



Katherine West Region

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Community Profile

Kalkarindji

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This Community Profile provides you with information specific to the Katherine West Region of the Northern Territory.

The information has been compiled through a number of text and internet resources, and consultations with members of the local communities.

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Other sources include:

www.ntgpe.org

www.kwhb.com.au - Kalkaringi profile

Daguragu Community Government Council

www.victoriadaly.nt.gov.au/OurPhotoGallery/tabid/434/language/en-AU/Default.aspx

www.nt.pfes.nt.gov.au

www.bushtel.nt.gov.au

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*Please note: The information provided in this community profile is correct, to the best of RAHC's knowledge, at the time of printing. This community profile will be regularly updated as new information comes to hand.

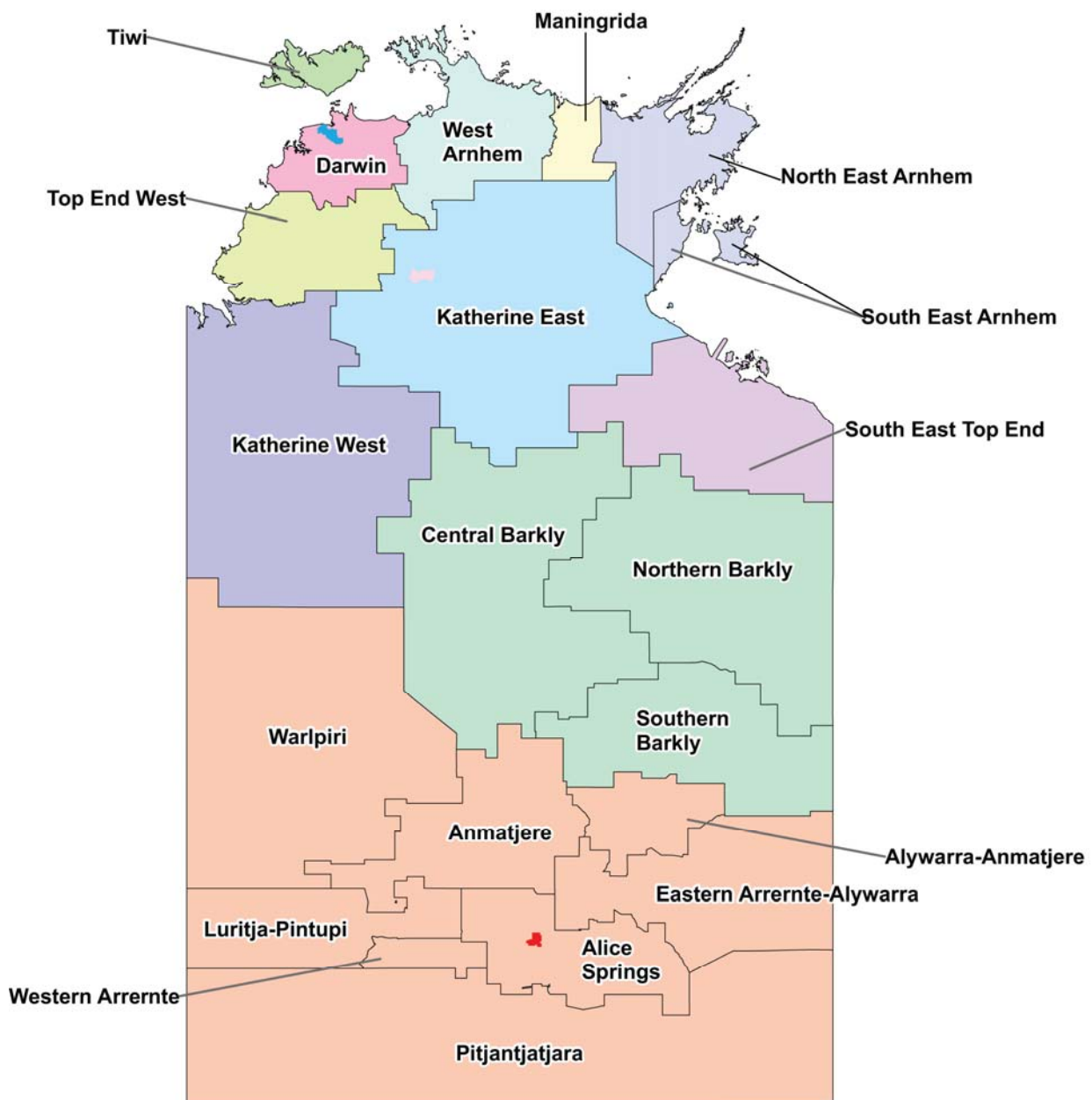
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The Northern Territory



