

Minyerri

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Min-Yerri

Alternate name: Hodgson Downs

Location: 270km southeast of Katherine, 80km off the Roper Highway

NT Region: Top End

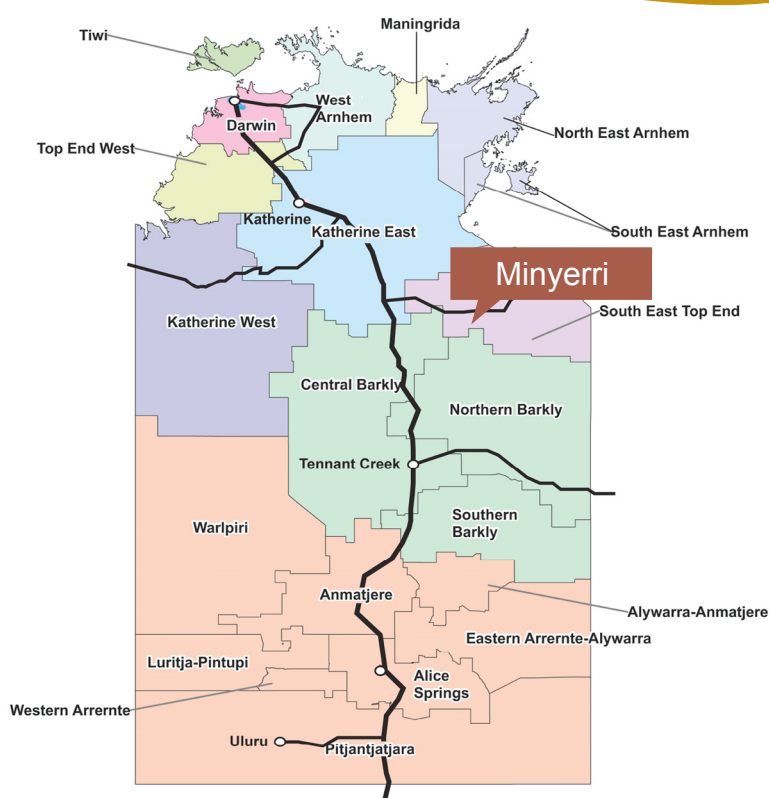
Population: Approx. 603 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Alawa, Kriol and English

Phone: 3G Telstra

Internet: Limited 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: Yes

Council Office: Yes

Women's Centre: Yes

Childcare Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.

Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.

Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.

Banking: No

Recreational/other facilities: Minyerri has a football oval, basketball court and tennis court. There are also camping and bushwalking facilities and the Minyerri Arts Centre.

Community store

Warliburru Store a.k.a. "The Bottom Shop" run by ALPA

Telephone (08) 8975 9797

Opening hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday

9:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Food orders

NA

Fuel

Diesel available.

Contact Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (08) 8975 9797

Police station

Minyerri Police Station – not always staffed contact Mataranka if needed.

Telephone (08) 8975 4365

Community Safety

Night Patrols

Other police contract

Police assistance line

Telephone 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone

3G Telstra

Internet

Yes, personal use is available.

Mail

N/A

Access

Road

Minyerri is accessible via road; the trip takes approximately three hours from Katherine. Following the sealed, single lane Roper Highway for 80 kilometres will bring you to the Minyerri turn-off. The remaining 80 kilometres is dirt road.

Air

The airstrip at Minyerri is sealed and located 500m from the community.

Regular passenger transport

Katherine Coaches

Telephone (08) 8922 2666

NT Bush Bus

Telephone 1300 853 680

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/>

| Health centre | | |
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| Health service ² | Sunrise Health Service Minyerri Health Centre | Telephone 08 8975 9959 Email general@sunrise.org.au |
| | Operating hours | Monday – Wednesday 8:30am – 4:30pm* Thursday 8:30am – 12:00pm Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm* Saturday – Sunday Closed <small>*closed between 12:00pm-1:00pm</small> |
| On-call services | Yes, 24/7 on-call service. | |
| Medical Records System ³ | 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. | |
| GPs | Visits the community two days a week. | |
| Visiting services | Visiting services include Dietetics, Midwifery, Podiatry, Dental Health Services, Mental Health Professionals, Gynaecology, and Hearing Health Services. | |
| Acute care | Care Flight | |
| Other | Birthing women birth in Katherine. | |
| Alcohol | | |
| Alcohol ⁴ | This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors. | |
| Governance | | |
| Local Government | Local Council is the Roper Gulf – Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC. | |
| Outstations | N/A | |

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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