

Engawala Central

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Eng-ga-wa-la

Alternate name: Alcoota

Location: 180km east northeast of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

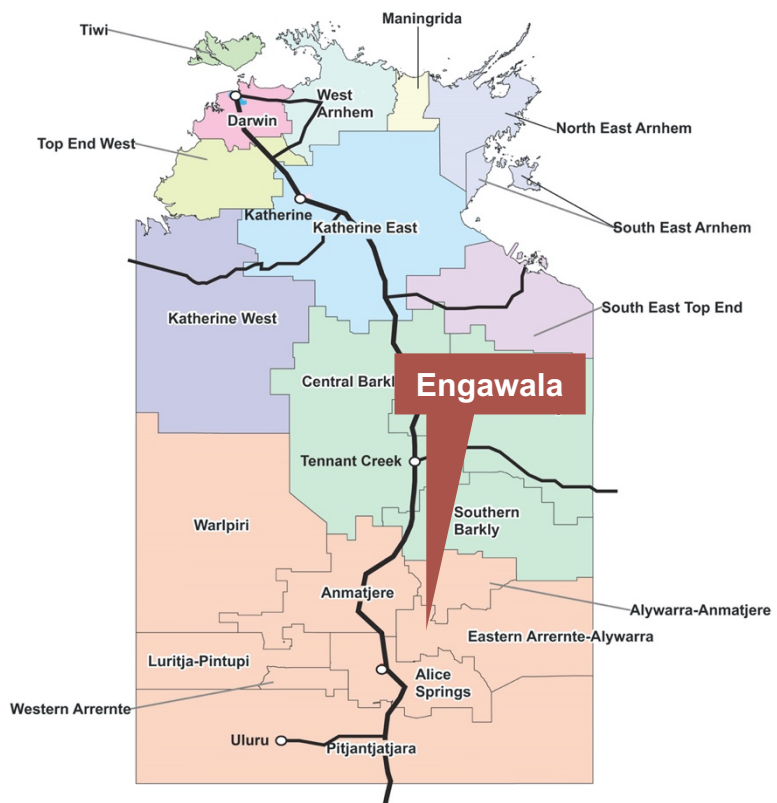
Population: Approx. 150 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Eastern Arrernte, Alyawarr and Anmatjere

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</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: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: Yes, Community Care Program.</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes</p> <p>Banking: Yes, there is an ATM located at the store.</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: There is a recreational hall, playground, picnic area and sporting field. Nearby, there are 4WD driving tracks and camping with fossicking.</p>								
Community store	<p>Engawala Store Telephone (08) 8956 9881</p> <p>A variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, some frozen foods, household products and some takeaway foods are available. ATM is also available. It is advised to bring any speciality products you may need into community with you.</p> <p>Opening hours</p> <table><tr><td>Monday – Friday</td><td>9:00am – 1:00pm</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>2:00pm – 5:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday</td><td>9:00am – 12:30pm</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday</td><td>Closed</td></tr></table>	Monday – Friday	9:00am – 1:00pm		2:00pm – 5:00pm	Saturday	9:00am – 12:30pm	Sunday	Closed
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Food orders	<p>Woolworths Telephone (08) 8958 6575</p> <p>Coles Telephone (08) 8952 4575</p> <p>Stane's Transport Telephone 0456 524 107</p> <p>Stane's Transport provides food delivery to Engawala.</p>								
Commercial accommodation	<p>Desert Shire Council Office Telephone (08) 8958 9500</p> <p>Limited commercial accommodation available in Engawala through the Desert Shire Council office.</p> <p>Gemtree Caravan Park Telephone (08) 8956 9855</p> <p>Located 30km east of Engawala. Both cabins and powered sites are available.</p>								
Fuel	<p>Opal and diesel fuel can be purchased from the Engawala store.</p>								
Police station	<p>Harts Range Police Station Telephone (08) 8956 9772</p>								
Community Safety	<p>There is a Community Safety Programme.</p>								
Other police contract	<p>Police assistance line Telephone 131 444</p>								

Telephone/internet/mail							
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra						
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.						
Mail	<p>Engawala CPA Telephone (08) 8956 9881</p> <p>18 Webb St, Engawala NT 0872</p>						
Access							
Road	Engawala is located 180km from Alice Springs. Travel north of Alice Springs on the Plenty Highway for 110km, turn left onto the unsealed Delmore Downs Road for 28km and then left towards Engawala for 1.5km.						
Air	The unsealed Engawala Aerodrome is located 5km out of the community.						
Regular passenger transport	<p>Centre Bush Bus Telephone (08) 8953 0127</p> <p>The Centre Bush Bus goes to Engawala community twice a week from Alice Springs.</p>						
Health centre							
Health service²	<p>Engawala Community Health Centre Telephone (08) 8956 9944</p> <p>Department of Health Email engawala.clinicmgr.ths@nt.gov.au</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Web www.health.nt.gov.au</p>						
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Facilities include	Two consulting rooms, and an emergency room.						
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.						
Medical Records System³	PCIS						
Vehicles	<p>The health centre has two vehicles, one of which is a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>						
GPs	GPs are a visiting service to Engawala.						
Visiting services	Visiting services include Dietitians, Midwives, Maternal and Child Health Specialists, Podiatrists, Dentists, Nutritionists, Hearing Health, Optometrists, and Public Health Nurses.						
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), MRaCC and St Johns Ambulance.						
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 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 Council.
Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.

Outstations Alatyeye, Mulga Bore and Angula.

Other tips and relevant information

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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.