

Haasts Bluff Central

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Hearts - Bluff

Alternate name: Ikuntji and Kunparrka.

Location: 250km west of Alice Springs

NT Region: Central

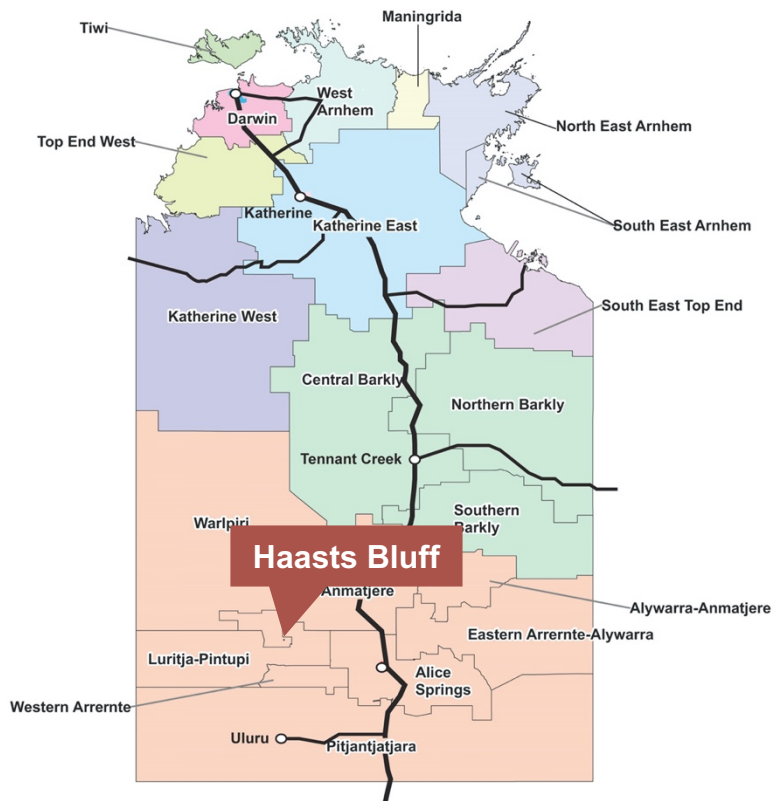
Population: Approx. 96 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Luritja/ Pintupi

Phone: No phone service

Internet: No personal use of internet in the clinic or 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: Yes Council Office: Yes Women's Centre: Yes Childcare Centre: No Aged Care Centre: Yes Community Safety: Yes, Community Care Program. Banking: Yes Recreational/other facilities: The community has an outdoor basketball court with lights for night-time use and an AFL football field. The community also has a public laundry and the Ikuntji Artists Aboriginal Corporation arts Centre.
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Community store	Kanparrka Store.	Telephone (08) 8956 8545
	Kanparrka Store supplies a range of products including basic groceries, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, household supplies and fuel. It is advisable to bring as much fresh produce as possible and any speciality products/items required.	
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 12:30pm 2:00pm – 5:30pm Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm Sunday COSED

Other food outlets	N/A
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Food orders	Woolworths	Telephone: (08) 8958 6575 Web: www.woolworths.com.au
	Coles	Telephone: (08) 8952 4575 Web: www.coles.com.au
	Online bush orders via collection or third – party delivery recommended.	

Commercial accommodation	N/A
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Fuel	Opal & diesel fuel are available in the community from the community store.
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Police station	Haasts Bluff Police station is usually closed, and the community is serviced by officers based in Papunya.	Telephone (08) 8956 8472
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Community Safety	No
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Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
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Telephone/internet/mail

Mobile phone¹/phone	There is no phone service.
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Internet	No personal use of the internet is available in the clinic or the accommodation.
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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/>

Mail	Haasts Bluff (Ikuntj) CPA 4 Jugadai Road, Haasts Bluff NT 0872.	Telephone (08) 8956 8533
Access		
Road	Haasts Bluff is 227km west of Alice Springs via Larapinta Drive and Namatjira Kintore Link Road, or 257km via the Tanami Highway and then onto Papunya/Kintore Road. The drive time from Alice Springs is approximately three hours.	
Air	Haasts Bluff has an unsealed airstrip that is located 3km from the community.	
Regular passenger transport	Centre Bush Bus	Telephone (08) 8953 0127
Health centre		
Health service²	Department of Health (DOH)Papunya Visits to Haasts Bluff clinic occur twice weekly.	Telephone (08) 8956 8472 Email papunya.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
	Facilities	Five consulting/treatment/hearing 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	There are no permanent GPs at Haasts Bluff.	
Visiting services	Visiting services include dietetics, midwifery, podiatry, dental health, obstetrics, ophthalmology, mental health professionals, gynaecology and hearing health professionals.	
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 Regional Council. Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.	

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.

Outstations

N/A

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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