



Ali Curung Central

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Ali-Cu-rung

Alternate name: Ale-kerange

Location: Ali Curung is located 170km South of Tennant Creek on the Warrabri Aboriginal Land Trust and 378km North of Alice Springs.

NT Region: Central

Population: Approx. 449 Residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Warlpiri, Warumungu, Alywarr, Kaytete

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



Climate (Central)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	-7°C to 32°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 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>	
Summer (December to February)	Hot and dry	16°C to 45°C
<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

Community	<p>Church: Yes Community halls or sheds: Yes Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes School: Yes Library: Yes Council Office: Yes Women's Centre: Yes Childcare Centre: Yes, Community Care Program Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program Banking: Yes Recreational/other facilities Yes, the Arlpwe Art and Culture Centre was opened in 2008 and is located in Ali Curung. The art studio is open to the public Monday to Thursday and the art gallery is open by appointment. The Arlpwe Art and Culture Centre holds a cultural festival every year in June, to celebrate the traditions and cultures of the four Aboriginal language groups living in Ali Curung.</p>									
Community store	<p>Mirnmirri Store Telephone (08) 8964 1965</p> <p>The store supplies a range of products including basic groceries, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, household supplies and fuel. It is advisable to bring specialty products/items required.</p> <table><tr><td>Opening hours</td><td>Monday – Friday</td><td>8:00am – 4:00pm</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Saturday</td><td>8:00am – 12:00pm</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr></table>	Opening hours	Monday – Friday	8:00am – 4:00pm		Saturday	8:00am – 12:00pm		Sunday	Closed
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Other food outlets	<p>Warrabri Bakery Store</p> <p>Fresh bread is baked daily.</p> <table><tr><td>Opening hours</td><td>Monday – Friday</td><td>4:30pm – 7:00pm</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Saturday – Sunday</td><td>8:30am – 12:30pm 4:00pm – 6:30pm</td></tr></table>	Opening hours	Monday – Friday	4:30pm – 7:00pm		Saturday – Sunday	8:30am – 12:30pm 4:00pm – 6:30pm			
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Food orders	Bush orders can be arranged through the Mirnmirri Store									
Commercial accommodation	<p>Wycliffe Well Holiday Park Telephone (08) 8964 1966 13030 Stuart Hwy, Davenport Website http://wycliffewellholidaypark.com NT 0872</p>									
Fuel	Puma and Diesel fuel is available from the Mirnmirri Store.									
Police station	Ali Curung Police Station Telephone (08) 8964 1959									
Community Safety	Yes, there is a community safety program									
Other police contract	Police assistance line Telephone 131 444									

Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone 4G Telstra

Internet Yes, personal use is available.

Mail Mail can be lodged via the Health Centre. Please check with the clinic staff.

Access

Road Ali Curung is a four hour drive North of Alice Springs via the Stuart Highway. The community is located 170km South of Tennant Creek. The road is sealed and takes approximately two hours from Tennant Creek.

Air Ali Curung can be accessed by air. The unsealed air strip is located 500m from the Community. There are no regular passenger flights to the community and the airstrip closes with heavy rains.

Regular passenger transport The Greyhound Bus runs daily from Darwin and Alice Springs to Ali Curung.

Health centre

Health service² **Ali Curung Primary Health Centre** **Telephone (08) 8964 1954**

Operating hours Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday – Sunday Closed

Facilities
One consulting room and one emergency room

On-call services Yes, 24/7 on call service

Medical Records System³ PCIS

Vehicles The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.

****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 Mental Health Professionals, Dietetics, Midwifery, Podiatry, Dental Health services, Ophthalmology, Women's Health Professionals, Gynaecology and Hearing Health services.

Acute care Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)

Other Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.

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 advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

Governance

Local Government The local council is the Barkly Shire Council.
The land council is the Central Land 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.

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