

Timber Creek *Top End*

Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Timber Creek

- Alternate name:** Makalamayi

- Location:** 300km West of Katherine

- NT Region:** Top End

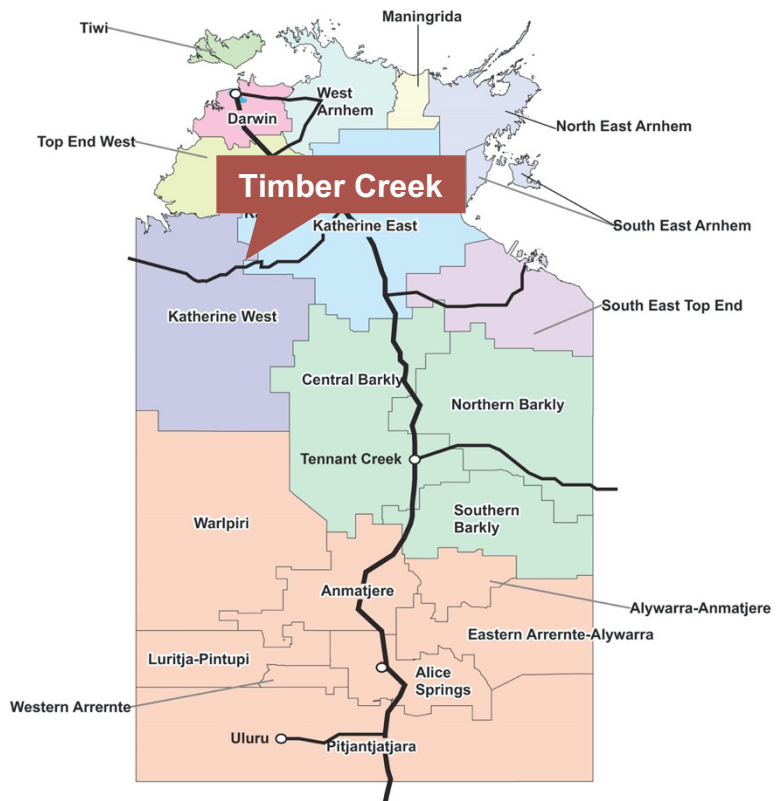
- Population:** Approx. 280 residents

- Access:** Road

- Language groups:** Ngarinyman and Ngaliwurru

- Phone:** 4G Telstra

- Internet:** Limited use of internet in the clinic



Climate (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	6°C to 19°C
<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>	
Summer (December to February)	Hot and humid	25°C to 38°C
<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	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: Yes</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: No</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women's Centre: No</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: Yes</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: There is a football oval, basketball court and tennis court. There are also camping and bushwalking facilities. Timber Creek is well known for its fishing and is one of the Northern Territory's most scenic places to catch a barramundi.</p>						
Community store	<p>Wirib Store and Tourism Park Telephone (08) 8975 0602</p> <p>The Wirib Store has a bakery which bakes bread daily plus serving coffee, savory pastries, cakes and hot food made to order. The store also has a range of vegetables, fruit, dry stores and frozen goods.</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Monday – Friday</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: right;">8:30am – 5:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Saturday – Sunday</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8:30am – 2:00pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>Timber Creek Travellers Rest Telephone (08) 8975 0722</p> <p>The store has a range of vegetables, fruit, dry stores and frozen goods. As well as souvenirs and fishing gear. Attached to the store is a restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner – plus takeaway food from the store throughout other hours.</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Monday – Sunday</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: right;">7:00am – 5:00pm</td> </tr> </table>	Monday – Friday	8:30am – 5:00pm	Saturday – Sunday	8:30am – 2:00pm	Monday – Sunday	7:00am – 5:00pm
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Food orders	<p>Woolworths Katherine Telephone (08) 8934 8100 Web www.woolworthsonline.com.au</p> <p>Nighthawk Transport Telephone (08) 8972 3889 Web www.nighthawktransport.com.au</p> <p>Food orders can be made online at Woolworths and will be delivered from Katherine. Nighthawk Transport will deliver the order to the general store. Cost of delivery depends on the size and range of the order. Orders must be in by Thursday to be delivered on Tuesday evening.</p>						
Commercial accommodation	<p>Timber Creek Travellers Rest Telephone (08) 8975 0722</p> <p>Wirib Tourism Park Telephone (08) 8975 0602</p>						
Fuel	<p>Timber Creek Travellers Rest Telephone (08) 8975 0722</p> <p>Wirib Tourism Park Telephone (08) 8975 0602</p>						
Police station	<p>Timber Creek Police Station Telephone (08) 8975 0733</p>						
Community Safety	<p>Yes</p>						

Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.	
Mail	Mail is delivered to the Health Centre	
Access		
Road	282km West of Katherine on the Victoria Highway. The highway is all two-lane bitumen and well maintained.	
Air	There is a dirt strip for emergency evacuation of patients. The airstrip is 7km West of town and can be closed at times during the wet season. Airstrip is also closed at night. In an emergency, aircrafts can use the army runway at Bradshaw which is sealed.	
Regular passenger transport	The Greyhound Bus travels daily each way through Timber Creek, travelling between Darwin and Broome.	
Health centre		
Health service²	Katherine West Health Board (WKHB)	Telephone (08) 8975 0727 Email www.kwhb.com.au Web lyn.archer@kwhb.com.au
Facilities	Four consulting rooms and one emergency room	
Operating hours	Monday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm. Monday – Wednesday Outstation visits to Kildurk and Bulla	
On-call services	Yes	
Medical Records System³	Communicare	
Vehicles	The clinic maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance. No vehicle is provided for personal use. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.	
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic	
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, dental health services, mental health professionals, gynaecology and hearing health services.	
Acute care	Care Flight	
Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine or Darwin.	

¹ 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/>

² For more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

³ Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

Alcohol

Alcohol⁴ NT Remote Locum Program advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

Governance

Local Government The local council is Victoria Daly Shire Council.
The land council is the Northern Land Council (NLC).

Outstations There are 16 outstations including Bulla Marralum, Kneebone, Amanbidgee, Doojum in Keep River National Park, Myatt, Muruning, Barrac Barrac, Gilwi, BobYard, Djarrung, Bubble bubble, Police Hole, Binjin and Gulardi.

Other tips and relevant information

Other tips/relevant information Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.

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.

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.

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 NT Remote Locum Program to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your NT Remote Locum Program placement. NT Remote Locum Program also values any input you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.

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