

Central Australia Region

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Community Profile

Santa Teresa

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This Community Profile provides you with information specific to the Alice Springs Rural 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.

The first version of this Community Profile was prepared for RAHC by The Echidna Group and we acknowledge and thank Dr Terri Farrelly and Ms Bronwyn Lumby for their contribution.

Other sources include:

http://www.gpnnt.org.au/client_images/209961.pdf

<http://www.keringkearts.com.au/>

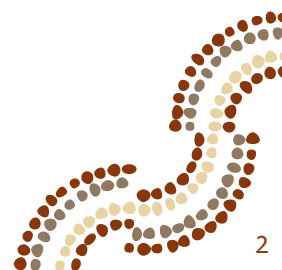
RAHC would also like to acknowledge and express gratitude to the Aboriginal people of the Alice Springs Rural Region who have so generously shared aspects of their culture and communities for use in this Profile.

*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.

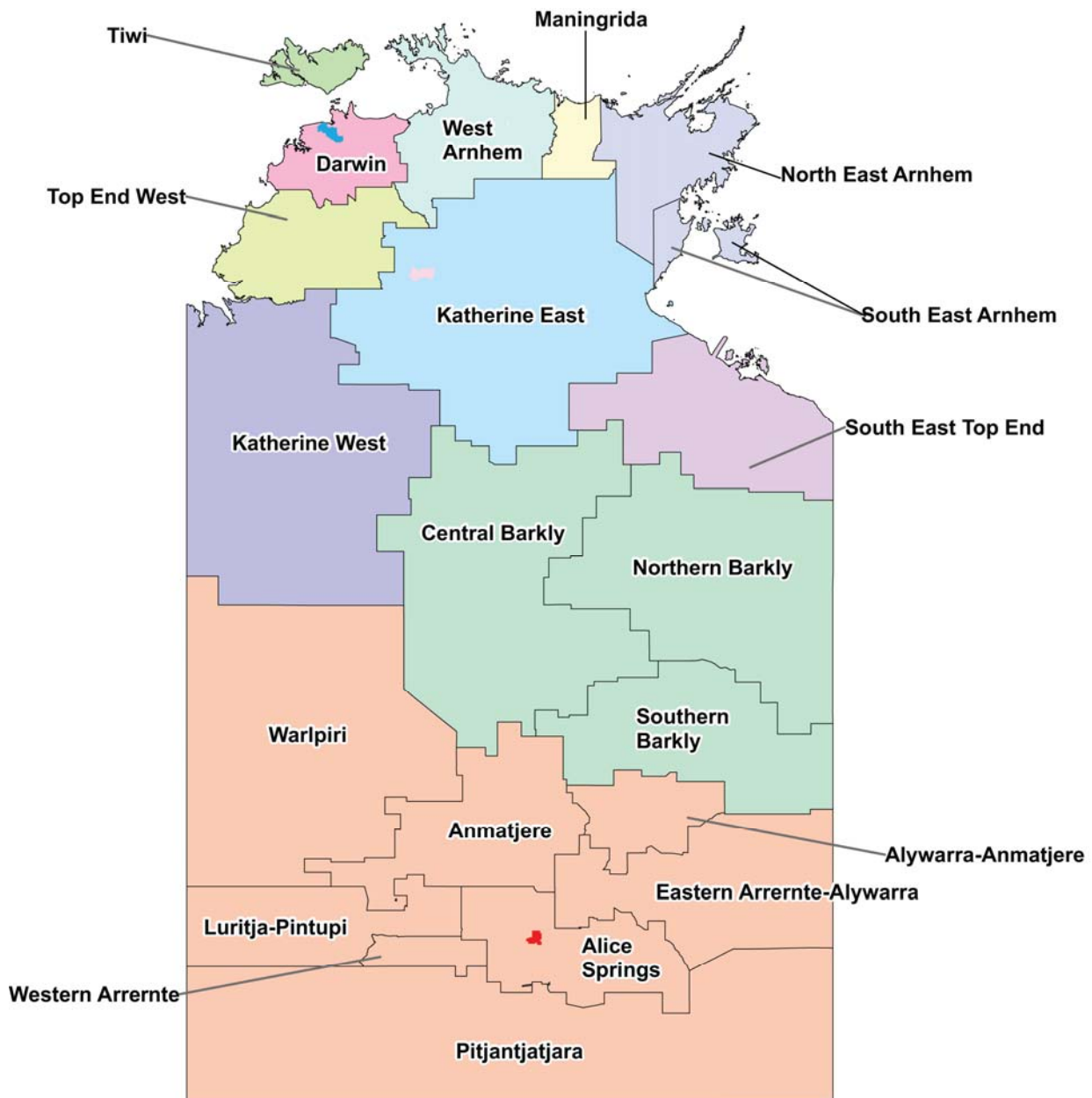
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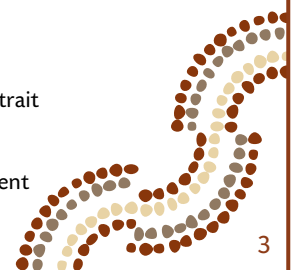


