

## Kalkarindji *Top End*

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Kal-ka-rind-ji

**Alternate name:** Wave Hill

**Location:** 460kms southwest of Katherine

**NT Region:** Top End

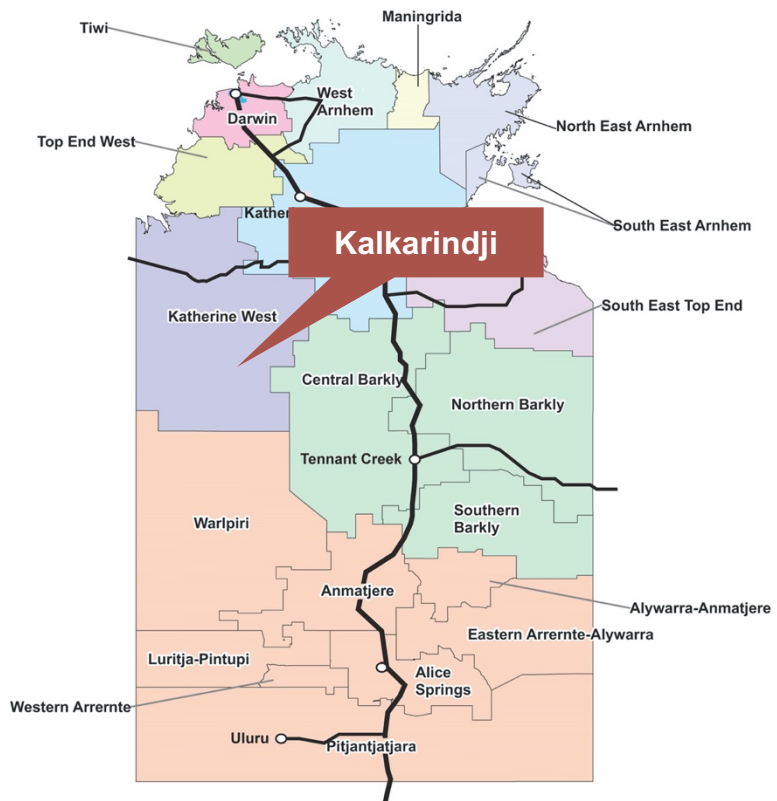
**Population:** Approx. 400 residents

**Access:** Road and air

**Language groups:** Gurindji / Kriol

**Phone:** 4G Telstra

**Internet:** No personal use of internet in the clinic or accommodation



### Climate (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
<b>Winter (June to August)</b>	<b>Cooler and dry</b>	<b>6°C to 19°C</b>
<p>The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 20% – 50%.</p>	<p>Fine weather with minimal rain and the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards during June/July.</p>	
<b>Summer (December to February)</b>	<b>Hot and humid</b>	<b>25°C to 38°C</b>
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C during the day in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%.</p>	<p>The build-up occurs from September with building humidity, intermittent lightning storms and downpours. Rains typically arrive December/January with regular heavy downpours and the possibility of cyclones.</p>	

## Infrastructure, facilities, and services

### Community

**Church:** Yes

**Community halls or sheds:** Yes, Karungkarni Art and Culture Centre

**Workforce skills or training facilities:** Yes

**School:** Yes

**Library:** No

**Council Office:** Yes

**Women's Centre:** Yes

**Childcare Centre:** Yes

**Aged Care Centre:** Yes

**Community Safety:** Yes, Community Care Program.

**Banking:** Yes, An ATM is available at the Store

**Recreational/other facilities:** The community has an art and cultural centre, a sports oval, basketball and softball facilities, fishing, horse riding, social barbecues, and gem fossicking.

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### Community store

#### Kalkarindji Store and Caravan Park

**Telephone** (08) 8975 0788

66 Buntine Hwy, Kalkarindji NT 0852

The store supplies the community with fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products, dry goods, and general household items.

