

## Mataranka *Top End*

### Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Mat-a-ranka

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- Alternate name:**

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- Location:** 110km from Katherine on the Stuart Hwy.

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- NT Region:** Top End

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- Population:** Approx. 350 residents

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- Access:** Road and air

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- Language groups:** The languages spoken are Alawa, Mayali and Kriol.

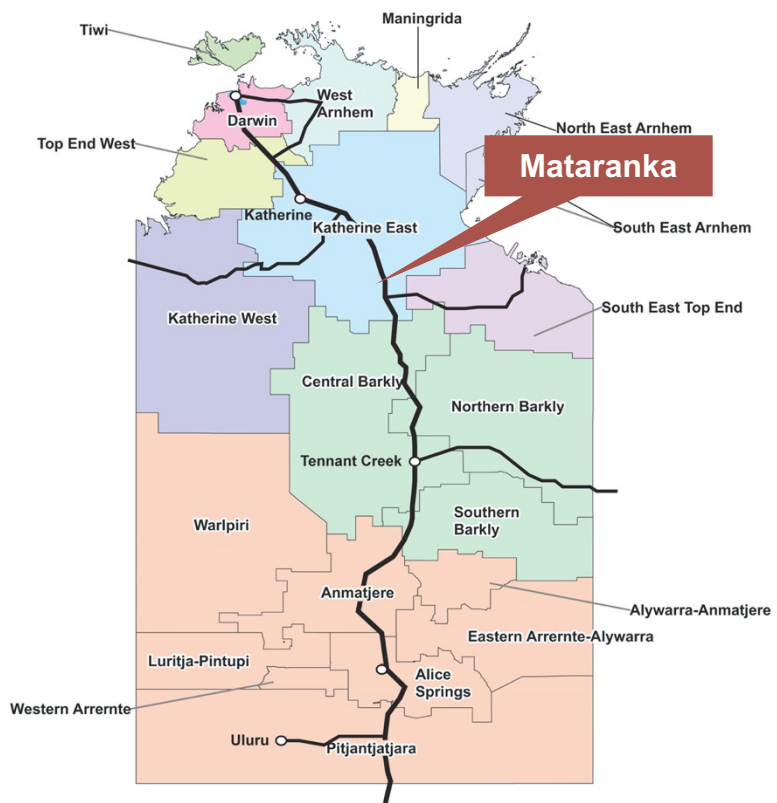
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- Phone:** 4G Telstra

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

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### 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

**Workforce skills or training facilities:** Yes

**School:** Yes

**Library:** No

**Council Office:** Yes

**Women's Centre:** Yes

**Childcare Centre:** Yes

**Aged Care Centre:** No

**Community Safety:** Yes

**Banking:** Yes

**Recreational/other facilities:** Mataranka has many recreational facilities including a thermal pool, bitter springs, community hall and a chapel. There are also spots for camping, fishing, and swimming in the Mataranka district.

### Community store

**Mataranka Supermarket**

**Telephone** (08) 8975 4570

The Supermarket sells fresh and frozen fruit and vegies, as well as soft drinks, frozen meat, clothing and footwear, kitchen items, hardware, whitegoods and appliances.

**Opening hours**

Monday – Friday

8:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday – Sunday

8:00am – 9:00pm

### Other food outlets

Caltex Mataranka store & service station and Shell petrol station.

### Food orders

Orders available through the Mataranka Supermarket.

### Commercial accommodation

There are several accommodation options in Mataranka including: Territory Manor Motel Caravan Park, Mataranka Homestead, Bitter Springs Cabins and Camping, Mataranka Hotel Motel.

### Fuel

Caltex, BP and Shell service stations.

### Police station

Mataranka Police Station

**Telephone** (07) 8975 4511

### Community Safety

Yes, community program.

### Other police contract

Police assistance line

**Telephone** 131 444

## Telephone/internet/mail

### Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone

Telstra and Optus

### Internet

Yes, personal use is available.

### Mail

**Mataranka Post Office**

**Telephone** (08) 8977 2301

**Opening Hours**

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 4:30pm

Saturday – Sunday

Closed

<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/>

## Access

<b>Road</b>	Mataranka is accessible by road most of the year; very rarely severe flooding in the wet season will close the road.
<b>Air</b>	The airstrip is accessible for light aircraft at the Mataranka Homestead 8 mins (9.0km) from the community.
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	Greyhound bus service stops daily at the Mataranka Homestead.

## Health centre

<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Sunrise Health Service</b> (Mataranka Health Centre) 13 Elsey St, Mataranka NT 0850	<b>Telephone</b> (08) 89754547 <b>Email</b> general@sunrise.org.au <b>Web</b> https://www.sunrise.org.au/
	<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm
	<b>Facilities</b>	Two consulting rooms.

<b>On-call services</b>	Yes, 24/7 on call service
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<b>Medical Records System<sup>3</sup></b>	PCIS
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<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>
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<b>GPs</b>	A GP visits the community weekly.
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<b>Visiting services</b>	Services visit the clinic every Tuesday and Wednesday including GP, Child Dental, Paediatric and Orthodontist.
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<b>Acute care</b>	St Johns Ambulance and Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)
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<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Katherine.
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## Alcohol

<b>Alcohol<sup>4</sup></b>	NT Remote Locum Program advises all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.
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## Governance

<b>Local Government</b>	Local Council is the Roper Gulf Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
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<b>Outstations</b>	There are several out stations around Mataranka, including Mulgan Camp.
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<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.

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

## 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.

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