

Yuendumu Central

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Yoo-en-doo-moo

Alternate name: Yurntumu

Location: Yeendumu is located approximately 290km northwest of Alice Springs.

NT Region: Central

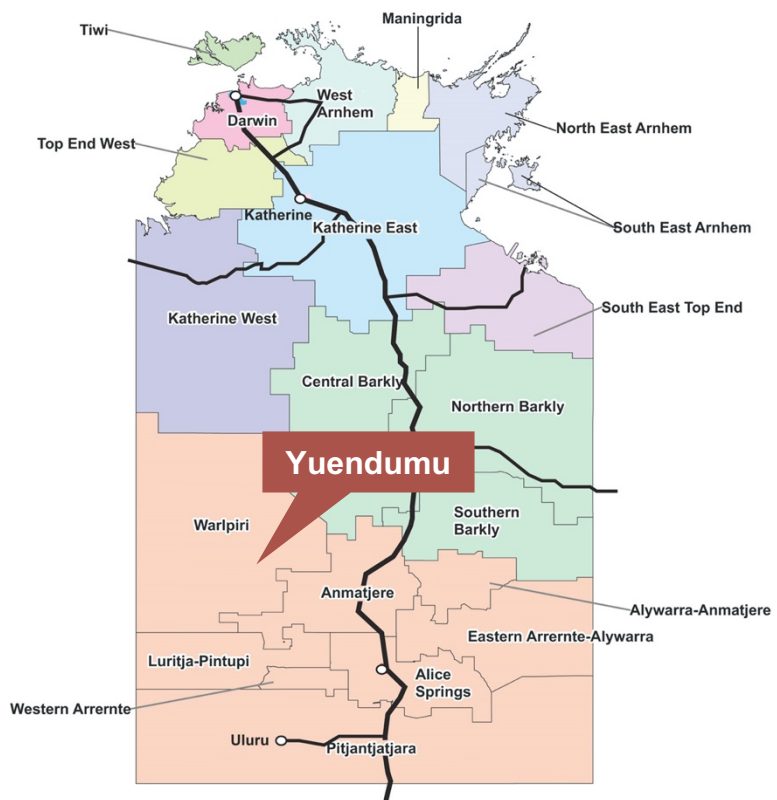
Population: Approx. 889 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: Warlpiri

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Only personal 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: No
Council Office: Yes
Women's Centre: Yes
Childcare Centre: Yes
Aged Care Centre: Yes
Community Safety: Yes
Banking: Yes
Recreational/other facilities: Yuendumu is home to the Warlukurlangu Art Centre, which was established in 1985. It is one of the oldest and most successful Aboriginal-owned art centres in Central Australia. Warlukurlangu means 'belonging to fire' in the local Warlpiri language and is named after a fire dreaming site west of Yuendumu. The local Radio station, PAW has been creating TV, radio and music in Yuendumu for 30 years, tune in to 102.9 FM or online. There is also a community swimming pool and basketball court.

Community store

Yuendumu Big Shop **Telephone** (08) 8956 4066

Opening hours Monday – Friday 8:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday – Sunday 9:00am – 6:00pm

Nguru Walalja Outback Store

Opening hours Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm
Sunday CLOSED

Both stores in community offer a great range of fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat and vegetables and other grocery items. Takeaway food is also available.

Other food outlets

N/A

Food orders

Woolworths Alice Springs **Telephone** (08) 8958 6575
Web www.woolworths.com.au

Coles Alice Springs **Telephone** (08) 8952 4575
Web www.coles.com.au

Stanes Transport **Telephone** 0456 524 107
Email operations@stanes.com.au

Food orders can be made through Coles or Woolworths Alice Springs. Online orders require a minimum of five days before the delivery date and require the remote address to be established. The online drop-down must be selected for the freight carrier. Payment for groceries and freight services must be made before groceries are accepted for transport. Please see supermarkets and freight service for full terms, conditions and schedules.

Commercial accommodation	Yuendumu Guest House	Telephone (08) 8958 9500 Email accommodation@centraldesert.nt.gov.au
	The Yuendumu Guest House is on the main road in town opposite the Nguru Walaja Store. Single and double-bed options are available, shared kitchen, bathroom facilities, and living area. Guests are required to bring their own linen and toiletries.	
Fuel	Yuendumu Big Shop	
	638 Conniston Street Yuendumu NT 0872. Opal and diesel fuel are available from the community store.	
Police station	Yuendumu Police Station	Telephone (08) 8956 4004
Community Safety	Yes	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Mail can be lodged via the Health Clinic. Please check with staff.	
Access		
Road	Yuendumu is located approximately 290km Northwest of Alice Springs via the Tanami Highway which branches off the Stuart Highway approximately 25km north of Alice Springs. The drive takes approximately 3 hours. Heavy rains may cause delays or road closures.	
Air	A sealed airstrip is located approximately 3km from the community.	
Regular passenger transport	Centre Bush Bus	Telephone (08) 8953 0127 Web reservations@centrebushbus.com.au
	The Centre Bush Bus provides regular passenger transport services to Yuendumu. Freight services are also available. Please contact Centre Bush Bus for further information.	
Health centre		
Health service²	Yuendumu Health Clinic	Telephone (08) 8956 4030 Email yuendumu.clinic.mgr@nt.gov.au Web www.health.nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – Sunday CLOSED
	Facilities	Two emergency rooms, six consulting rooms and one child health room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on-call service.	

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.

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	Yes, there is a permanent GP is based in the clinic.
Visiting services	Podiatry
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 Central Desert Regional Council. Land Council is the Central Lands Council CLC.
Outstations	There are several outstations surrounding Yuendumu.
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.

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.

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.