

## Wirliyatjarrayi Central

### Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Willy-ah-jar-ray

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- Alternate name:** Willowra Station

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- Location:** 337km northwest of Alice Springs

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- NT Region:** Central

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- Population:** Approx. 250 residents

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- Access:** Road and air

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- Language groups:** Warlpiri

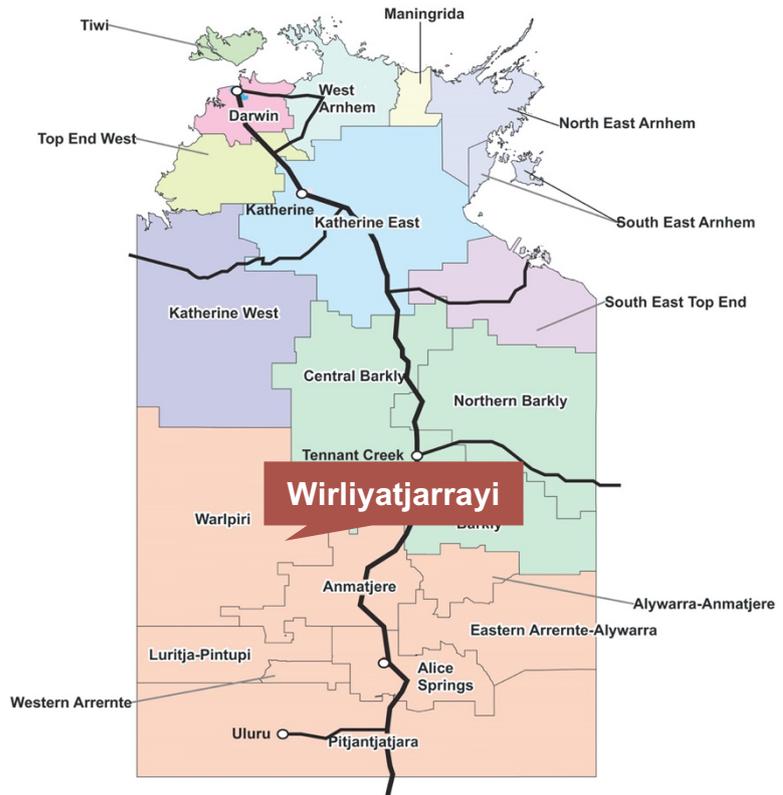
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- Phone:** No phone service

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- Internet:** Only personal use of internet in the clinic

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### Climate (Central)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
<b>Winter (June to August)</b>	<b>Cooler and dry</b>	<b>-7°C to 32°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 is the norm with the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards between the June to July period. Spring (Sept-Nov) and Autumn (Mar-May) in Central Australia see warm days and cool evenings.</p>	
<b>Summer (December to February)</b>	<b>Hot and dry</b>	<b>16°C to 45°C</b>
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%</p>	<p>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.</p>	

## Infrastructure, facilities and services

<b>Community</b>	<p><b>Church:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Community halls or sheds:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Workforce skills or training facilities:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>School:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Library:</b> No</p> <p><b>Council Office:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Women's Centre:</b> No</p> <p><b>Childcare Centre:</b> Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p><b>Aged Care Centre:</b> Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p><b>Community Safety:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Banking:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Recreational/other facilities:</b> Yes, there is a football oval, basketball court, softball facilities, a community park and a playground.</p>	
<b>Community store</b>	<b>Wirliyatjarrayi Store</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 8956 8333
	<p>The Wirliyatjarrayi store has a basic range of fresh fruit &amp; vegetables. Frozen meat &amp; vegetables are often available. It is advisable to bring speciality products / items required.</p>	
	<b>Opening hours</b>	<p>Monday – Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm 2:00pm – 5:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 9:00am – 11:00am</p> <p>Sunday CLOSED</p>
<b>Other food outlets</b>	<b>NA</b>	
<b>Food orders</b>	<b>Woolworths</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89586575
	<b>Coles</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89524575
	<p>Orders can be placed online with Coles or Woolworths in Alice Springs and collection arranged with clinic staff / visitors travelling to community. Speak to the Health Centre staff to confirm. It is advisable that online orders are organised prior to departure to community.</p>	
<b>Commercial accommodation</b>	<b>Willowra visitor accommodation.</b>	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89589501
	<p>Central Desert Regional Council manages and offers commercial accommodation to contractors and other authorised visitors.</p> <p>The visitor accommodation is a two-minute walk from the council office and the single bedroom dongas are furnished with a fully equipped kitchen, bathroom and living room. Occupants are required to bring their own bed linen and toiletries.</p>	
<b>Fuel</b>	Opal & Diesel fuel available in community	
<b>Police station</b>	No	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Yes, there is a community safety program	
<b>Other police contract</b>	Police assistance line	<b>Telephone</b> 131 444

Telephone/internet/mail	
<b>Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone</b>	There is no phone service.
<b>Internet</b>	Limited use of the internet is available in the clinic.
<b>Mail</b>	The council office doubles as a CPA. Mail is delivered once a week via the mail plane. <b>Telephone (08) 89564820</b>
Access	
<b>Road</b>	Wirliyatjarrayi is accessible by road via the Stuart Highway. It is 334km Northwest of Alice Springs. Travel along the Stuart Highway towards Tennant Creek, and turn off the highway 15km North of Ti Tree, then drive 130km Northwest to the community. It is recommended to allow a drive time of three to four hours.
<b>Air</b>	A sealed airstrip is a five-minute drive from the community and used by charter airlines, the RFDS and the mail plane.
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	<b>Centre Bush Bus.</b> <b>Telephone (08) 89530127</b> Centre Bush Bus travels to Wirliyatjarrayi twice a week from Alice Springs.
Health centre	
<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Willowra Health Centre</b> <b>Telephone (08) 89568788</b> <b>Email</b> willowra.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au <b>Web</b> www.health.nt.gov.au
	<b>Operating hours</b> Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
	<b>Facilities</b> One emergency room and two consulting rooms.
<b>On-call services</b>	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
<b>Medical Records System<sup>3</sup></b>	PCIS
<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>
<b>GPs</b>	Yes, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic.
<b>Visiting services</b>	Visiting services include paediatrics, podiatry, ophthalmology and obstetrics. A dentist, ENT nutritionist, women's health specialist and mental health professional also visit the clinic.
<b>Acute care</b>	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)
<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.

<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.

## Alcohol

**Alcohol<sup>4</sup>** This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.

## Governance

**Local Government** Local Council is the Central Desert Regional Council.  
Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.

**Outstations** None.

## 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.*

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