

# Mutitjulu

## Central Region

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Moor-ti-djoo-loo

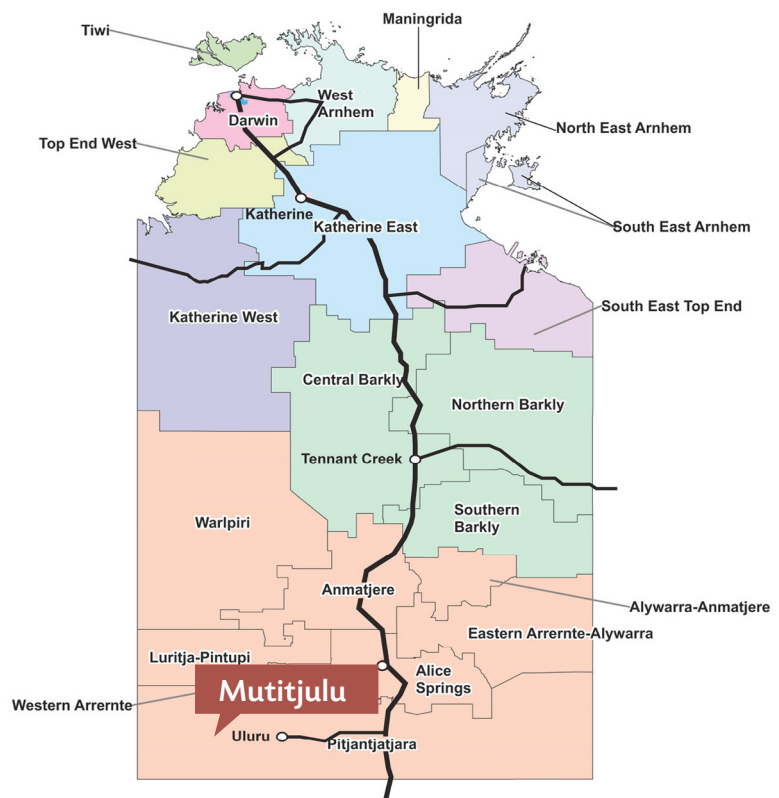
**Location:** 470 km southwest of Alice Springs, 28 km southwest of Yulara.

**NT Region:** Pitjantjatjara

**Population:** 323 (ABS 2016)

**Access:** Via road with the closest airport at Yulara (28 km away from community).

**Language groups:** Pitjantjatjara (majority). Luritja, Yangkuntjatjara and Arrernte languages also spoken.



*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 (Central)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	3°C to 20°C
	The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.	Fine weather with no rain and the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards during June/July. Spring (Sept-Nov) and Autumn (Mar-May) in Central Australia see warm days and cool evenings.
Summer (December to February)	Hot and dry	20°C to 35°
	The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.	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.

## Community life<sup>1</sup>

**Description** The community of Mutitjulu sits at the eastern end of Uluru. The community is named after a knee-shaped water-filled rock hole at the base of Uluru, and is located in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Its people are traditional owners and joint managers of the park with Parks Australia.

**Changes in population** Population figures are estimates, as several factors impact on movement. These include seasonal changes and ceremonial activity.

**Major landmarks or cultural factors** Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

**Major industry** Tourism

## Governance

**Outstations** None

**Permit System** None

## Infrastructure, facilities and services

**Community**

- Church:** Anglican
- Community halls or sheds:** NA
- Work force skills or training facilities:** Anangu Jobs
- Post Office:** NA
- School:** Mutitjulu
- Library:** NA
- Council Office:** MCAC (08) 8956 2134
- Women's Centre:** NA
- Childcare Centre:** (08) 8956 4357
- Aged Care Centre:** (08) 8956 0091
- Banking:** ANZ Yulara

**Community store** **Mutitjulu** **Telephone** (08) 8956 2119

**Other food outlets** 1 small shop in Mutitjulu.  
IGA supermarket and smaller outlets are available in Yulara (28 km away from community).

**Other accommodation** There is no commercial accommodation available in Mutitjulu. Accommodation is available at Yulara, where there are many choices available.

**Fuel** Diesel and Opal petrol fuel.

**Mechanic** Yulara

**Police station** Main Police station at Yulara.

**Alt. Police station** Small community police station in Mutitjulu.

<sup>1</sup> Please check with the Health Centre on arrival for sacred sites to avoid and health or social issues to be aware of.