#### Opening hours

Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 12:00pm
Sunday	Closed

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### Other food outlets

#### Kalkarindji Meat Supplies

**Telephone** (08) 8975 0555

47 Libanangu Rd, Kalkarindji NT 0852.

#### Opening hours

Monday – Friday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday	8:00am – 12:00pm
Sunday	Closed

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### Food orders

#### Woolworths

**Telephone** (08) 8973 3100

#### Nighthawk Transport

**Telephone** (08) 8947 3321

73 Crawford St, Katherine East NT 0850.

Nighthawk Transport provides services for all freight deliveries into Kalkarindji.

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### Commercial accommodation

#### Kalkarindji Store and Caravan Park

**Telephone** (08) 8975 0788

The Caravan Park is the main provider of accommodation in Kalkarindji with powered and unpowered sites available, as well as self-contained single and double cabins.

#### Victoria Daly Regional Council

**Telephone** (08) 8974 5811

Lot 97 Buntine Highway, Kalkarindji Community NT 0852

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<b>Fuel</b>	<b>Kalkarindji Service Station</b>	<b>Telephone (08) 8975 0788</b>
	Opal and diesel fuel is available at the service station.	
<b>Police station</b>	<b>Kalkarindji Police Station</b>	<b>Telephone (08) 8975 0790</b>
<b>Community Safety</b>	There is a community Safety Care Programme	
<b>Other police contract</b>	Police assistance line	<b>Telephone 131 444</b>
<b>Telephone/internet/mail</b>		
<b>Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone</b>	4G Telstra	
<b>Internet</b>	Yes, personal use is available.	
<b>Mail</b>	<b>Kalkarindji (Daguragu) CPA</b>	<b>Telephone (08) 8974 5811</b>
	Lot 97 Buntine Hwy, Kalkarindji NT 0852.	
<b>Access</b>		
<b>Road</b>	Road access to Kalkarindji from Katherine is approx. 460kms southwest via the Victoria and Buntine Highways. The six-hour drive is mostly on sealed road between the Victoria Highway turnoff to Kalkarindji, with the last section of the road unsealed. The Wattie Creek crossing can close for short periods during the wet season.	
<b>Air</b>	Kalkgurung Aerodrome is sealed, located four kilometres from the community and six kilometres from the Daguragu outstation.	
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	<b>Katherine Coaches</b>	<b>Telephone 1800 263 442</b>
	Coaches depart Katherine for Kalkarindji every Monday and Thursday. Bookings are essential.	
<b>Health centre</b>		
<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Katherine West Health Board Kalkarindji Health Centre</b>	<b>Telephone (08) 8975 0785 Email <a href="mailto:kalk@kwhb.com.au">kalk@kwhb.com.au</a> Web <a href="http://www.kwhb.com.au">www.kwhb.com.au</a></b>
	<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:00pm Friday 1:00pm – 4:00pm Saturday – Sunday Closed
	<b>Facilities</b>	The health centre has one emergency room and several consult rooms.
<b>On-call services</b>	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
<b>Medical Records System<sup>3</sup></b>	Communicare	
<b>Vehicles</b>	The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. <b>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</b>	

<sup>1</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>2</sup> For more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

<sup>3</sup> Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

<b>GPs</b>	There is a permanent GP based in the clinic.
<b>Visiting services</b>	Visiting services include Paediatrics, Podiatry, Ophthalmology, Obstetrics, Dentist, ENT Nutritionist, Women's Health Specialist and Mental Health Professional.
<b>Acute care</b>	Care Flight
<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Katherine.
<b>Alcohol</b>	
<b>Alcohol<sup>4</sup></b>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
<b>Governance</b>	
<b>Local Government</b>	Local Council is the Victoria Daly Shire Council. Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.
<b>Outstations</b>	Daguragu
<b>Other tips and relevant information</b>	
<b>Other tips/relevant information</b>	<p>Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.</p> <p>Whenever possible, avoid being on the road from dusk till dawn. Apart from the unfenced cattle station, the region has a population of feral horses, donkeys, dogs and the occasional camel along with a native population of Kangaroos and Dingoes. All of which are a significant road hazard.</p> <p>On arrival, please check with the Health Centre to understand any health or social issues within the community. They can also let you know of any sacred sites to avoid.</p>

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<sup>4</sup> It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.