



Minyerri *Top End*

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Min-Yerri

Alternate name: Hodgson Downs

Location: 270km southeast of Katherine, 80km off the Roper Highway

NT Region: Top End

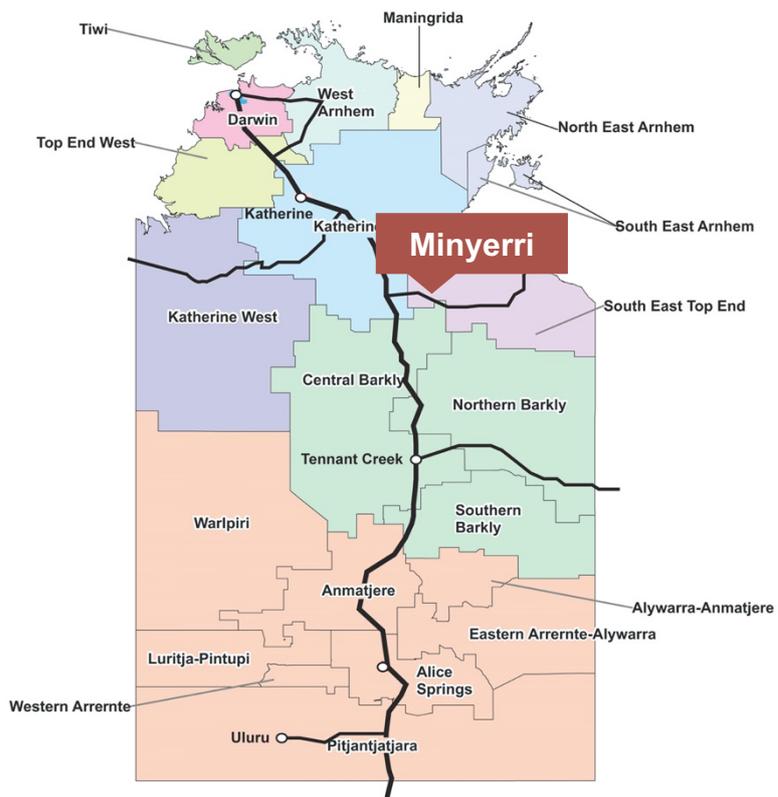
Population: Approx. 603 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Alawa, Kriol and English.

Phone: 3G Telstra

Internet: Limited use of internet in the accommodation



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	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: No Recreational/other facilities: Minyerri has a football oval, basketball court and tennis court. There are also camping and bushwalking facilities and the Minyerri Arts Centre.	
Community store	Warliburru Store a.k.a. "The Bottom Shop" run by ALPA	Telephone (08) 8975 9797
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Closed
Food orders	NA	
Fuel	Diesel available. Contact Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (08) 8975 9797	
Police station	Minyerri Police Station – not always staffed contact Mataranka if needed.	Telephone (08) 8975 4365
Community Safety	Night Patrols	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	3G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	N/A	
Access		
Road	Minyerri is accessible via road; the trip takes approximately three hours from Katherine. Following the sealed, single lane Roper Highway for 80 kilometres will bring you to the Minyerri turn-off. The remaining 80 kilometres is dirt road.	
Air	The airstrip at Minyerri is sealed and located 500m from the community.	
Regular passenger transport	Katherine Coaches NT Bush Bus	Telephone (08) 8922 2666 Telephone 1300 853 680

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/>

Health centre

Health service²	Sunrise Health Service Minyerri Health Centre	Telephone 08 8975 9959 Email general@sunrise.org.au
	Operating hours <small>*closed between 12:00pm-1:00pm</small>	Monday – Wednesday 8:30am – 4:30pm* Thursday 8:30am – 12:00pm Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm* Saturday – Sunday Closed

On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.
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Medical Records System³	Communicare
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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.
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GPs	Visits the community two days a week.
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Visiting services	Visiting services include Dietetics, Midwifery, Podiatry, Dental Health Services, Mental Health Professionals, Gynaecology, and Hearing Health Services.
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Acute care	Care Flight
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Other	Birthing women birth in Katherine.
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Alcohol

Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
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Governance

Local Government	Local Council is the Roper Gulf – Regional Council. Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.
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Outstations	N/A
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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.
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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.

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.

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