## Telephone/internet/mail

<b>Mobile phone<sup>2</sup>/Phone</b>	Telstra 4G services available in Mutitjulu community. Optus and Vodafone services available in Yulara with weak and limited service in Mutitjulu.
<b>Internet</b>	All clinic accommodation has wired internet available. Wireless services also available on the Telstra 4G network.
<b>Mail</b>	Mail can be lodged via the Health Centre. Please check with the staff.

## Alcohol

<b>No Alcohol<sup>3</sup></b>	Mutitjulu is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
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## Access

<b>Road</b>	Mutitjulu is on Aboriginal land and under Northern Territory law a written permit is required to visit. Government workers (and contractors to the government) do not require a permit, this includes all RAHC staff. Mutitjulu is accessible via a sealed bitumen road.
<b>Bus and other services</b>	Bush Bus visits Mutitjulu community. Hire cars are available from Yulara.
<b>Air</b>	Connellan Airport at Yulara. Connellan Airport receives regular flights from major Australian cities including Sydney Melbourne, Alice Springs, Cairns and Brisbane (commencing Aug 2018).
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	Qantas Link, Virgin Australia, Jetstar plus many smaller services, scenic flights and private charters.

## Health Centre

<b>Health service</b>	<b>Mutitjulu Health Service Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC)</b> <a href="https://www.caac.org.au/">https://www.caac.org.au/</a> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8956 2054 <b>Email</b> maria.lombardi@caac.org.au
<b>Staff (when fully staffed)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manager 1</li><li>• Remote Area Nurses 3</li><li>• Medical Practitioner 1</li><li>• Aboriginal Health Workers 1</li><li>• Aboriginal Community Workers 1</li><li>• Administration Officer 1</li><li>• Drivers/Gardeners/Cleaners 2</li></ul>
<b>Facilities</b>	1 Emergency and 3 consult rooms.
<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday to Friday 8am – 5pm. 24-hour emergency on-call service.

<sup>2</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>3</sup> It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

<b>On call</b>	There is a 1st on call and 2nd responder/driver on a rotating roster
<b>Services</b>	<p>The Health Centre provides 24-hour, 7 days per week acute/emergency response through health staff on call and primary health care to the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antenatal Care</li> <li>• Growth Assessment and Action (GAA) Program for infants and children under 5</li> <li>• Childhood and Adult Immunisation</li> <li>• Healthy School Aged Kids Program</li> <li>• Preventable Chronic Disease (PCD) Program</li> <li>• Well Women's and Well Men's Screening</li> <li>• Infectious and Communicable Disease Prevention and Control</li> </ul>
<b>Medical Records System<sup>4</sup></b>	Communicare
<b>Vehicles</b>	<p>The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p><b>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b></p>
<b>Visiting Services</b>	Various visit specialist services visit throughout the year.
<b>Acute Care</b>	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) evacuation.
<b>Accommodation</b>	
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Either a free-standing house or single-occupancy demountable "Donga" style.</p> <p><b>**Note: Sharing of facilities may be required.</b></p>
<b>Facilities</b>	Usual domestic amenities including microwave, fridge, oven/stove, washing machine, TV and split system air-conditioning.
<b>Linen</b>	Provided
<b>Vehicles</b>	
<b>Vehicle</b>	No vehicle is provided for personal use.
<b>Policy</b>	NT DoH has a strict policy on vehicle use. Any non-clinical use is not acceptable.
<b>What to pack for placement</b>	
<b>Clothes</b>	<p>Possibility of cool nights in middle of year, so light warm clothing is useful. In the Wet Season (October – March), pack clothing for very hot, humid days – loose cotton clothing.</p> <p>Please refer to this website for information on appropriate clothing to wear whilst out in a community.</p> <p><a href="http://ntgpe.org/wp_site/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Appropriate-Clothing-2.pdf">http://ntgpe.org/wp_site/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Appropriate-Clothing-2.pdf</a></p>
<b>Supplies</b>	<p>Bring any specialty foods and a small quantity of fresh food.</p> <p><b>**Note: Please be mindful of weight restrictions on plane travel.</b></p>
<b>Personal effects</b>	Bring a hat, sturdy shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen and toiletries.

<sup>4</sup> Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

## Other tips and relevant information

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Be prepared for variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.

#### 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 and up to date information or photos you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.*

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