

Urapunga

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Ura-pung-ga

Alternate name: Rittarangu and Yugul Mangi

Location: Approx. 600kms southeast of Darwin and 300kms southeast of Katherine

NT Region: Top End

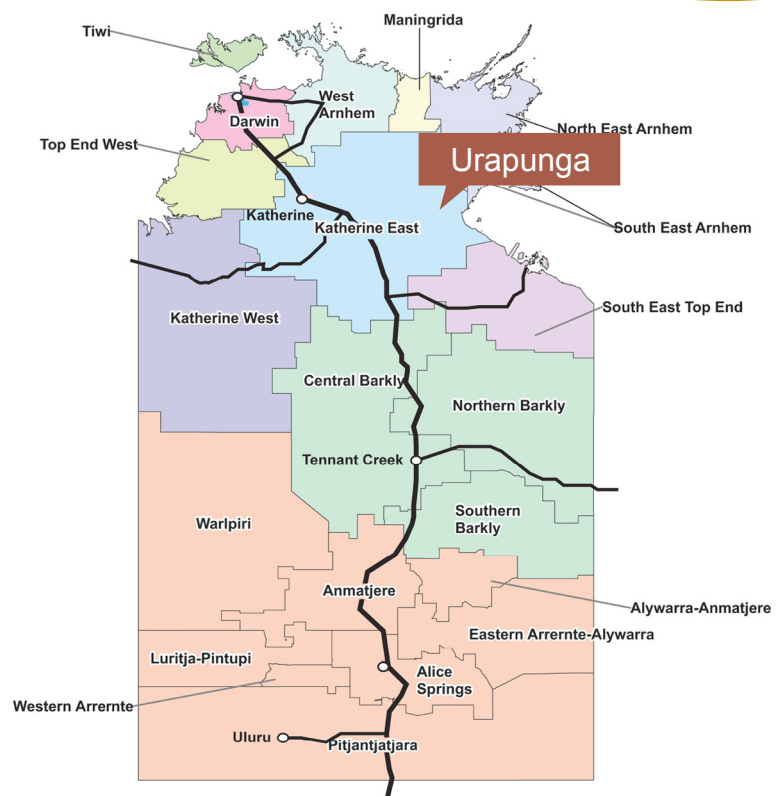
Population: Approx. 100 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Eastside Kriol

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: No personal use of internet in the clinic or 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 (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	Church: No Community halls or sheds: No Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes School: Yes Library: No Council Office: No Women’s Centre: No Childcare Centre: No Aged Care Centre: No Community Safety: Yes Banking: No Recreational/other facilities: The community has the opportunity to part take in fishing, bush walking and 4WD driving.		
Community store	Urapunga Community Store Lot 28, Rittarangu Wilton, NT, 0852 The Community Store stocks household goods including furniture, clothes, cleaning products, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meats, dairy and dry goods. Opening hours Monday – Tuesday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 2:00pm Sunday Closed	Telephone (08) 8975 4890	
Other food outlets	No other food outlets available		
Food orders	Woolworths Nighthawk Transport Woolworths offers a delivery service every Wednesday using Nighthawk Transport. Orders must be placed by 11:00pm the previous Saturday.	Telephone (08) 8973 3100 Telephone (08) 8972 3889	
Commercial accommodation	No accommodation is available in Urapunga. The nearest accommodation is located at Ngukurr, 20km away.		
Fuel	No fuel is available in Urapunga. Fuel is available in Ngukurr, 20km away.		
Police Station	Serviced by Ngukurr Police Station	Telephone (08) 8975 4345	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444	
Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	4G Telstra		
Internet	No personal use of the internet is available in the clinic or the accommodation.		

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	Urapunga is accessible by road from Katherine which takes approximately three and a half hours. Around 60km of the Roper Highway is gravel and the road can become inaccessible in periods of severe flooding at the Roper and Wilton Rivers.
Air	Urapunga Airstrip is unsealed and located 500 meters north of the town.
Regular passenger transport	Urapunga Bus Service Telephone (08) 8975 4890 Service is available by request.
Health centre	
Health service²	Urapunga Health Clinic Telephone (08) 8975 4345 Email ngukurrclinicmanager@sunrise.org.au Web www.sunrise.org.au
	Operating hours Wednesday 8:00am – 4:30pm Facilities Two consult rooms
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
Medical Records System³	Communicare
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 Dietitians, Midwives, Podiatrists, Dental Health Professionals, Obstetricians, Ophthalmologists, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, ENT Nutritionists, Gynaecologists and Hearing Health Professionals.
Acute care	St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine.
Alcohol	
Alcohol⁴	RAHC advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.
Governance	
Local Government	Local Council is the Roper Gulf Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	No outstations

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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