

Adelaide River

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Ad-uh-layd River

Alternate name: NA

Location: 113km south of Darwin, 205km north of Katherine.

NT Region: Top End

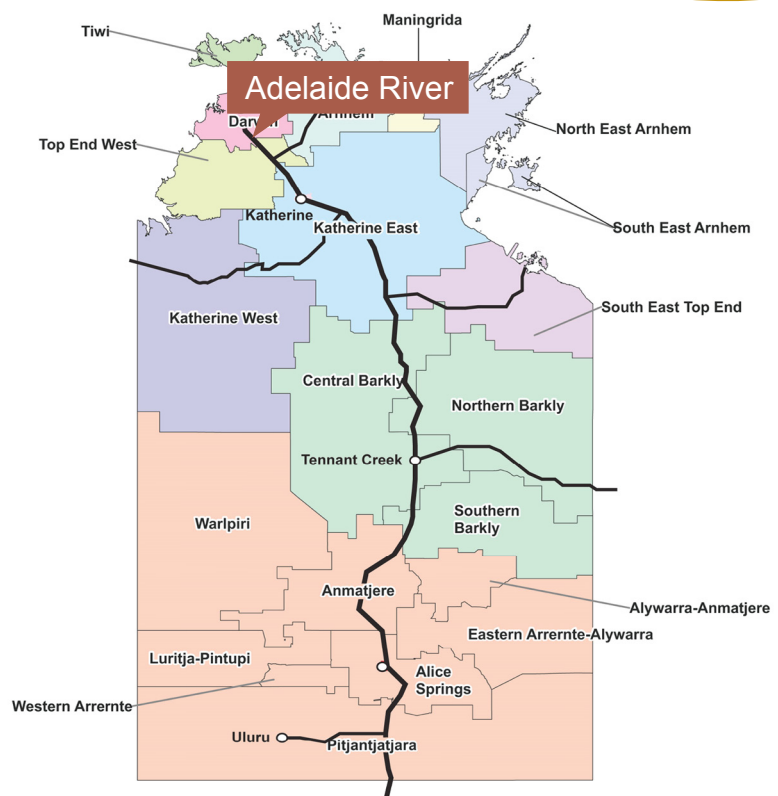
Population: Approx. 353 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: English

Phone: 3G Telstra

Internet: Only personal 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 (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

Workforce skills or training facilities: No

School: Yes

Library: Yes

Council Office: Yes

Women’s Centre: No

Childcare Centre: No

Aged Care Centre: No

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.

Banking: No

Recreational/other facilities: There are cricket and netball courts, a football oval, outdoor cricket pitch, multi-sport asphalt playing court, motocross and 4WD tracks along the Adelaide River. The region is also popular for camping and fishing and is 30 minutes from Litchfield National Park which is known for its waterfalls, swimming holes and bush walking.

Community store

BP Roadhouse and Adelaide River Inn

120 Stuart Highway Adelaide River NT 0846

BP Roadhouse and Adelaide River Inn includes a restaurant, bistro, lounge bar, public bar, takeaway, general store and a fuel station.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

Saturday – Sunday

6:00am – 5:00pm

7:00am – 4:00pm

Telephone (08) 8976 7047

Other food outlets

Adelaide River Country Store

128 Stuart Highway, Adelaide River NT 0846

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

Saturday

Sunday

8:00am – 4:00pm

8:00am – 12:00pm

Closed

Telephone (08) 8976 7020

Food orders

BP Roadhouse and Adelaide River Inn

120 Stuart Highway Adelaide River NT 0846

Telephone (08) 8976 7047

Commercial accommodation

Adelaide River Caravan Park

9 Memorial Terrace, Adelaide River NT 0846

Telephone (08) 8976 7047

Fuel

Puma Adelaide River

106 Stuart Highway, Adelaide River NT 0846

BP Auto Port Adelaide River

120 Stuart Highway, Adelaide River NT 0846

Telephone (08) 8976 7047

Telephone (08) 8976 7046

Police station

Adelaide River Police Station

Telephone (08) 8976 7042

Other police contract

Police assistance line

Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail	
Mobile phone¹/phone	3G Telstra
Internet	Only personal use of the internet is available in the clinic.
Mail	Adelaide River Post Office 128 Stuart Highway, Adelaide River NT 0846 Telephone (08) 8976 7020
Access	
Road	Adelaide River is accessible via a sealed Sturt Highway
Air	The closest airstrip is at Batchelor.
Regular passenger transport	Greyhound bus travels to Adelaide River twice daily going between Darwin and Katherine. Bodhi bus service operates between Katherine to Palmerston every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.
Health centre	
Health service²	Department of Health Telephone (08) 8976 7027 Email adelaidriver.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
Medical Records System³	PCIS
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	Visiting GP service to Adelaide River on Wednesdays
Visiting services	Visiting services include: Psychologist, Midwife, Nutritionist/Dietician, Chronic Disease Educator, Child Health Nurse, Child Hearing Health Professional, Podiatrist, Optometrist, Aged and Disability Services and Mental Health Outreach.
Acute care	24 hour / 7 day a week acute/emergency response is available through the on-call health staff and primary health care staff to the community
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.
Alcohol	
Alcohol⁴	RAHC advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

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.

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

Governance

Local Government

Local Council is the Coomalie Shire.
Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

Outstations

Amangul, Darrandarra, Southport and Gulngarring

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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