

Nyirripi

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Near-rip-ee

Alternate name: Waite Creek

Location: 250kms northwest of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

Population: Approx. 240 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Warlpiri, Arrernte, and Pintubi

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited 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
The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. Humidity Range 20% – 50%	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.	
Summer (December to February)	Hot and dry	16°C to 45°C
The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes. Humidity Range 30% – 95%	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.	

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 Care Program. Community Safety: Yes Banking: Yes, there is an ATM located at the community store. Recreational/other facilities: Nyirripi has a music hall and art centre. Seasonal sports are played in community including basketball, softball and AFL football.		
Community store	Nyirripi Store Lot 22 Nyirripi Community off Tamani Track The outback store provides affordable healthy nutritious food such as fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, bread, dairy products, soft drinks, dry goods and household goods. Opening hours Monday – Friday Closed for lunch weekly Saturday – Sunday	Telephone (08) 8956 8743 09:00am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 4:00pm Closed	
Other food outlets	NA		
Food orders	Woolworths Coles Stanes Transport Stanes transport travels to Nyirripi Community every Thursday. Contact via email on operations@stanes.com.au	Telephone (08) 8958 6575 Telephone (08) 8952 4575 Telephone (08) 8952 8664	
Commercial accommodation	For accommodation contact the Central Desert Regional Council.		Telephone (08) 89568720
Fuel	Opal and Diesel fuel are available to purchase at the community store.		
Police station	Nyirripi Police Station	Telephone (08) 8956 4851	
Community Safety	Yes, there is a community safety programme.		
Other police contract	Police assistance line		Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail							
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra						
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.						
Mail	<p>Nyirripi (Warrabrai) CPA 2 Western St, Nyirripi NT 0872</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8956 4999</p> <p>Opening hours:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Friday</td><td>9:00am – 5:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td><td>9:00am – 12:00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table>	Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm	Saturday	9:00am – 12:00pm	Sunday	Closed
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Access							
Road	The community is approximately 440kms from Alice Springs and is accessible via the sealed highway to Yuendumu for 290kms, then 150kms of dirt road to Nyirripi. An alternative route travels along the Tanami Highway.						
Air	Nyirripi Aerodrome is sealed, located 1.5kms from the community.						
Regular passenger transport	<p>Centre Bush Bus Telephone (08) 8953 0127</p> <p>Centre Bush Bus goes to Nyirripi once a week on a Sunday, returns on Monday.</p>						
Health centre							
Health service²	<p>Department Of Health (DOH) Nyirripi Health Service</p> <p>Telephone (08) 8956 8835 Email Nyirripi.Clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Friday</td><td>8:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm – 4:30pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr> </table> <p>Facilities Two consulting rooms, one emergency room and a shipping container used as a dental room.</p>	Monday – Friday	8:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed		
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On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.						
Medical Records System³	PCIS						
Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains Two Toyota Troop Carriers that have been converted for use as an ambulance. No vehicles provided for private use.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>						
GPs	GPs visit one week per month.						
Visiting services	Visiting services include a Dietician, Midwife, Podiatry, Dental, Ophthalmologist, Nutritionist, Hearing Health, a Diabetic Educator, and a Child Health Nurse.						
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)						
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 Regional Council.
Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.

Outstations

Nyirripi is an outstation of Yuendumu.

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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