

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## MUTITJULU

### NAME[S] OF COMMUNITY:

#### MUTITJULU

Located about 25 km's from Yulara (Ayers Rock) and 2km from Uluru and 455 km's SW of Alice Springs, driving time 5 hours 51 minutes drive. \*Bitumen all the way!

### Outstations:

13 outstations exist around the area but only one has a semi permanent population. The remainder are for weekend/ cultural purposes.

### Name or number of clan/groups:

Majority of the people are Pitjantjatjara but there are also associated Yankuytjatjara and Ngaanyatjarra people living in Mutitjulu.

### Languages spoken:

Pitjantjatjara, Luritja, Yangkunyjatjara, Pitjantjatjara

### Population:

500-600 (includes Parks Australia staff)

- Community -

Total population resides in central community with outstations only being visited

- Outstations -

Permit required:

Yes, for the township

### Name of the local governing body:

Mutitjulu Community Government Council

### HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY:

Mutitjulu sits at the base of Uluru and thus has always been a central site in Aboriginal Law. In 1985 the National Parks and Wildlife went into joint management of Uluru with the local traditional owners. This brought an increase in population to the town of Mutitjulu.

### ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:

#### Road:

- All year access?
- Bitumen, dirt, 4WD or 2WD

Township sits 480 km S.E of Alice Springs and 25km from Yulara. It is 4 km from the ring road, which circles Uluru.

The road to Uluru and the town is all high quality bitumen but can get cut in the event of very heavy rains.

2WD is adequate but to enjoy the camping available in the region a 4WD is recommended

### Freight/Transport

Bulls transports from Adelaide and Alice Springs  
McCafferty's Bus - Daily

**Plane:**

- Name of airline:
- Cost per adult:
- Frequency:
  
- RFDS/Air med access:

Connellan Airport and Yulara Resort lie only 25 km away from the township of Mutitjulu. Direct daily flights from Yulara run to Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns. Darwin is reached via Alice Springs. Prices vary according to the season.

There is an RFDS medical Centre at Yulara with 2 paramedics, 3 nurses and 1 Doctor. The RFDS plane lands here for evacuations. The runway is an all weather international sealed strip with night facilities.

**TYPES OF FUEL AVAILABLE:**

- Diesel, leaded, unleaded, gas:
  
- Conditions of availability:
  
- Any mechanics available locally:

No fuel available in community.  
Yulara has all types of fuel available

7 am – 9pm at Mobil Service Station

Mechanic in community; Large workshop at Yulara

**ALCOHOL:**

- Conditions/restrictions on sale of alcohol/bringing alcohol into community:

***Prohibited in community***

Yulara is the busiest tourist resort in Australia and has a large range of bars and take away alcohol outlets. Elders from the community have requested that you do not purchase alcohol for the community members

**SHOPS:**

- Shop available:
  
- Hours of opening:
  
- What is for sale (general overview):
- Fresh fruit/veg/milk/meat available:

Community store is a small supermarket.

Monday – Friday

9.00 – 13.00

14.00 – 17.00

Saturday 10.00 – 12.00

Basic groceries and basic hardware only

Limited in township. Bush orders can be transported daily from Alice Springs via Woolworths.

**Other services**

The close proximity to Yulara gives employees access to a wide range of resources not generally available in remote communities. These include a bank, post-office, supermarket, newsagent, hair & beauty salon, numerous fine dining establishments, recreational and sporting facilities

## COMMUNICATIONS: Clinic/Home

- Phone access? Yes
- Is there Internet/e-mail access? Any constraints on use? No, would have to bring own PC for use from home
- Is there a satellite dish? If so, who can access it? Coming to the clinic and the doctors house by the end of 2002

## LOCAL INDUSTRY/EMPLOYMENT:

- Is there a local industry? Tourism, art
- List any employment options for spouses of GPs: Store, childcare centre, primary school, adult education centre, cultural centre 4 km from town. In addition to this there is a wide range of hospitality related positions available at Yulara.

## SCHOOL:

- What schooling options are available locally?
- Primary
  - Secondary school
  - If the school is bilingual, can non-indigenous students attend?
- None for non-indigenous students in Mutitjulu itself. However Yulara has a primary school with a bus that picks up children from the ring road (4km). Parents form a car pool to drop children off at the bus stop on the ring road.
- Yulara Primary for non indigenous students, yr K-7
- No secondary school options in area. Most secondary students go to boarding School in Alice Springs although distance education with home schooling could be considered
- Mutitjulu runs a bilingual education program that is reserved for local indigenous students only

## RECREATION/SPORTING:

- What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?
- Yulara has a wide range of sporting activities eg: gymnasium, swimming pools, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and football. Regular indoor competitions are run in these sports.
- These are really reserved for residents of the hotels but management tend to accept people working at Mutitjulu.
- In addition to Yulara there is good opportunity to enjoy camping and picnicking in the National Park

## **MEDICAL:**

- Health Service operated by: Mutitjulu Community Health Service, which is an independent Aboriginal Health Service funded by OATSIH
- GP employed by: Mutitjulu Comm. Health Service
- Hours of operation/on-call: Rostered for an 80 hr fortnight which gives 1 RDO/month. Clinic hours are 9-12 and 2-5 weekdays only. The doctor is second on call for emergencies backing up the RNs and Health Workers. Time in lieu is negotiated for any on call worked

## **Staffing at the clinic:**

- number of GP's: 1
- number of RN's: 2.5 funded positions. At this point this is broken down to 2 clinical nurse consultants and 1 nurse who also has a 0.5 administration role.
- number of Health Workers: 4
- Other staff: Director, Administrator, Receptionist, Aged Care Co-ord, Cook, Driver/carer, driver

## **Visiting health professionals:**

- type of service (eg dental) Physician 3 monthly, obstetrician / gynaecologists 3 monthly, remote mental health team 2 monthly, psychiatrist 6 monthly, hearing team 3 monthly staying for 2-3 days, dental team visit Yulara monthly for a 4 day clinic and visit Mutitjulu for 1 day/month during this clinic run.
- frequency and duration of visits:

## **GP ACCOMMODATION**

- Type of housing available: 3 bedroom + 1 office transportable house with spectacular views of Uluru from your front steps. Reticulated gardens.
- Furnished: Yes
- Are whitegoods supplied, if yes, what: Fridge, freezer , washing machine & microwave
- Other facilities supplied [eg. TV, radio]: TV video

- Linen & bedding Yes

**OTHER THINGS FOR THE INCOMING GP AND FAMILY TO CONSIDER:**

- Ask the GP & the clinic staff of any dominant local health & social issues to be aware of.
- On arrival in the community, ask an appropriate person to advise you of locations to avoid [eg sacred sites].
- Electricity No charges for electricity, a nominal rent is charged for the house and this includes power. The hot water is solar heated. Gas cooking facilities and you must pay for gas refills
- Water Rainwater tanks + bore water
- Laundry facilities Washing machine and drier provided
- Telephone/fax/ e-mail/Internet You must pay all private usage. Plug available for Internet but no PC provided
- Air-conditioning Yes

**RELIGION**

Church services available in the community:

Lutheran service in community on a Sunday, Yulara has a roster of all denominations with visiting ministers. Roster is 1: 6 for each denomination.

**OTHER THINGS FOR THE INCOMING GP AND FAMILY TO CONSIDER:**

- Ask the GP & the clinic staff of any dominant local health & social issues to be aware of.
- On arrival in the community, ask an appropriate person to advise you of locations to avoid [eg sacred sites].