Legend

 Alice Springs Urban	 Katherine East
 Barkly	 Katherine Urban
 Borroloola Area	 Katherine West
 Central Australia	 Maningrida
 Darwin Rural	 Tiwi
 Darwin Urban	 Top End West
 East Arnhem	 West Arnhem

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 & Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory.

The depicted areas are for the purpose of the Remote Area Health Corps Community Profiles alone, and do not represent any Aboriginal language group, land or cultural group boundaries.



Katherine West Area Profile

This map of the Katherine West Area has been taken from the map of the Northern Territory, adapted from the OATSIH Program Management & Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory.



Major Communities		
Name	Population	Resource Centre
Timber Creek	700	Timber Creek Community Government Council
Yarralin	380	Victoria-Daly Shire Council
Daguragu	350	
Kalkarindji (Wave Hill)	450	
Amanbidji	100	Ngaliwurru-Wuli Association
Lajamanu	700	Central Desert Shire Council

*The population figures refer to the number of Aboriginal peoples living in the community, and are estimates only.

It should be noted that in many Aboriginal communities, population figures can fluctuate dramatically, due to a number of factors including seasonal changes (wet and dry seasons), and ceremonial activity.

Communities can also be known by several names – this may include the European name given to it after colonisation, and several Aboriginal names.

Languages in the Region

The below languages have been noted to be present in this region. However it should be noted that as a result of colonisation, the growth of towns, and the transient nature of some Aboriginal peoples, there may be many different Aboriginal languages evident in a given area.

Bilinara	Mudburra
Gurrindji	Murrinpata
Jaminjung	Ngaliwurru
Jawoyn	Ngarinman
Kriol	Nunggubuyu
Mayali	Warlpiri
Miriwoong	Marra

Kriol is the contact language now spoken as a first language by most Aboriginal people across the region. Kriol is spoken in the Barkly and further north, but not generally far south of Tennant Creek.

Aboriginal Interpreter Service

www.dlghs.nt.gov.au/ais

NT Dept of Local Govt & Housing

Central booking service 08 8999 8353

The AIS Provides 24 hours 7 days a week central booking service.



Kalkarindji

History

Kalkarindji and Daguragu are located approx 480km south west of Katherine on the Buntine Highway. The Kalkarindji community is situated on the banks of the Victoria River and Daguragu on the Wattie Creek. The communities of Kalkarindji and Daguragu are about 8 kilometres apart and connected by a sealed road. The Wattie Creek crossing can close for short periods during the wet season.



The combined population of Kalkarindji and Daguragu is approx 750 – 950, although this population varies according to the season. The population is split mainly between Kalkarindji and Daguragu with an additional outstation population of approx 40.

Kalkarindji was formed as a settlement supply town to service the local pastoral industry which grew up in the early 1900's in the area. As stations became larger there was less need for the services the settlement provided. It is now largely an Aboriginal town. Daguragu grew out of the Wave Hill walk off in 1966. Led by Vincent Lingari, Gurindji stockmen and women walked off nearby cattle stations that were on land previously owned by the Gurindji people. The strike lasted 11 years but ended in the first hand back of land to Aboriginal people. This story has been recorded by singer Paul Kelly in the song, 'From Little Things, Big Things Grow'.

Governance

Local Government is provided by the Victoria Daly Shire Council. There is also a Daguragu/Kalkarindji Local Board.

Infrastructure and Community Life

Recreation activities: Football, basketball, softball, fishing, horse riding, social barbecues and gem fossicking.

Nearby attractions: Victoria River, Gregory National Park, Pussy Cat Flats, Campdraft and Wave Hill.

Service station, school, police station, store, caravan park, takeaway food shop, Women's centre.
The CDEP scheme is functioning.

School

The Kalkarindji Community Education Centre (CEC) is both a Primary and Secondary School.

