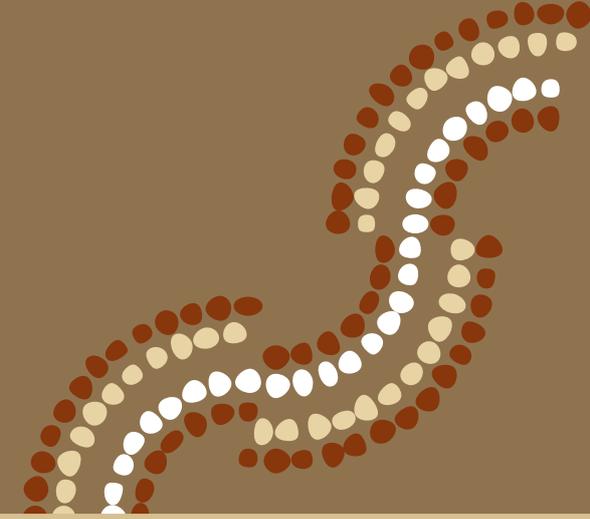


Central Australia Region

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REMOTE AREA HEALTH CORPS



Community Profile

Nyrippi

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This Community Profile provides you with information specific to the Warlpiri 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:

http://www.gpnnt.org.au/client_images/209959.pdf

<http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/index.cfm?fuseaction=page&p=33&m=22&sm=48>

RAHC would also like to acknowledge and express gratitude to the Aboriginal people of the Warlpiri 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.

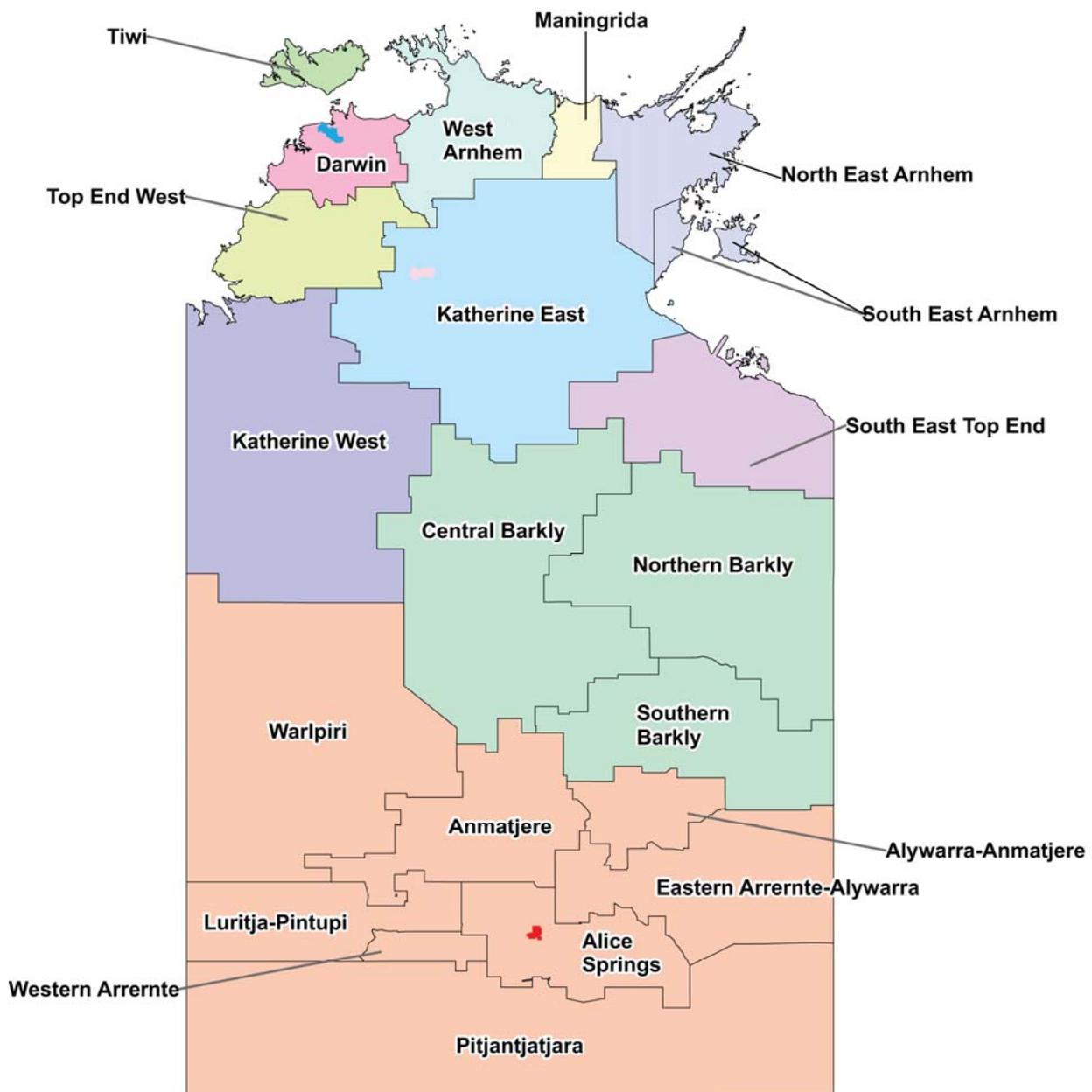
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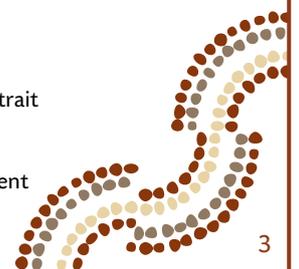