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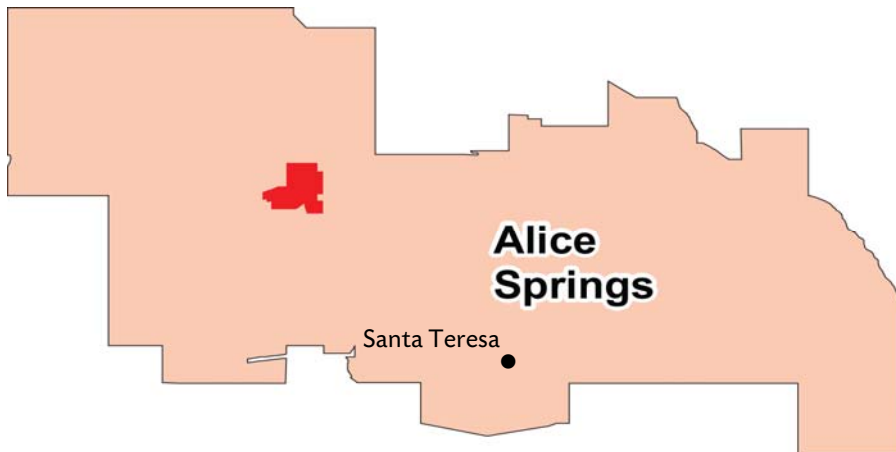
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 Barkly	 Katherine Urban
 Borroloola Area	 Katherine West
 Central Australia	 Maningrida
 Darwin Rural	 Tiwi
 Darwin Urban	 Top End West
 East Arnhem	 West Arnhem

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.



Alice Springs Rural Area Profile



This map of the Central Australia – Alice Springs Rural Area, noting the Alice Springs Urban Area in red, has been taken from the map of the Northern Territory, adapted from the OATSIH Program Management & Implementation Section (2008)

*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.

Major Communities		
Name	Population	Resource Centre
Santa Teresa	500	Ltyentye Apurte Community Council and Central Land Council

Languages in the Region

The below languages are present in the Alice Springs Rural 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.

Alyawarre	Kutkatja	Warlpiri
Anmatyerre	Mudbarra	Warnmanpa
Central Arrernte	Luritja	Warrumungu
Eastern Arrernte	Ngaanyatjarra	Western Arrernte
Jingili	Pintubi	Yankunytjatjara
Kaititj	Pitjantjatjara	Wuriaki
Ngaatjatjarra	Southern Arrernte	
Pertame	Wambaya	

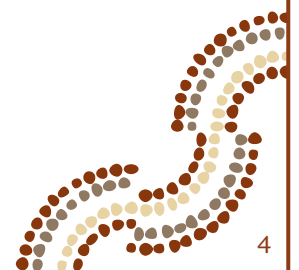
Aboriginal Interpreter Service

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.



Santa Teresa

Santa Teresa is situated 80km east of Alice Springs.

History

The community was established in 1953 and the Catholic Marist Brothers have been working with the people, mainly in education, since 1977. There are about 500 people living in the community. They speak their own language, Arrernte, but most also speak English.

Governance

Ltyentye Apurte Community Council is responsible for municipal service related matters (under the NT's Local Government Act) and The Central Land Council for land related matters (under the Commonwealth's Aboriginal Land rights (NT) Act 1976).

Infrastructure and Community Life

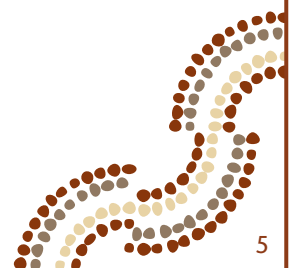
The town is divided into four areas: East Side, New Houses, Old Village and Through the Fence. These areas are used by different family groups in accordance with cultural practice. There is an estimated population of 600 residents. Alcohol is banned from Santa Teresa, with severe penalties applying to residents *and visitors* who breach this law. Essential services such as power, water, and sewerage are supplied. Other facilities include: general store, fuel supply, school, childcare crèche, aged care program, church, art and craft centre, health clinic, police station, Centrelink agent, CBA bank, Post Office, indoor sports centre and swimming pool.

Access

Access is by road via Alice Springs. The road is unsealed & rocky in parts and may cause problems after rain. Always avoid being on the road from dusk till dawn if possible. There are numerous feral horses & cattle in the region that pose a significant road hazard.



Santa Teresa Catholic Church



The Clinic

The health service is operated by Ltyentye Apurte Community Government Council which is auspiced by Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC). The clinic is located centrally in the community, in a large building originally built in 1974 as a fully equipped hospital. The community GP is a non-resident, but provides 24hr telephone support to the clinic staff. The clinic is staffed by two remote area nurses (RAN's), two female and two male Aboriginal Health Workers (AHWs).

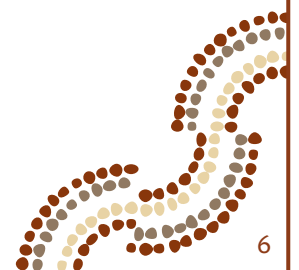
Santa Teresa Clinic Phone Number: (08) 8956 0911

NB Always check current staffing levels with RAHC staff prior to your placement.



Accommodation/Vehicles

Furnished House/Unit available equipped with cooking facilities. It is recommended to bring your own bedding. No vehicle is provided, however, the clinic has a vehicles available for most requirements.



Getting Advice

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

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
25 Gap Rd Alice Springs NT 0870
Ph: 08 8951 4444 (Clinic)
Ph: 08 8951 4400 (Admin)

www.caac.org.au

*Services include Congress Alukura Women's Health & Birthing, Congress Social & Emotional Health.
Staff include Medical Officers, Aboriginal Health Workers, Counsellors*

Congress Alukura Women's Health & Birthing
9 Percy Court Alice Springs 0870
Ph: 08 8953 2727

Alukura.admin@caacongress.com.au

www.caac.org.au

A service of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress

Staff include Medical Officers, Midwives, Women's Health Nurses, Aboriginal Liaison Officers, Educators, and Traditional Grandmothers.

Congress Social & Emotional Health Branch
Colocag Plaza, Shop 8 74 Todd Street Alice Springs NT 0870
Ph: 08 8953 8988

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Central Land Council
33 Stuart Hwy Alice Springs NT 0870
Ph: 08 8951 6211

