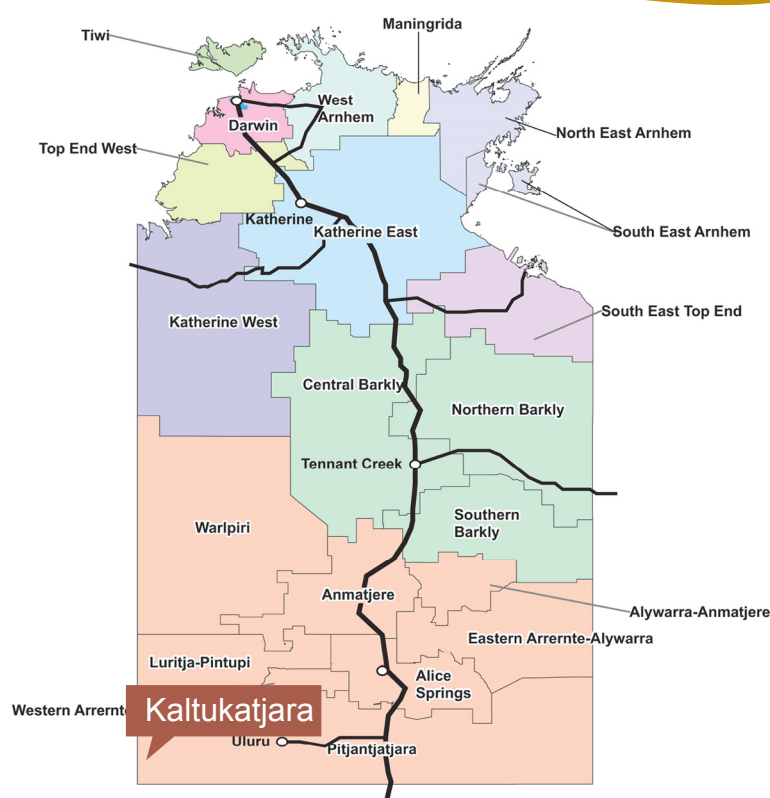
Population: Approx. 300 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Pitjantjatjara, Ngaatjatjara and Nganyatjarra

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal 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
<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: Yes

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: Yes, Community Care Program.

Banking: Yes, an ATM is available at the centre store.

Recreational/other facilities: Kaltukatjara plays seasonal sports including AFL and softball. The community has sport facilities and a kid’s playground.

Community store

Docker River Store

Telephone (08) 8956 7373

LOT 116 Kaltukatjara Comm, Kaltukatjara NT 0872

The store offers fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meats, dairy products, and household goods. Fuel is also available for purchase from the store.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am– 5:00pm

Saturday

9:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Other food outlets

Docker River Takeaway

The takeaway store offers a range of oven baked goods, salads, sandwiches, burgers, cold drinks, and ice-creams.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:30am – 4:45pm

Saturday

Closed

Sunday

11:00am – 2:00pm

Food orders

Woolworths

Telephone (08) 8958 6575

Coles

Telephone (08) 8952 4575

Central Desert Transport (CDT)

Telephone 0408 595 424

For deliveries contact CDT via email on centraldeserttransport@yahoo.com.au

Commercial accommodation

MacDonnell Regional Council Visitor Accommodation

Telephone (08) 8956 7337

Fuel

Docker River Store

Telephone (08) 8956 7373

LOT 116 Kaltukatjara Comm, Kaltukatjara NT 0872

Opal and diesel fuel can be purchased from the community store.

Police station

Docker River (Kaltukatjara) Police Station

Telephone (08) 8954 8187

Community Safety

There is a community safety programme and night patrol.

Other police contract Police assistance line **Telephone** 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone 4G Telstra

Internet Limited use of the internet is available in the accommodation.

Mail **Australia Post Docker River (Kaltukatjara) CPA** **Telephone** (08) 89567337

18 Eagle Street, Kaltukatjara, NT, 0872.

Access

Road Access to Kaltukatjara from Alice Springs is a seven-hour drive or 673kms via the Stuart Highway, Lasseter Highway, Kata Tjuta Road, and the Tjukururu Road. 180kms is on dirt road which is prone to flooding in heavy rain. If travelling from Yulara, it's 230kms west.

Air The aerodrome is sealed and is located approximately 4kms from the community.

Regular passenger transport **Centre Bush Bus** **Telephone** (08) 8953 0127
Bus service travels twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday to Kaltukatjara.

Health centre

Health service² **Kaltukatjara (Docker River) Community Health Centre** **Telephone** (08) 08 8956 7342
Department of Health (DOH) **Email** kaltukatjara.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au
Web www.health.nt.gov.au

13 Tjala Place, KALTUKATJARA, NT, 0872

Operating hours Monday – Friday 8:00am – 04:30pm
Saturday – Sunday Closed

Facilities
Four consult rooms, one emergency room and one dental room.

On-call services Yes, 24/7 on-call service.

Medical Records System³ PCIS

Vehicles 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 GPs are a visiting service.

Visiting services Visiting services include a Dietician, a Midwife, Podiatry, Dental Team, Mental Health Professionals, an Ophthalmologist, Women's Health Professionals, a Gynaecologist and Hearing Health Services.

Acute care MRaCC and RFDS.

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/>

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.

Other Birthing women birth in Alice Springs

Alcohol

Alcohol⁴ This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.

Governance

Local Government Local Council is the McDonnell shire Council.
Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.

Outstations There are 34 out stations.

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.

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

Darwin Office

Level 4, Darwin Central Offices, 21 Knuckey Street, Darwin NT 0800

Canberra Office

Unit 34, 2 King St, Deakin ACT 2600

Alice Springs Office

Centre for Remote Health, Cnr Simpson & Skinner St, Alice Springs 0870