

Kalkarindji

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Kal-ka-rind-ji

Alternate name: Wave Hill

Location: 460kms southwest of Katherine

NT Region: Top End

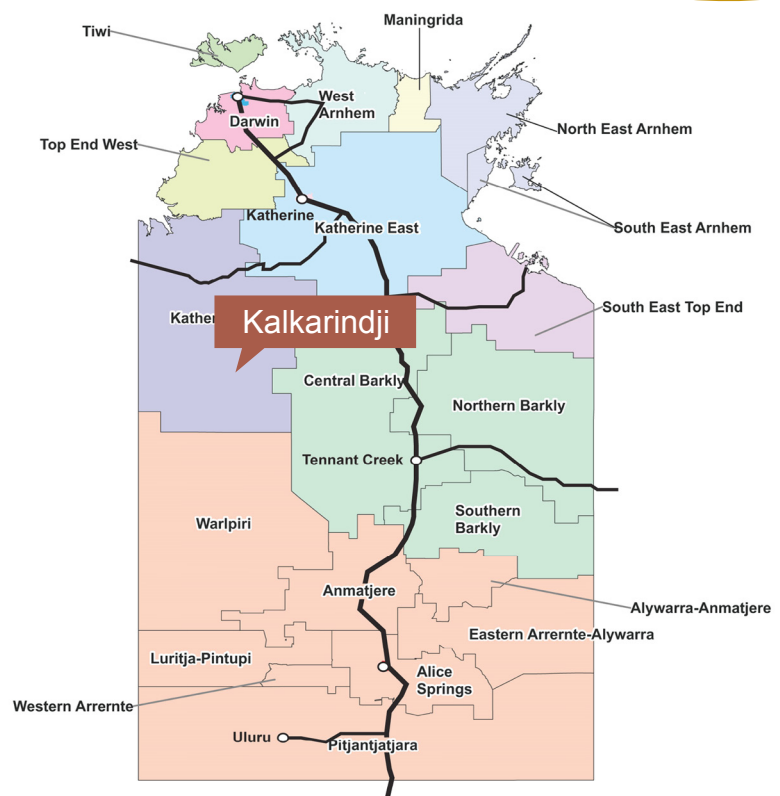
Population: Approx. 400 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Gurindji / 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: Yes

Community halls or sheds: Yes, Karungkarni Art and Culture Centre

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 Store

Recreational/other facilities: The community has an art and cultural centre, a sports oval, basketball and softball facilities, fishing, horse riding, social barbecues, and gem fossicking.

Community store

Kalkarindji Store and Caravan Park

Telephone (08) 8975 0788

66 Buntine Hwy, Kalkarindji NT 0852

The store supplies the community with fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products, dry goods, and general household items.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 12:00pm
Sunday	Closed

Other food outlets

Kalkarindji Meat Supplies

Telephone (08) 8975 0555

47 Libanangu Rd, Kalkarindji NT 0852.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday	8:00am – 12:00pm
Sunday	Closed

Food orders

Woolworths

Telephone (08) 8973 3100

Nighthawk Transport

Telephone (08) 8947 3321

73 Crawford St, Katherine East NT 0850.

Nighthawk Transport provides services for all freight deliveries into Kalkarindji.

Commercial accommodation

Kalkarindji Store and Caravan Park

Telephone (08) 8975 0788

The Caravan Park is the main provider of accommodation in Kalkarindji with powered and unpowered sites available, as well as self-contained single and double cabins.

Victoria Daly Regional Council

Telephone (08) 8974 5811

Lot 97 Buntine Highway, Kalkarindji Community NT 0852

Fuel	Kalkarindji Service Station	Telephone (08) 8975 0788
	Opal and diesel fuel is available at the service station.	
Police station	Kalkarindji Police Station	Telephone (08) 8975 0790
Community Safety	There is a community Safety Care 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	Kalkarindji (Daguragu) CPA	Telephone (08) 8974 5811
	Lot 97 Buntine Hwy, Kalkarindji NT 0852.	
Access		
Road	Road access to Kalkarindji from Katherine is approx. 460kms southwest via the Victoria and Buntine Highways. The six hour drive is mostly on sealed road between the Victoria Highway turnoff to Kalkarindji, with the last section of the road unsealed. The Wattie Creek crossing can close for short periods during the wet season.	
Air	Kalkgurung Aerodrome is sealed, located four kilometres from the community and six kilometres from the Daguragu outstation.	
Regular passenger transport	Katherine Coaches	Telephone 1800 263 442
	Coaches depart Katherine for Kalkarindji every Monday and Thursday. Bookings are essential.	
Health centre		
Health service²	Katherine West Health Board Kalkarindji Health Centre	Telephone (08) 8975 0785 Email kalk@kwhb.com.au Web www.kwhb.com.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:00pm Friday 1:00pm – 4:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	Facilities	The health centre has one emergency room and several 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.	

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.

GPs	There is a permanent GP based in the clinic.
Visiting services	Visiting services include Paediatrics, Podiatry, Ophthalmology, Obstetrics, Dentist, ENT Nutritionist, Women's Health Specialist and Mental Health Professional.
Acute care	Care Flight
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine.
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 Victoria Daly Shire Council. Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.
Outstations	Daguragu
Other tips and relevant information	
Other tips/relevant information	<p>Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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