Legend

	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.



Warlpiri Area Profile



This map of the Central Australia – Warlpiri 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 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 are present in the Warlpiri 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.

Major Communities

Name	Population	Resource Centre
Nyirripi (Waite Creek)	300	Central Desert Shire Council
Yuendumu	1000	
Willowra	450	

Family Outstations

Name	Resource Centre
Jiwaranpa	Wulain Outstation Resource
Picininy Bore	
Ngarnka	
Mungurrupa	
Yartalu Yartalu	
Parrulyu	
Puyurru	Central Desert Shire Council
Putulu	
Chilla Well	
Yumurrpa	
Mala	
Yinyiripalangu	
Yuwerli	
Walkalba	
Wayililinypa	
Injirramurri	
Yatjalu	
Mount Barkly	

Nyirripi

Location: 250 kms North West of Alice Springs
Population: Approximately 240

History

Nyirripi was first established in the late 1970's when several families including Tiger Japaljari Morris, Charlie Jampinjipas, Molly Napurula Martins, Phylis Napurula, Leo Japurula and others decided to leave the pressures of the growing population of Yuendumu.

Two men were sent into town to secure a Pastor for the outstation and Pastor John Henwood returned with them to take up ministry. The community was officially recognised as a minor community or outstation after the former Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs was pressed in a public forum by community members to define the population numbers that would constitute an outstation. This enabled the securing of much needed funds for infrastructure. Later the community was recognised as a major community and campaigned to the government. This ultimately led to the construction of a school. In 1985 the community became incorporated under the Aboriginal Council Association Act.



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Nyirripi is located close to the southern and south western extent of traditionally owned Warlpiri land. Although still predominantly a Warlpiri Community there are a number of Pintubi, Luritja and Kukatja speakers. Languages spoken are: Warlpiri, Pintubi and Kukatja languages.

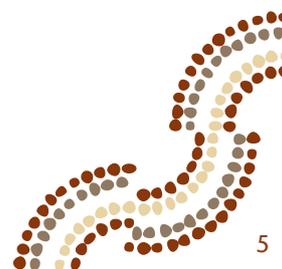
Governance

The Nyirripi Community Government Council is the local governing body and has 13 members who are elected annually. The Local Government Shire is the Central Desert Shire, Southern Tanami Ward.

Infrastructure and Community Life

The community has:

- Community Hall
- Women Centre
- Pensioner Units
- BRACS (radio)
- Community Owned Store – Pre-packed and fresh food is available as well as clothing, pharmaceuticals, hardware, white goods, blankets, furnishing and sporting goods. Fresh fruit/veg/milk/meat are available.
- Council office
- Church - There is a United Pentecostal Church in Nyirripi.
- Workshop
- Health Centre
- School
- Meals-on-wheels
- Airstrip
- Morgue
- Power station
- 2 ablution blocks
- Flat for visitors
- Public phones
- Children's playground
- Library
- Sports facilities
- Police Station
- Fire Station
- Youth worker
- And many beautiful water holes and sights to go out and visit.



