

Mataranka

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Mat-a-ranka

Alternate name: NA

Location: 110km from Katherine on the Stuart Highway

NT Region: Top End

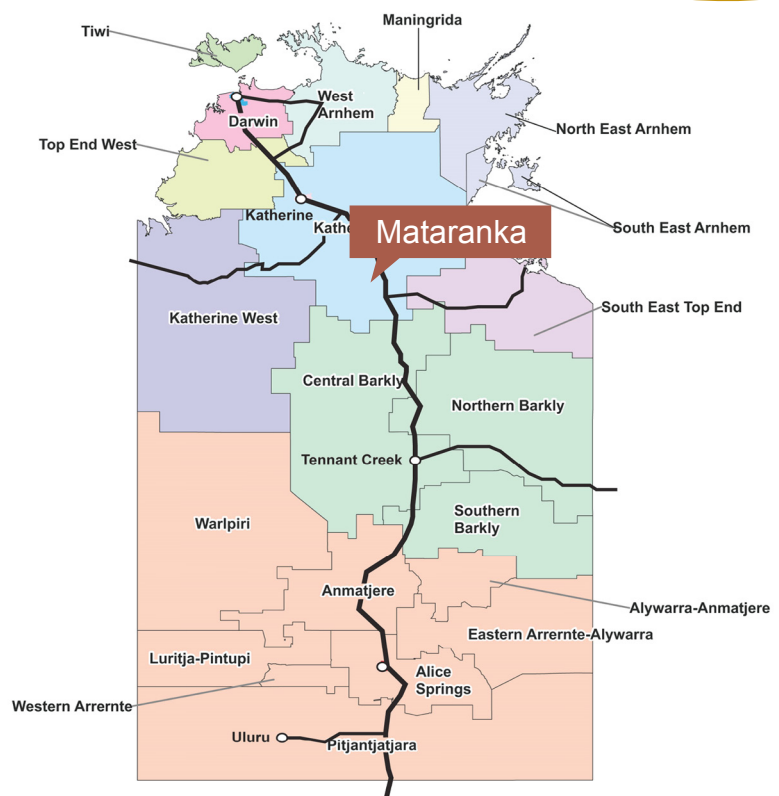
Population: Approx. 350 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Alawa, Mayali and Kriol

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 (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: Yes

School: Yes

Library: No

Council Office: Yes

Women’s Centre: Yes

Childcare Centre: Yes

Aged Care Centre: No

Community Safety: Yes

Banking: Yes

Recreational/other facilities: Mataranka has many recreational facilities including a thermal pool, bitter springs, community hall and a chapel. There are also spots for camping, fishing, and swimming in the Mataranka district.

Community store	Mataranka Supermarket	Telephone (08) 8975 4570
	The Supermarket sells fresh and frozen fruit and vegies, as well as soft drinks, frozen meat, clothing and footwear, kitchen items, hardware, whitegoods and appliances.	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm Saturday – Sunday 8:00am – 9:00pm
Other food outlets	Caltex Mataranka store & service station and Shell petrol station.	
Food orders	Orders available through the Mataranka Supermarket.	
Commercial accommodation	There are several accommodation options in Mataranka including: Territory Manor Motel Caravan Park, Mataranka Homestead, Bitter Springs Cabins and Camping, Mataranka Hotel Motel.	
Fuel	Caltex, BP and Shell service stations.	
Police station	Mataranka Police Station	Telephone (07) 8975 4511
Community Safety	Yes, community program.	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	Telstra and Optus	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Mataranka Post Office	Telephone (08) 8977 2301
	Opening Hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm Saturday – Sunday Closed

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	Mataranka is accessible by road most of the year; very rarely severe flooding in the wet season will close the road.
Air	The airstrip is accessible for light aircraft at the Mataranka Homestead 8 mins (9.0km) from the community.
Regular passenger transport	Greyhound bus service stops daily at the Mataranka Homestead.
Health centre	
Health service ²	<p>Sunrise Health Service (Mataranka Health Centre)</p> <p>13 Elsey St, Mataranka NT 0850</p> <p>Telephone (08) 89754547 Email general@sunrise.org.au Web https://www.sunrise.org.au/</p> <p>Operating hours Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm</p> <p>Facilities Two consulting rooms.</p>
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service
Medical Records System ³	PCIS
Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>
GPs	A GP visits the community weekly.
Visiting services	Services visit the clinic every Tuesday and Wednesday including GP, Child Dental, Paediatric and Orthodontist.
Acute care	St Johns Ambulance and Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine.
Alcohol	
Alcohol ⁴	RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.
Governance	
Local Government	Local Council is the Roper Gulf Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
Outstations	There are several out stations around Mataranka, including Mulgan Camp.

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.

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.

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