

Ampilatwatja Central

Community Profile

Pronunciation:
Um-bludder-witch

Alternate name: Ammaroo,
Ammaro Honeymoon Bore,
Aharreng, Aherre, Amperlatwatye

Location: 320km North East of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

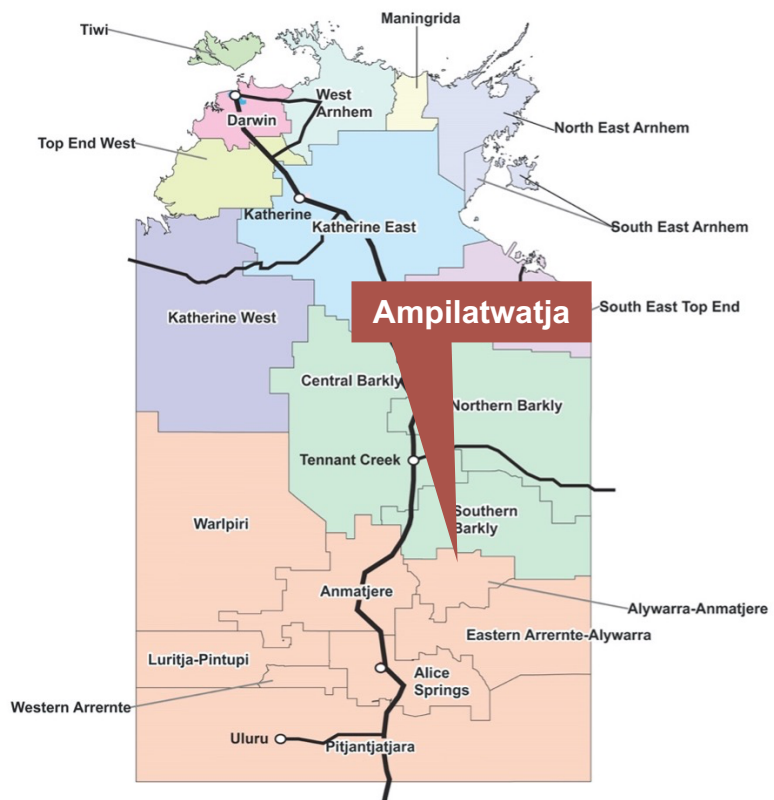
Population: Approx. 650 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Alyawarr

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited use of internet in the clinic



Climate (Central)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	-7°C to 32°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 is the norm with the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards between the June to July period. Spring (Sept-Nov) and Autumn (Mar-May) in Central Australia see warm days and cool evenings.</p>	
Summer (December to February)	Hot and dry	16°C to 45°C
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%</p>	<p>Central Australia has a semi-arid climate. In the summer months, the days are generally hot, sometimes very hot. If rain is to fall, it is more likely in the summer months, which may lead to road closures.</p>	

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: No</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: No</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women's Centre: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: No</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: Yes</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: Yes Recreation includes 4WD, camping, waterhole swimming, AFL and basketball. The basketball court also doubles as tennis court. Ampilatwatja has a very active group of artists, most of the artists paint Arreth, which translates to 'strong bush medicine'.</p>												
Community store	<p>Aherrenge Community Store Telephone (08) 8956 9885</p> <p>Limited fresh fruit and vegetables are available although prices are higher due to transportation. Basic groceries, frozen meat and vegetables are also available. It is advisable to bring in as much fresh produce as possible and any speciality products/items required.</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;">Monday – Friday</td> <td style="width: 25%;">9:00am – 1:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2:00pm – 5:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Saturday</td> <td>9:00am – 1:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Sunday</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> </table>		Monday – Friday	9:00am – 1:00pm			2:00pm – 5:00pm		Saturday	9:00am – 1:00pm		Sunday	Closed
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Other food outlets	NA												
Food orders	Food orders can be placed online with Coles or Woolworths in Alice Springs. Please check with clinic staff regarding collection and delivery.												
Commercial accommodation	<p>Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation Accommodation Telephone (08) 8956 9164</p> <p>Urapuntja Health Clinic Accommodation</p> <p>Barkly Regional Council Accommodation</p> <p>Ampilatwatja Store</p>												
Fuel	Opal and Diesel available at the Aherrenge Community Store												
Police station	<p>The nearest Police Station is in Alprarra, approximately 64km from Ampilatwatja, however police make regular visits to the community. Telephone (08) 8956 9164</p>												
Community Safety	<p>Yes, there is a Community Night Patrol Telephone (08) 8956 9966</p>												
Other police contract	<p>Police assistance line Telephone 131 444</p>												

Telephone/internet/mail													
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra												
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.												
Mail	<p>Aherrenge CPA Telephone: (08) 8956 9966</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Monday – Friday</td> <td style="width: 50%;">8:00pm – 4:30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> </table>	Monday – Friday	8:00pm – 4:30pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed								
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Road	Access is by road, 320km Northeast of Alice Springs via the Plenty and Sandover Highways. The road is sealed for 100km followed by 220km of unsealed road. The trip takes approximately four hours from Alice Springs in dry conditions. A 4WD vehicle is required to make the journey after rain. Heavy rain will close the road.												
Air	Ampilatwatja can be accessed by air. The unsealed air strip is located 500m from the Community. There are no regular passenger flights to the community and the airstrip closes with heavy rains.												
Regular passenger transport	No Regular Passenger service												
Health centre													
Health service²	<p>Ampilatwatja Health Centre Telephone (08) 8956 9942</p> <p>Aboriginal Corporation - AHCAC Email ceo@ampilatwatja.com.au</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Web http://www.ampilatwatja.com.au/</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Monday – Wednesday</td> <td style="width: 50%;">8:30pm – 12:30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2:30pm – 5:30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>8:30pm – 12:30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>9:00am – 1:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2:30pm – 5:30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> </table> <p>Facilities</p> <p>Three consulting rooms, one dental room and two emergency rooms with separate waiting rooms to allow for flexibility when catering for cultural requirements.</p>	Monday – Wednesday	8:30pm – 12:30pm		2:30pm – 5:30pm	Thursday	8:30pm – 12:30pm	Friday	9:00am – 1:00pm		2:30pm – 5:30pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service												
Medical Records System³	Communicare												
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	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic.												

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.

Visiting services Includes Mental and Women's health services, Nephrology, Dental Services, Ophthalmology, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Nutrition and Dietetics. Ultrasound and Paediatric Specialists visit on a regular basis. The clinic also provides transport to Alice Springs weekly for outpatient consultations with the PATs Program.

Acute care Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)

Other Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.

Alcohol

Alcohol⁴ This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.

Governance

Local Government The local council is the Barkly Shire Council

Outstations There are four outstations – Irrultja, Atnwengerrp, Elere and Honeymoon Bore.

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 NT Remote Locum Program to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your NT Remote Locum Program placement. NT Remote Locum Program 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.