

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## Laramba

**NAME[S] OF COMMUNITY:**

**LARAMBA**

Alias names are Napperby and Alherampe  
Laramba is located 205km north west of Alice Springs and it takes 2.5 hours to drive there. Laramba community is in the ATSIC region of Aputula which is covered by the Papunya Regional Council. Laramba is a pastoral excision of freehold title within Napperby Station

**Outstations:**

Name or number of clan/groups:

Languages spoken:

Population:

The Anmatyerre language is spoken

Estimated population is 368

- Community
- Outstations

Laramba 309

Pulardi (Desert Bore) 30

Mt Wedge 10

Tilmouth Well Roadhouse 5

Napperby Station 14

Permit required:

Name of the local governing body:

The Laramba Community Inc is separately incorporated and applies for funding from ATSIC

There are community accessible vehicles; 1 Women's Centre bus, a Men's Business bus attached to the Council and a school bus. These are available to transport community members to cultural, sporting and social events.

### HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY:

The Laramba community started in 1983 and moved from the Napperby homestead area to its present location in 1984. In 1992 the community were given freehold title to the land. The Laramba community has a significant population of elders, many of whom have worked in the cattle industry on nearby properties.

Before moving back to Laramba many of the people worked in the South Camp at Napperby Station, living in humpies and depending on the soakage for water. This was

collected in buckets. In the South Camp days people were restricted from leaving the camp to hunt.

## **ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:**

### **Road:**

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

Access to Laramba is by the Napperby station road which runs west from the Stuart Highway, 122 kms north of Alice Springs. Laramba is located 83kms from the turnoff. The Department of Transport and Works undertakes routine maintenance of this dirt road, but it can become impassable during wet weather. The existing internal road system consists almost entirely of unformed gravelled roads and sealed roads.

The main internal road network for the community consists of a built up gravel formation running around the perimeter of the community and to the shop, church and health clinic in the centre of the community.

Apart from the main entrance to the Napperby station, the community is linked to the station homestead 2 km to the west by an informal track which runs parallel to the river. Access to the school teachers house, nurses quarters, power generation shed and water storage area is also obtained from this track.

NA

### **Boat/barge**

### **Plane:**

- Name of airline(s)
- Cost per adult
- Frequency
- RFDS/Airmed access

It takes 5 mins to drive to the closest airstrip in Laramba then 40 min to fly to Alice Springs

There is a good weather day airstrip at Laramba. The airstrip is located on the road to the station 2 kms from the community.

The airstrip is unsealed and is midway between the community and the Napperby homestead.

## **TYPES OF FUEL AVAILABLE:**

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

## **ALCOHOL:**

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

## **SHOPS:**

- Shop(s) available: The community has 1 store which is owned by the community. Napperby Station also has a store
- Hours of opening: Monday – Friday  
09.00 – 17.00  
Saturday  
09.00 -12.00
- What is for sale (general overview): Prepacked and some fresh food is available
- Fresh fruit/veg/milk/meat available:

## **POWER :**

The community is provided with power via a containerised generation unit. The unit is located near Napperby Station

## **WATER:**

Water for the Laramba supply system is obtained from 1 aquifer located approximately 30 kms south of the community. There is only one production bore used to pump the bore water from this aquifer to the storage tank 31 kms to the north. Other bores have been drilled in the same aquifer but have not been equipped. The water is conveyed from the bore field by electric pumps  
A back up well located adjacent to Napperby station in the Napperby Creek is also able to provide water for the community. This well, however, belongs to and is sited on the Napperby station

## **SEWERAGE:**

The sewerage treatment is by way of septic tanks at each house throughout the town. Some of these tanks are in ill repair. The trenches are old and too small to meet the needs of the community and a full sewerage upgrade was complete in 2001

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT :**

The Community has a rubbish tip located 0.5km south east of the community. Rubbish is collected weekly by tip truck

and the rubbish is burnt at the tip on a regular basis

## **COMMUNITY FACILITIES :**

There are community facilities;

- Women's Centre
- Laundry
- Garage Workshop
- Concert hall
- Ablution block
- BRACS
- Centre Link agent
- School
- Health Centre
- Store
- Child Care Centre

## **COMMUNITY HOUSING :**

There are 33 houses in Laramba, 1 demountable, 0 shelters, 0 humpies and 1 ablution block. A buildings are of brick construction and are maintained by the Laramba Housing Program

## **COMMUNICATIONS: Clinic/Home**

- Phone access?
- Is there Internet/e-mail access? Any constraints on use?
- Is there a satellite dish? If so, who can access it

## **LOCAL INDUSTRY/EMPLOYMENT:**

- Is there a local industry?
- List any employment options for spouses of GP's:

There is local enterprise in Laramba

- Store : including a petrol supply to the public
- Workshop and training for the community

## **SCHOOL:**

- What schooling options are available locally?
- Primary school
- Secondary and for what years of secondary school

There is 1 school which has 2 teachers, 3 assistant teachers and a cleaner. There are 4 indigenous staff. Education is available in the community up to yr 6 level.

- If the school is bilingual, can non-indigenous students attend?

The school is not bilingual.

### RECREATION/SPORTING:

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?

Basketball court  
Football  
Softball stadium

### MEDICAL:

- Health Service operated by:

Laramba Community has a Health Service called Napperby. It is THS controlled. The Health service is in the Central Region and looks after the outstations also Napperby health Centre  
Napperby via Alice Springs NT 0872  
Phone 08 8956 8792  
Fax 08 8956 8432

The health Centre was built in 1997 with 9 rooms including men's and women's consulting rooms and a kids/emergency room.

There is one vehicle allocated to the Health Centre. Currently there is one vehicle actually available. This is a 4WD troop carrier

- GP employed by:

DMO visits once a fortnight  
Territory Health Service

- Hours of operation/on-call:

Clinic Hours  
Monday – Friday  
08.00 – 17.00

The RN and AHW are on call locally after 5.00pm weekdays and weekends for emergencies.

A DMO is on call at all hours in Alice Springs for phone consultations and evacuations

### Staffing at the clinic:

- number of GP's: 0
- number of RN's: 1
- number of Health Workers: 2

### Visiting health professionals:

- type of service (eg dental)

- frequency and duration of visits

## ACCOMMODATION

- Type of housing available: There is 1 house for local Health Centre staff which consists of 3 bedrooms. There is 1 facility available for visiting health staff which is an ATCO with 2 bedrooms
- Furnished – yes, no, partially:
- Are whitegoods supplied, if yes, what:
- Other facilities supplied [eg. TV, radio]:
- Linen & bedding
- Electricity
- Water
- Laundry facilities
- Telephone/fax/ e-mail/internet
- Air-conditioning

## RELIGION

Church services available in the community:

There is a Lutheran Church in Laramba. The church is administered by the Finke River Mission in Alice Springs. The Pastor lives in Laramba

## 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].