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Community Profile

Laramba

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This Community Profile provides you with information specific to the Anmatjere 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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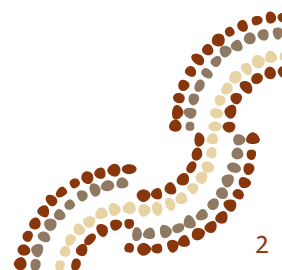
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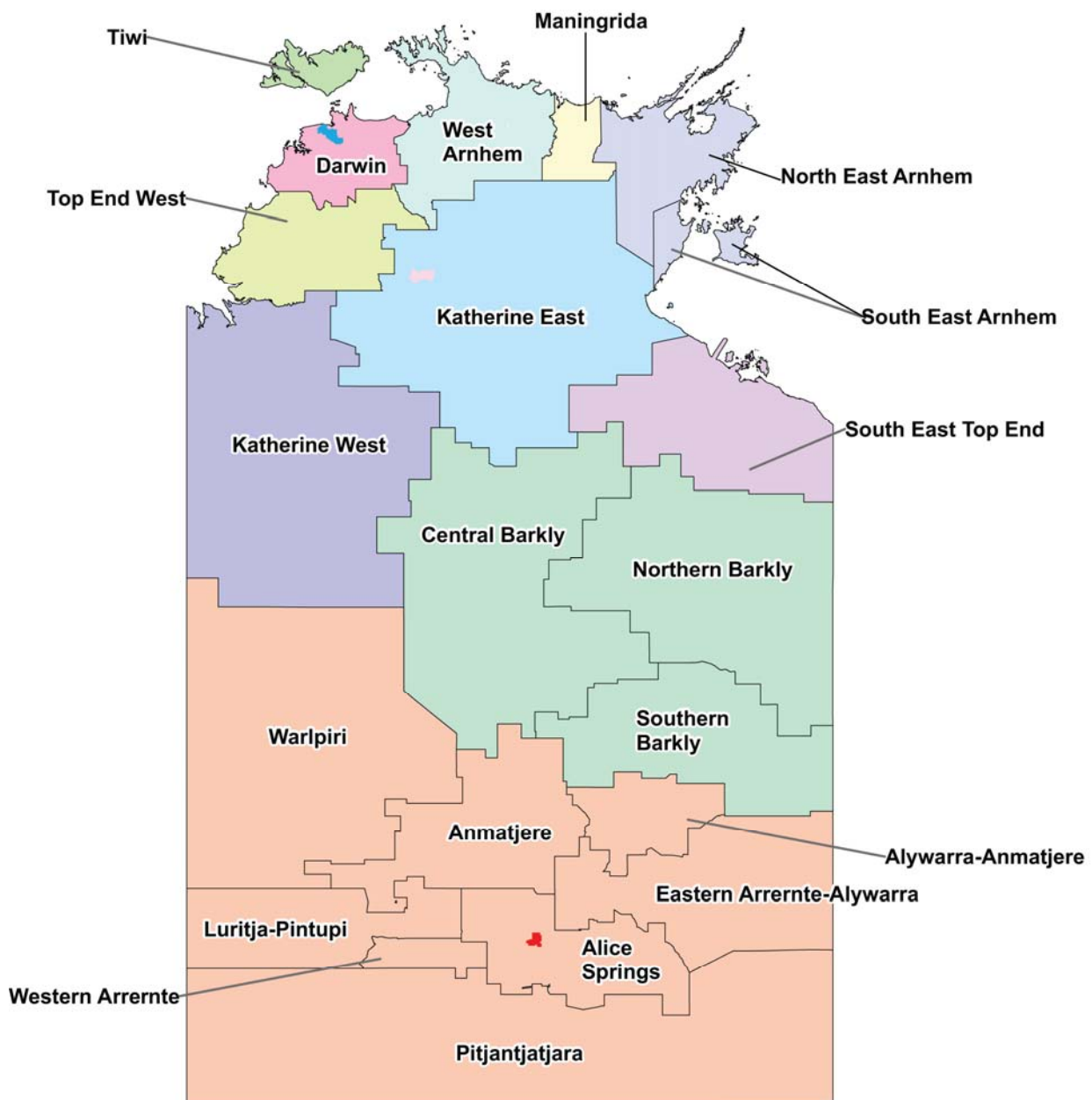
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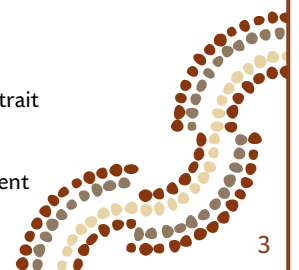


Legend

 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

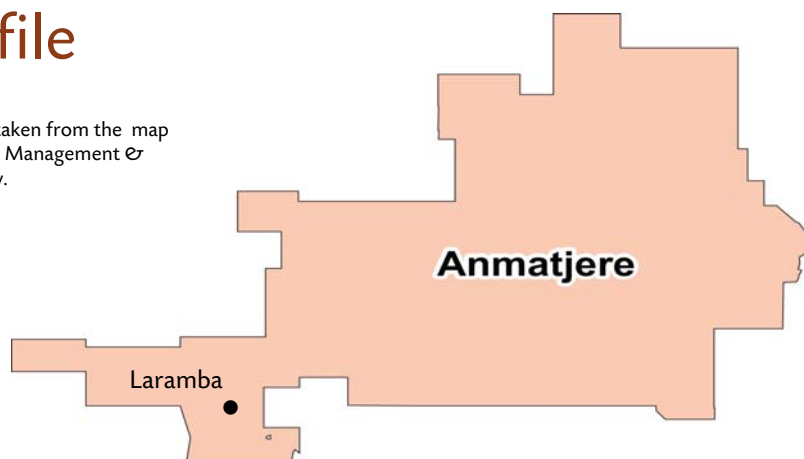
This map of the Northern Territory, divided into regions, has been adapted from the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) Program Management & Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory.

