

Orrtip-Thurra

Central Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Orr-tipa-thur-ra

Alternate name: Bonya, Baikal
Orrtipa-Thurra, Dortippa-Thurra Assoc,
Ortipetherre and Ortippa Thura

Location: 400km northeast of
Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

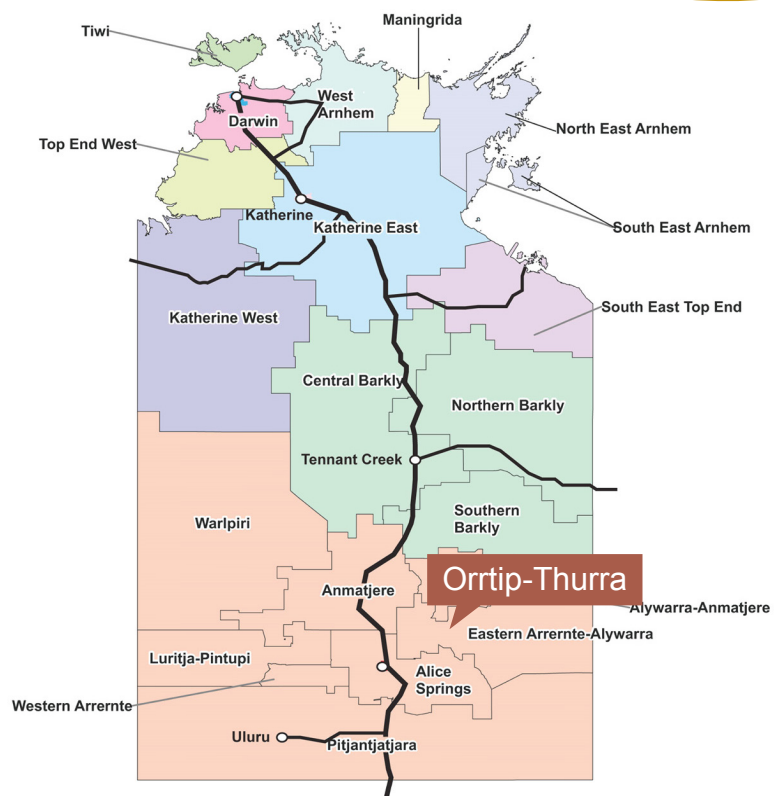
Population: Approx. 80 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Eastern Arrernte

Phone: No phone service

Internet: Limited use of internet in
the clinic



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: No Community halls or sheds: Yes Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes School: Yes Library: No Council Office: Yes, Council office is at the centre store. Women's Centre: Yes Childcare Centre: No Aged Care Centre: No Community Safety: No Banking: No Recreational/other facilities: No recreational facilities.		
Community store	Bonya Store Lot 32, Bonya Community, Anatye NT 0872 Bonya store offers fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, bread, household products and dry goods. Opening hours	Monday – Saturday Sunday	Telephone (08) 8956 6366 9:00am – 12:00pm Closed
Other food outlets	NA		
Food orders	Woolworths Coles Please see the Bonya Store for pick-up and deliveries from Alice Springs.	Telephone (08) 8958 6575 Telephone (08) 8952 4575	
Commercial accommodation	Bonya Town Council Limited Donga style accommodation available.		
Fuel	Opal and Diesel fuel is available from the community store.		
Police station	Orrtipa-Thurra is serviced by Harts Range Police Station.	Telephone (08) 8956 9772	
Community Safety	There is a community safety programme in community		
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444	
Telephone/internet/mail			
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	There is no phone service.		
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.		
Mail	Mail is managed by the community Store.	Telephone (08) 8956 6366	

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	Orrtip-Thurra is located approximately 367km from Alice Springs via the Stuart Highway before turning right onto the Plenty Highway. There is approximately 130km of unsealed road.
Air	The aerodrome is unsealed and located approximately three kms away from the community.
Regular passenger transport	NA

Health centre

Health service²	Bonya Community Health Centre Department of Health	Telephone (08) 8956 6300
		Email bonya.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au
	<i>Serviced by the Atitjere Clinic once a week.</i>	Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Lot 30, Orrtipa-Thurra, Anatye, NT, 0872	
	Operating hours	Wednesday 10:30am – 3:00pm
	Facilities	
	One emergency room and one consulting room.	

On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service
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Medical Records System ³	PCIS
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Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains a 1 Toyota Troop Carrier converted for use as an ambulance. Not personal use.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>
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GPs There is a visiting GP that attends this clinic once a month only.

Visiting services	Visiting services include a Podiatrist, Optometrist, Dental Services, Nutritionist, Paediatrician, Paediatrics Nurse, Chronic Disease Specialist and Public Health Nurses.
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Acute care MRAcc, RFDS and St Johns Ambulance.

Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.
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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 Central Desert Shire. Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.
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Outstations	There are twelve associated outstations.
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²For 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

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.

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