

## Papunya Central

### Community Profile

**Pronunciation:** Pup-pun-ya

**Alternate name:** Warumpi

**Location:** Approximately 250km west of Alice Springs, along the MacDonnell Ranges

**NT Region:** Central

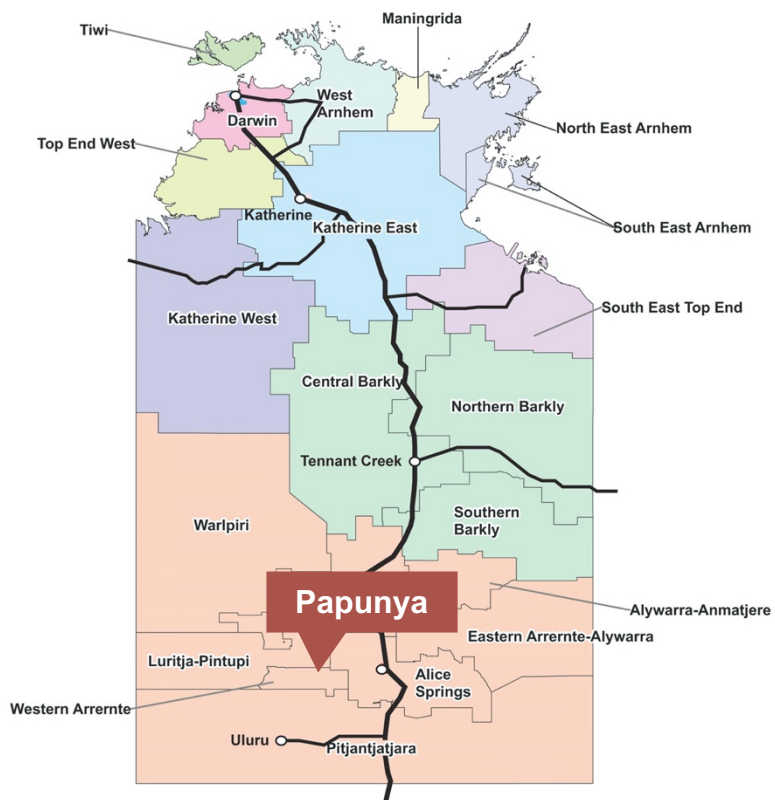
**Population:** Approx. 580 residents

**Access:** Road

**Language groups:** Luritja, Pintupi, Warlpiri and Arrernte

**Phone:** 4G Telstra

**Internet:** Limited use of internet in the accommodation



### Climate (Central)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
<b>Winter (June to August)</b>	<b>Cooler and dry</b>	<b>-7°C to 32°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 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>	
<b>Summer (December to February)</b>	<b>Hot and dry</b>	<b>16°C to 45°C</b>
<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

<b>Community</b>	<b>Church:</b> Yes <b>Community halls or sheds:</b> Yes <b>Workforce skills or training facilities:</b> Yes <b>School:</b> Yes <b>Library:</b> Yes <b>Council Office:</b> Yes <b>Women's Centre:</b> Yes <b>Childcare Centre:</b> Yes <b>Aged Care Centre:</b> Yes, Community Care Program. <b>Community Safety:</b> Yes, Community Care Program. <b>Banking:</b> Yes <b>Recreational/other facilities:</b> Sporting ground, football oval, disco hall, playground and arts centre.						
<b>Community store</b>	<b>Papunya Community Store Aboriginal Corporation</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8956 8506  The Papunya store offers a great range of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, meats and fresh baked bread.  <b>Opening hours</b> <table><tr><td>Monday – Friday</td><td>8:30am – 6:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday</td><td>9:00am – 1:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday</td><td>10:00am – 1:00pm</td></tr></table>	Monday – Friday	8:30am – 6:00pm	Saturday	9:00am – 1:00pm	Sunday	10:00am – 1:00pm
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<b>Other food outlets</b>	N/A						
<b>Food orders</b>	<b>Woolworths Alice Springs</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8958 6575 <b>Web</b> <a href="http://www.woolworths.com.au">www.woolworths.com.au</a>  <b>Coles Alice springs</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8952 4575 <b>Web</b> <a href="http://www.coles.com.au">www.coles.com.au</a>  <b>Stanes Transport</b> <b>Telephone</b> 0456 524 107 <b>Web</b> <a href="http://www.stanestransport.com.au">www.stanestransport.com.au</a> <b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:operations@stanes.com.au">operations@stanes.com.au</a>  Online orders can be made via Coles or Woolworths Alice Springs. Please allow minimum five days for processing. It is advisable to have the remote address established prior to ordering. Please contact supermarkets and freight company for full terms, conditions and current schedules.						
<b>Commercial accommodation</b>	<b>Papunya Store Visitor Accommodation</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8956 8506  Papunya Community Store has limited commercial accommodation.						
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>Papunya Community Store</b>  Opal and diesel fuel are available for purchase at the community store.						
<b>Police station</b>	<b>Papunya Police Station</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8956 8510						
<b>Community Safety</b>	MacDonnell Regional Council's Community Safety Program.						
<b>Other police contract</b>	Police assistance line <b>Telephone</b> 131 444						

## Telephone/internet/mail

<b>Mobile phone<sup>1</sup>/phone</b>	4G Telstra
<b>Internet</b>	Limited use of the internet is available in the accommodation.
<b>Mail</b>	Mail can be lodged via the health care service. Please speak to staff for further details.

## Access

<b>Road</b>	Papunya is located approximately 240km west of Alice Springs and is accessible via the Tanami Highway and Kintore Road. It is recommended to allow a four-hour drive time.
<b>Air</b>	A sealed airstrip is located approximately 4km from the community.
<b>Regular passenger transport</b>	<b>Centre Bush Bus</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8953 0217 <b>Email</b> reservations@centrebushbus.com.au  Centre Bush Bus provides regular passenger services twice weekly.

## Health centre

<b>Health service<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Papunya Health Centre</b> <b>Telephone</b> (08) 8956 8505 <b>Email</b> papunya.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au <b>Web</b> www.health.nt.gov.au
<b>Operating hours</b>	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
<b>Facilities</b>	Five consulting rooms and one emergency room.

<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>	Yes, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic.
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<b>Visiting services</b>	Obstetrics, gynaecology, hearing health, podiatry, cardiology and renal.
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<b>Acute care</b>	St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight
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<b>Other</b>	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.
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## Alcohol

<b>Alcohol<sup>4</sup></b>	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.
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<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/>

<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.

## Governance

### Local Government

Local Council is the MacDonnell Regional Council.  
Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.

### Outstations

N/A.

## 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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