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.



Anmatjere Area Profile

This map of the Central Australia – Anmatjere 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.



*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
Ti-Tree	180	Anmatjere Community Government Council
Yuelamu	300	Central Desert Shire Council
Laramba	350	
Nturiya	170	
Pmara Jutunta	460	

Minor Communities	
Name	Resource Centre
Wilora	Central Desert Shire Council
Tara	Thankenhareng Aboriginal Corporation

Languages in the Region

The below languages are present in the Anmatjere 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	

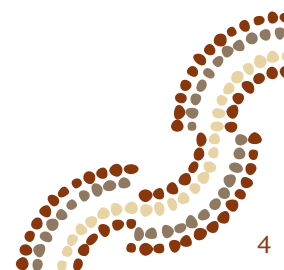
Aboriginal Interpreter Service

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.



Laramba

History

The Laramba community started in 1983 and moved from the Napperby homestead area to its present location in 1984. In 1992 the communities were given freehold title to the land. The Laramba community has a significant population of elders, many of whom have worked in the cattle industry on nearby properties. Before moving back to Laramba many of the people worked in the South Camp at Napperby Station, living in humpies and depending on the soakage for water.

Governance

Laramba is governed by Central Desert Shire Council. The Health Centre is operated by the Northern Territory Department of Health & Families/Remote Services Division.

Infrastructure and Community Life

There is no mobile phone service in Laramba. Electrical power is provided by a diesel generator. All water is potable & provided from an aquifer on Napperby Station.

The community has a:

Store- stocked mainly with canned & frozen items. Fresh vegetables are available.

Church

Women's centre

Laundry

Garage Workshop

Concert Hall

Ablution block

Centrelink Agent

School

Health Centre

Child Care centre

Basketball court

Football/Softball oval

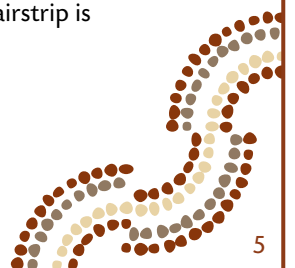


Access

Road: Access to Laramba is by the Napperby station road which runs west from the Stuart Highway, 122 kms north of Alice Springs. Laramba is located 83kms from the turnoff. The Department of Transport and Works undertakes routine maintenance of this dirt road, but it can become impassable during wet weather. The existing internal road system consists almost entirely of unformed graveled roads and sealed roads.

There is a station service track that runs 30 kms west of Laramba alongside & in a dry river bed, to Tilmouth Well Road House on the sealed Tanami Road. This provides much faster access to Alice Springs in good weather but any rain will close the track.

Air: It takes 5 minutes to drive to the closest airstrip in Laramba then 40 min to fly to Alice Springs. There is a good weather day, airstrip at Laramba. The airstrip is located on the road to the station 2 kms from the community. The airstrip is unsealed and is midway between the community and the Napperby homestead.



The Laramba Health Centre

The Health Centre was built in 1997 with 9 rooms including men's and women's consulting rooms and a kids/emergency room. Staffing is usually 2 RANs & 2 AHWs with visiting GP services.

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

There are 2 4WD troop carriers assigned to the centre.

RN's are on call after 5pm weekdays and on weekends for emergencies only.

Accommodation & Vehicles

There are community vehicles; 1 Women's Centre bus, a Men's Business bus attached to the Council and a school bus. These are available to transport community members to cultural, sporting and social events.

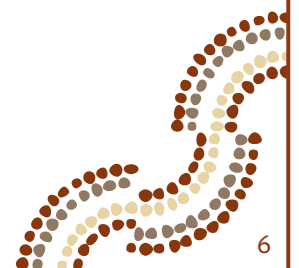
Health Centre staff & other service staff live 1 km outside the main community. Housing is in demountable units. All are fully equipped with the usual household facilities including telephones. Transport is provided to & from the Health Centre.

There is no mobile phone service in Laramba.

Keeping the Peace

Police responsible for Laramba are located at Ti Tree and can be contacted on 8956 9733.

They have a very good rapport with the locals, and Laramba has a very peaceful reputation.



Getting Advice

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

Anmatjere Community Government Council
PO Box 20 Ti Tree NT 0872
Ph: 08 8956 9933

Central Desert Shire Council—Laramba Office
1st Floor Alice Plaza Alice Springs NT 0870
Ph: (08) 8958 8765 or
Ph: 1300 360 605
info@centraldesert.nt.gov.au
www.centraldesert.nt.gov.au

Laramba Health Service
Ph: 08 8956 8792
Staff includes visiting Medical Officer once fortnightly, Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers on call locally

Thangkenhareng Resource Centre
PMB 80 Barrow Creek via Alice Springs NT 0871
Ph: 08 8956 9838