Access

The Airstrip is extremely good – it is sealed, powered and over 1 km in length.

Nyirripi is located approximately 440 km from Alice Springs by road, taking up to 6 hours to drive there. The roads from Alice Springs to Nyirripi are initially sealed and then unsealed. There are two main routes.

For the first route, travel from Alice Springs to Yuendumu along the Tanami Highway which branches off the Stuart highway 25 kms north of Alice Springs. From Yuendumu, Nyirripi is approximately 150 km west-south west. The turn off for Nyirripi is approximately 1 km on the left from the Yuendumu turn off. The access road is 150km of non graveled track which is passable except in fairly extreme wet weather.

The second route also travels along the Tanami Highway until 23 km's past Tilmouth Wells roadhouse. Take the turn left on the Mt Wedge road. After about 65 km's there is a Junction with the Papunya/Yuendumu road. Turn right and travel along this road for 32 km's then turn left onto the Yuendumu/Nyirripi road. From here it is about 130 kms to Nyirripi. Parts of this road are sandy and washed away after heavy rains.

Health Centre

The Nyirripi Community has a Health service called Nyirripi. It is a NT Government Department of Health and Families (DHF) Health Centre. The Health Service Area includes the outstations - Ethel Creek, and Emu Bore. The clinic is well established and has nurses available – on call after hours.

Nyirripi Health Centre
Nyirripi via Alice Springs NT 0870
Phone : 8956 8835
Fax 8956 8840

The clinic is well equipped and includes a doctors room, a small day ward, male and female clinics, staff room, bathrooms, laundry and a large waiting/meeting area. Health Centre hours: Monday – Friday 08.00-12.00 and 13.00-17.00. The RNs are on call locally after 17.00 weekdays and on weekends.



Staffing at the clinic: 1 visiting GP per fortnight, 1-2 RNs, 1 Aboriginal Health Worker (AHW).

Local Health Programs:

Grandmothers are teaching young girls about Warlpiri Culture. They are taking them out bush and dancing, singing, hunting and showing the girls how to ceremonially “smoke” their babies. They also show video's, flip charts and posters in the Health Centre relating to women's health business, such as STDs. Women do paintings on bush tucker and other aspects of cultural life. Local women also cook food for the elderly people each day and deliver it to their homes (meals on wheels).



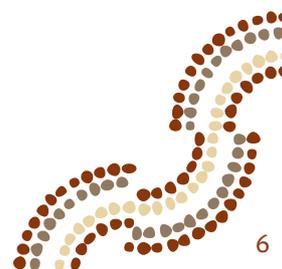
Accommodation/Vehicles

There are no hotels/motels or car rentals but the council are more than willing to accommodate visitors.

Keeping the Peace

There is a police station at Nyirripi and they can be contacted on (08) 8956 4851.

The Police advise that Nyirripi on the whole is a very good and safe district. Yuendumu Police are contactable on (08)8956 4004.



Getting Advice

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

Central Desert Shire Council
1st Floor Alice Plaza Alice Springs NT 0870
Ph: 1300 360 605
info@centraldesert.nt.gov.au
www.centraldesert.nt.gov.au

Central Land Council – Yuendumu
PMB 107 Alice Springs NT 0872
Ph: 08 8956 4118

Nyirripi Health Centre
Ph: 08 8956 8835
Medical Officer fortnightly, Nurse, Aboriginal Health Worker

Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation
Yuendumu CMB via Alice Springs NT 0872
Ph: 08 8956 4188
admin@mttheo.org
Services include Mt Theo Outstation, Petrol Sniffing, Youth Development, Youth Diversionary Program

Willowra Yuendumu Nyirripi (WYN) Health Service
Yuendumu Health Clinic via Alice Springs NT 0872
Ph: 08 8956 4179
info@wynhealth.org.au



