

Epenarra Barkly Region

Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** E-pen-nar-a

- Alternate name:** Wutunugurra, Wetenngerr & Wuttunugurr

- Location:** 540km north northeast of Alice Springs

- NT Region:** Barkly Region

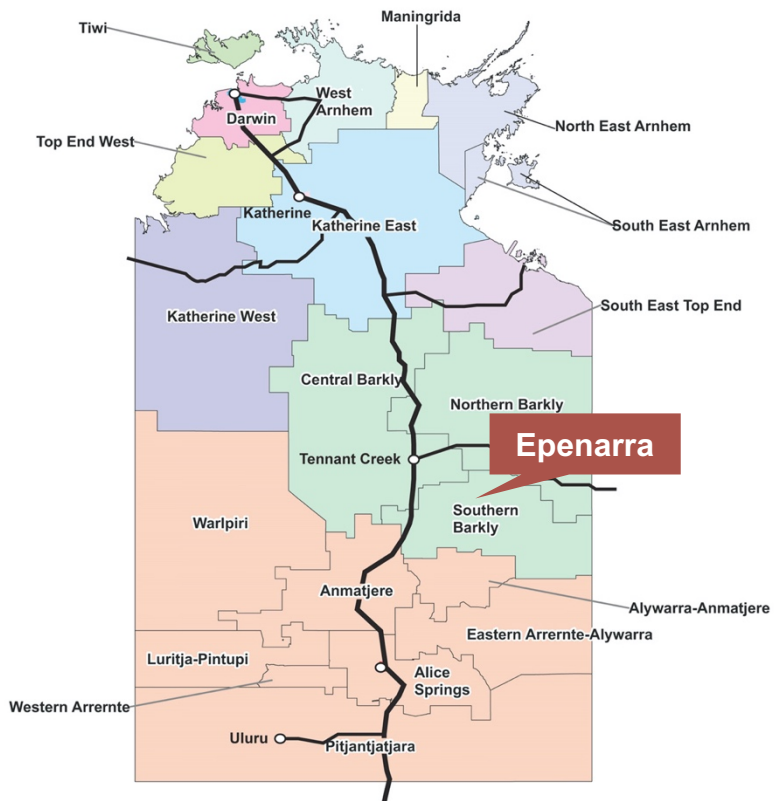
- Population:** Approx. 168 residents

- Access:** Road

- Language groups:** Alyawarr

- 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

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, Community Care Program.
Aged Care Centre: Yes
Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program.
Banking: Yes
Recreational/other facilities: In Epenarra there is an oval, children's playground & nearby river. Locals enjoy canoeing, swimming in the river and supporting the local football team.

Community store

Weterngerr Community Store **Telephone** (08) 8964 1679

The Weterngerr Community Store sells fresh fruit and vegetables, dry goods, household items and takeaway foods.

Opening hours

Monday – Friday	8:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm – 4:30pm
Saturday	8:30am – 11:30am
Sunday	CLOSED

Epenarra Station Store **Telephone** (08) 89641511

Epenarra Station Store is located two km out of the community. It offers a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy products, household items, art supplies, toys and white goods.

Other food outlets

N/A

Food orders

Woolworths **Telephone** (08) 8995 9308
Web www.woolworthsonline.com.au

Coles **Telephone** (08) 8941 8055
Web www.coles.com.au

Stane's Transport **Telephone** 0456 254 107

Food orders can be placed online with Coles and Woolworths for delivery with Stane's transport. It is advisable to organise online bush orders up to several days before departing for community.

Commercial accommodation

Epenarra Station **Telephone** (08) 8964 1511

Located two km out of the community.

Fuel

Opal unleaded & diesel fuel are available at Epenarra Station Store.

Police station

Ali Curung Police Station **Telephone** (08) 8964 1959

Epenarra is serviced by the Ali Curung Police Station, which is located 190km to the east of the community.

Community Safety	The Barkley Shire Council runs a community Safety programme.	
Other police contact	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Mail is delivered to Epenarra every Thursday and may also be delivered by Stane's Transport.	
Access		
Road	Epenarra is accessible via the Stuart Highway. Drive 420km North from Alice Springs before turning right onto the Kurundi Road for a further 120km. The community is located on the western side of the Frew River. Kurundi Road is unsealed and access to the community is dependent on weather conditions.	
Air	Canteen Creek sealed air strip, approximately 60km from the community, is used for medivacs. Usage of Epenarra unsealed airstrip is also available, approximately 1km from the community.	
Regular passenger transport	Centre Bush Bus	Telephone (08) 8953 0127
	The Centre Bush Bus offers services to Epenarra on demand, to the Wutunugurru turn off on the Stuart Highway.	
Health centre		
Health service²	Epenarra Health Centre	Telephone (08) 8964 1559 Email epenarra.clinic@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
	Facilities	Three consulting/ treatment rooms, one emergency room, one dental room and one hearing room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	
Medical Records System³	PCIS	
Vehicles	There are two vehicles at the Epenarra Clinic and personal use is permitted if approved by the health clinic manager. 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, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic.	
Visiting services	Visiting services to Epenarra include, dietician, midwife, podiatry, dental, obstetrician, ophthalmologist, gynaecologist and hearing health professionals.	

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.

Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.
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 MacDonnell Shire Council. Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.
Outstations	N/A.
Other tips and relevant information	
Other tips/relevant information	<p>Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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