

Engawala

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Eng-ga-wa-la

Alternate name: Alcoota

Location: 180km east northeast of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

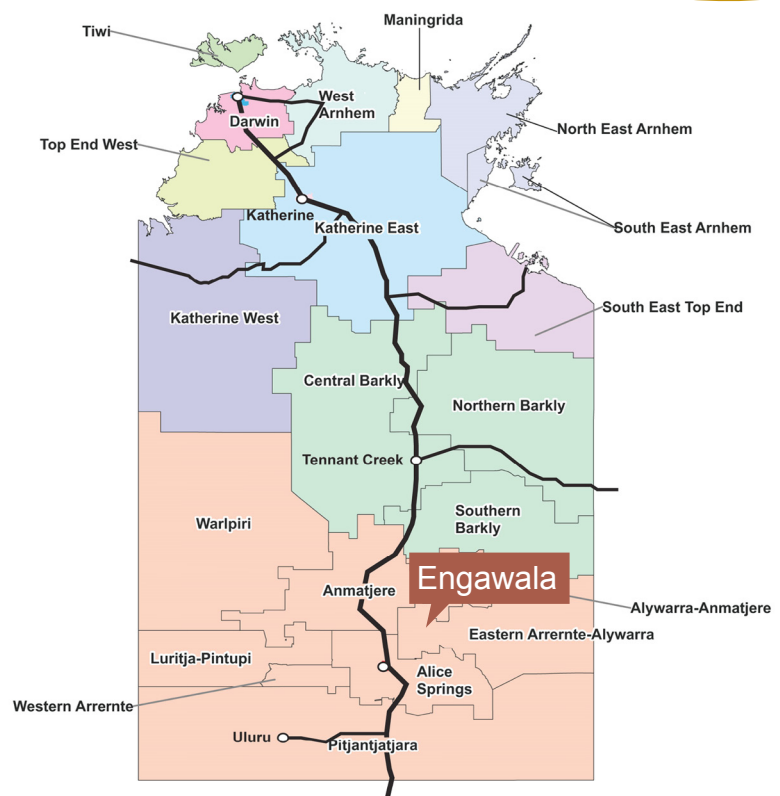
Population: Approx. 150 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Eastern Arrernte, Alyawarr and Anmatjerr

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

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| 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: No</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women’s Centre: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes</p> <p>Banking: Yes, there is an ATM located at the store.</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: There is a recreational hall, playground, picnic area and sporting field. Nearby, there are 4WD driving tracks and camping with fossicking.</p> | | |
| Community store | Engawala Store | Telephone (08) 8956 9881 | |
| | A variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, some frozen foods, household products and some takeaway foods are available. ATM is also available. It is advised to bring any specialty products you may need into community with you. | | |
| | Opening hours | Monday – Friday | 9:00am – 1:00pm 2:00pm – 5:00pm |
| | | Saturday | 9:00am – 12:30pm |
| | | Sunday | Closed |
| Food orders | Woolworths | Telephone (08) 8958 6575 | |
| | Coles | Telephone (08) 8952 4575 | |
| | Stane’s Transport | Telephone 0456 524 107 | |
| | Stane’s Transport provides food delivery to Engawala. | | |
| Commercial accommodation | Desert Shire Council Office | Telephone (08) 8958 9500 | |
| | Limited commercial accommodation available in Engawala through the Desert Shire Council office. | | |
| | Gemtree Caravan Park | Telephone (08) 8956 9855 | |
| | Located 30km east of Engawala. Both cabins and powered sites are available. | | |
| Fuel | Opal and diesel fuel can be purchased from the Engawala store. | | |
| Police station | Harts Range Police Station | Telephone (08) 8956 9772 | |
| Community Safety | There is a Community Safety Programme. | | |
| Other police contact | Police assistance line | Telephone 131 444 | |

| Telephone/internet/mail | | |
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| Mobile phone ¹ /phone | 4G Telstra | |
| Internet | Yes, personal use is available. | |
| Mail | Engawala CPA 18 Webb St, Engawala NT 0872 | Telephone (08) 8956 9881 |
| Access | | |
| Road | Engawala is located 180km from Alice Springs. Travel north of Alice Springs on the Plenty Highway for 110km, turn left onto the unsealed Delmore Downs Road for 28km and then left towards Engawala for 1.5km. | |
| Air | The unsealed Engawala Aerodrome is located 5km out of the community. | |
| Regular passenger transport | Centre Bush Bus The Centre Bush Bus goes to Engawala community twice a week from Alice Springs. | Telephone (08) 8953 0127 |
| Health centre | | |
| Health service ² | Engawala Community Health Centre Department of Health | Telephone (08) 8956 9944 Email engawala.clinicmgr.ths@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au |
| | Operating hours | Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm Friday 8:30am – 12:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed |
| | Facilities include | Two consulting rooms, and an emergency room. |
| On-call services | Yes, 24/7 on-call service. | |
| Medical Records System ³ | PCIS | |
| Vehicles | The health centre has two vehicles, one of which is 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 to Engawala. | |
| Visiting services | Visiting services include Dietitians, Midwives, Maternal and Child Health Specialists, Podiatrists, Dentists, Nutritionists, Hearing Health, Optometrists, and Public Health Nurses. | |
| Acute care | Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), MRaCC and St Johns Ambulance. | |
| Other | Birthing women birth in Alice Springs. | |

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.

Alcohol

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

Governance

Local Government

Local Council is the Central Desert Council.
Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.

Outstations

Alatyeye, Mulga Bore and Angula.

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.

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

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