Phone: (08) 8975 0778

Fax: (08) 8975 0813

Email: principal.kalkaringi@ntschoools.net

Website: www.schools.nt.edu.au/riverscluster/kalkaringi/default.htm

Pupils: 150

Kalkaringi CEC, serving the twin communities of Kalkaringi and Daguragu, has a student enrolment of around 150 students from Pre-school to Year 12. Although a school presence has been in the community for decades, the school has been at the current site since 1976. Kalkaringi CEC has been a leader in many fields of Indigenous and remote schooling, particularly in secondary education. In 2003 it became the first community school to have students graduate from Year 12. All four of the pioneering students gained a TER score and entered university courses throughout Australia in 2004. Kalkaringi has also received numerous national awards, including two National Awards for Quality Schools in 2003; a top 10 placement in The Australian newspaper's Best Schools 2003 Award; and a High Commendation in the 2004 Dare to Lead Awards for quality Indigenous education.



Health Centre

PMB 107 Katherine NT 0852

P: (08) 8975 0785 | F: (08) 8975 0792 | E: kalkclinic@kwhb.com.au

Kalkarindji and Daguragu are both serviced by a brand new, \$4 million health clinic, which was opened by Katherine West Health Board in 2009. This health clinic was specifically designed to be more culturally appropriate for aboriginal clients, with separate entries and waiting areas for men and women. The Health Centre is served by three permanent RNs and Aboriginal Health Workers. People/visitors suffering medical emergencies are evacuated to Katherine and Darwin Hospitals.

Programs run by the health centre:

School screening – Annually.

Immunisations - monthly

Old people screening – 6 monthly.

Well women checks – 12 monthly.

Well men checks – 12 monthly.

Under 5 screening – 6 monthly.

Ear health

Station visits



Clinic staff dispense appropriate medications according to need and eligibility to the resident population.

Programs run by community organisations:

Meals On Wheels. Kids with iron deficiency are treated and followed up and also by giving parents educational pamphlets on diet and nutrition.

Visiting Health Services

Dentist – 4 monthly.

Paediatrics – 6 monthly.

Ear, Nose & Throat – bi-annually.

Ophthalmology – Annually.

Audiologist – Annually.

Dietician – 4 monthly.

Occupational Therapist – 6 monthly.

Mental health – 6-8 weekly.

AIDS/STD screening – 12 monthly.

Women's Health Nurse – Annually.

Adult Assessment & Coordination Team – 6 monthly.

Family Youth & Community Services – As required.

Environmental Health Officers – Twice each year.

(Visits are subject to health professional availability.)

Communities, Outstations and Homelands serviced by the Kalkarindji Community Health Centres are: Inverway. (Inverway station is normally visited twice a week due to some elderly people who reside out there.) Burda Wada, Cattle Creek, Liku, Mistake Creek (largest), Mamadi, Mt Maiyo, McDonalds Yard and Puturang.

Pastoral Stations serviced by the Kalkarindji Community Health Centre are: Wave Hill, Camfield, Montijinni, Top Springs, Dunggowan, Mount Sanford, Limbunya, Riverin, Inverway, Bunda and Birrindudu.

Keeping the Peace

Police in the community: Kalkarindji is an Alcohol Restricted Zone under the Liquor Act. Police patrol the community to prevent importation of alcohol into the restricted area. The social club at Kalkarindji is exempt from the restricted area provisions, however take-away liquor are not allowed. Police attend Council meetings, work with school students and conduct a regular Blue Light Disco.



Getting Advice

The following organisations and contact numbers may be useful in locating sources of advice about Kalkarindji. Care has been taken to ensure these details are correct, however unfortunately some may change or be unattended.

Kalkarindji & Daguragu – Katherine West Health Board

PMB 107 via Katherine NT 0852

Ph: 08 8975 0785

kalkclinic@kwhb.com.au

Clinics at Kalkarindji have Aboriginal Health Workers

Daguragu clinic only open by arrangement

Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation

Unit 10 38 Riverbank Office Village Cnr Shea & First St Katherine NT 0851

Ph: 08 8971 9300

webqueries@kwhb.com.au

www.kwhb.com.au

Provides health services to 7 communities outside of Katherine.

Services include preventive health, maternal health, child health, chronic disease, mobile health team.

Victoria Daly Shire Council

www.victoriadaly.nt.gov.au



