

# Peppimenarti

## Top End Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Pepy-men-ar-ti

**Alternate name:** Peppi

**Location:** Located 320kms southwest of Darwin in the Daly River region

**NT Region:** Top End

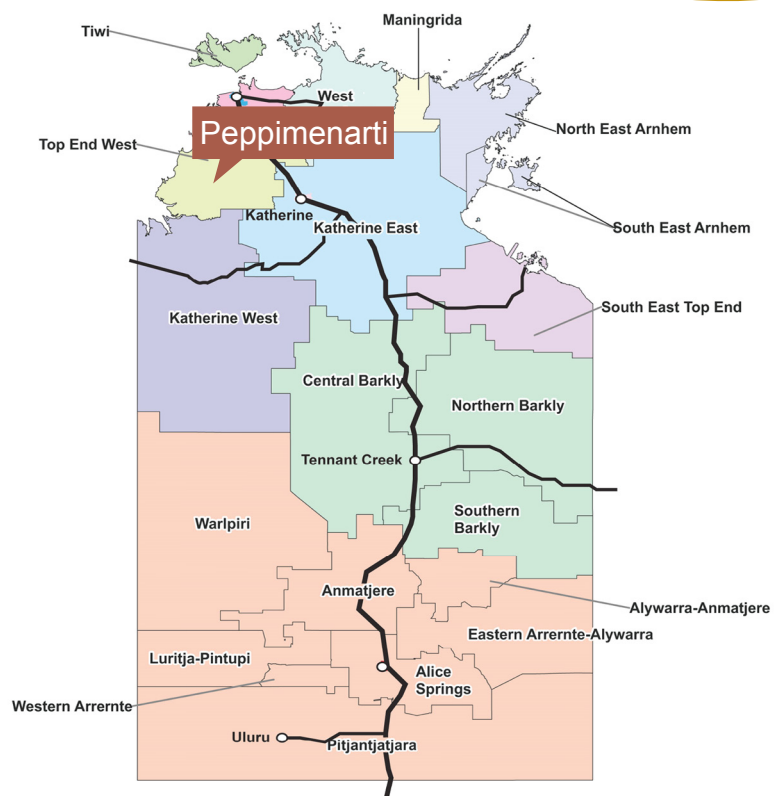
**Population:** Approx. 171 residents

**Access:** Road and air

**Language groups:** Ngan'gikurunggurr, Kriol and Murrinh Patha

**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
<b>Winter (June to August)</b>	<b>Cooler and dry</b>	<b>6°C to 19°C</b>
<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>		
<b>Summer (December to February)</b>	<b>Hot and humid</b>	<b>25°C to 38°C</b>
<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

<b>Community</b>	<p><b>Church:</b> No</p> <p><b>Community halls or sheds:</b> No</p> <p><b>Workforce skills or training facilities:</b> No</p> <p><b>School:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Library:</b> No</p> <p><b>Council Office:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Women's Centre:</b> No</p> <p><b>Childcare Centre:</b> No</p> <p><b>Aged Care Centre:</b> Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p><b>Community Safety:</b> Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p><b>Banking:</b> No</p> <p><b>Recreational/other facilities:</b> Peppimenarti has a range of activities, such as an Art Centre, Mountain-bike tracks, sports including football and cricket and a swimming pool that is open for visitors.</p>		
<b>Community store</b>	<b>Peppimenarti General Store</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8955 0066	
	The General Store is very well stocked with frozen goods, fruit and vegetables, pantry essentials and other dry goods. The local store also serves hot takeaway food.		
	<b>Opening hours</b>	Monday – Sunday	9:00am – 5:00pm
<b>Other food outlets</b>	NA		
<b>Food orders</b>	<b>Woolworths</b>	<b>Telephone</b> 1800 000 610	
	<b>Coles</b>	<b>Telephone</b> 1800 455 400	
	<b>Murin Freight Service</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 7922 2400	
	Delivery of fresh produce and frozen goods occur weekly during the dry season.		
<b>Commercial accommodation</b>	<b>West Daly Regional Council</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8977 8608	
	Fully contained demountable with one or two bedrooms. Includes double beds or two king single beds.		
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>Peppimenarti General Store</b>		
	Lot 15 Peppimenarti Community, Peppimenarti NT 0822.		
	Local fuel station located outside the store.		
<b>Police station</b>	Peppimenarti Police Station	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8978 2143	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Peppimenarti NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services		
<b>Other police contract</b>	Police assistance line	<b>Telephone</b> 131 444	

Telephone/internet/mail	
<b>Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone</b>	3G Telstra
<b>Internet</b>	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.
<b>Mail</b>	<b>Australia Post – Peppimenarti CPA</b> <b>Telephone (08) 8978 2377</b> Via Darwin Mc, Peppimenarti NT 0822.
Access	
<b>Road</b>	The road is accessible by road located approx. 320km southeast of Darwin. Roads consist of both sealed and unsealed roads. During the wet season the unsealed section of the road becomes inaccessible. Preferred times of travel by road are during dry season.
<b>Air</b>	Peppimenarti is accessible by air at all times of the year. Both charter and regular passenger transport is available.
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	No passenger transport
Health centre	
<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Peppimenarti Health Centre</b> <b>Telephone (08) 8978 1066</b> <b>Email</b> Peppimenarti.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au <b>Web</b> N/A
	<b>Operating hours</b> Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	<b>Facilities</b> Peppimenarti community health centre is fully air conditioned with two consultation rooms, one treatment room, one dental room and one emergency room.
<b>On-call services</b>	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
<b>Medical Records System<sup>3</sup></b>	PCIS
<b>Vehicles</b>	The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. <b>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b>
<b>GPs</b>	Yes, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic.
<b>Visiting services</b>	Visiting services include: Dietician, Midwife, Podiatry, Dental, Obstetrician, Ophthalmologist, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, ENT Nutritionist, and Gynaecologist.
<b>Acute care</b>	Care Flight
<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Darwin.

<sup>1</sup> 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/>

<sup>2</sup> For more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

<sup>3</sup> Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

## Alcohol

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RAHC advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

## Governance

### Local Government

Local Council is the West Daly Regional Council.  
Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

### Outstations

Emu Point

## 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.*

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

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