

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## Kaltukatjarra

NAME[S] OF COMMUNITY:

KALTUKATJARRA

Alias name Docker River  
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Kaltukatjarra is situated in the Petermann Ranges in the far south western corner of the NT, 7 kms east of the WA border. The settlement is a few hundred metres from the dry bed of the Docker Creek

Kaltukatjarra is within the Petermann Land Trust area.

Outstations:

Eagle Valley  
Wankari  
Kun Pula  
Petalu  
Amputjuta  
Tjunti  
Tjuntinanta  
Putu Putu  
Little Putu Putu  
Ngankurr  
Karu Kale  
Kulail  
Mulga Green  
Pilakatil  
Punritjanta  
Tjanwata  
Undooloo  
Walka  
Walu  
Wataroo

Name or number of clan/groups:

Languages spoken:

Pitjantjajara, Ngaatjatjarra and Ngaanyatjarra are spoken

Population:

Estimated population of 340 in Kaltukatjarra and 423 including outstations 340

- Community

- Outstations
- Permit required:

83

Name of the local governing body:

The community is in the ATSIC region of Aputula, which is covered by the Papunya Regional Council.  
The Kaltukatjarra Community Council is a 12 person local government body democratically elected on a yearly basis

### HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY:

The site that is now Kaltukatjarra was originally named Docker River by Ernst Giles during his expedition of 1872. Pastors Duguid and Strehlow surveyed the area in the 1930's with a view to establishing a settlement for the people in the area. It was decided not to proceed with this at that time. During the 30's & 40's Lutheran missionaries told the Pitjantjatjara people of the Kaltukatjarra area to go to Areyonga (then an outstation of Hermannsburg mission) where they would be supplied with food and clothing. Although many Anangu moved in of their own free will, some stayed in the Petermanns. In the 1960's Areyonga Anangu strongly desired to move back to the area around Docker River and with government assistance a permanent settlement was established there in 1967-8. Over 300 Anangu moved to establish the new settlement. By the proclamation of the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976, Anangu in the region gained freehold title to these traditional lands an area of 44,970 square kilometres

### ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:

#### Road:

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

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The existing major internal road system consists almost entirely of sealed roads drained table drains and floodways

#### Boat/barge

#### Plane:

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

By air it is 495 kms, it takes 1.5 hours to fly there.  
There is a day airstrip at Kaltukatjarra. The dirt airstrip is situated 5 kilometres east of Kaltukatjarra town. The strip has been resurfaced and is now only closed when there is low cloud cover. It is used primarily by the Royal Flying doctor

Service to provided emergency medical assistance and evacuation for the community

### **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 under the auspices of the Western Desert Highway. The Store is open 5.5 days a week, and is closed on Sundays (except for fuel between 11.00-12.00)

- Hours of opening:

Hours:  
Monday – Friday  
10.00-12.00  
14.00-16.00  
Saturday  
10.00-12.00  
Sunday (fuel only)  
11.00-12.00

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

### **WATER:**

Water for the Kaltukatjarra supply system from 3 bores, 1 located near the ground tanks and 2 approximately 1.5km west of the community. There are 3 ground tanks and 1 raised tank in the community. Water quality is of a high standard with chlorine needed only on rare occasions

### **SEWERAGE:**

The sewerage treatment is by way of a mix of septic tanks and sewerage system throughout the town. The sewerage system has been newly constructed and services the main part of town from the store. It is a full water born system. The

College, old garage, administration house, store house and outstation house remain on the septic system. The septic ponds are 1 km from town and will be fully fenced.

**POWER:**

The community is provided with power via 3 generators that are automated from a computer controlled station. All houses have electricity and use power cards

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:**

The Community has a rubbish tip situated north west of the community down from the sewerage ponds. Rubbish is collected 2 times a week and people are also encouraged to burn their household rubbish

**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 Kaltukatjarra.

- A store, includes petrol supply to the public
- Arts, Maruku Arts and Crafts

**SCHOOL:**

- What schooling options are available locally?

Docker River school is now an English only school with Pitjantjatjara being used as a combined method of instruction in the early childhood classes. The school has 3 classes, with a combined early childhood section/pre school to year one.

Docker River has three teachers, one of who is the Principal. The school also employs a non indigenous staff member to provide on to one instruction in English,

Mathematics and computer literacy. Two full time assistant teachers, 1 fulltime cleaner and 2 part time instructors are also employed. The school has strengthened its focus on the three fundamental areas of education; that is English, mathematics and health. The school runs a health Kids program, which focuses on exercises and ear health. A school garden is being developed as an essential focus to good health practices.

The school has a combined ASSPA committee and School Council, which meets regularly to guide the reaching staff. The school has a cultural maintenance program that involves instruction by senior members of the community

- Primary school
- Secondary and for what years of secondary school

### **Nyangatjatjara College**

The college is an ungraded secondary college (students over 12 years old). There are 4 campuses: Yulara, Imanpa, Docker River and Mutitjulu. The campuses in the tree communities are day schools, whilst Yulara is a Boarding college. Girls board at Yulara in Terms 1 and 3, and the boys board in terms 2 and 4.

Nyangatjatjara College is a positive, success oriented learning environment. It provides students with high expectations and a variety of pathways designed to enhance the specific need of each individual student, while respecting, valuing and celebrating those aspects of culture that Anangu wish to retains. It delivers learning outcomes that will enable students to develop intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially so that then can contribute positively tot heir own self determination within the wider societal context.

The College provides breakfast and lunch for students, has a nurse to care for the students, and runs a Health study program, together with activities to develop good health and sporting skills. School gardens and orchards are being established in all four campuses. The

Yulara campus operates an extensive Work Experience program in Hospitality and Tour guiding, and plans to develop a Horse riding camp which will provide business experience for the students.

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

### **RECREATION/SPORTING:**

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?

Community facilities include:

- Sports oval for football, softball and basketball.
- Women's centre which runs a cooking program and provides lunch for children
- Recreation Hall for concerts etc

### **MEDICAL:**

- Health Service operated by:

Kaltukatjarra Community has a Health Service called Docker River. It is THS controlled. The Health Service is in the Central Region.

Communities covered by the Kaltukatjarra Health Service are listed under outstations. Visits are not on a regular basis.

The Clinic is permanent and has 7 rooms. The facilities are adequate.

The Health centre has 1 vehicle allocated to the Health Centre. This is a 4wd Troop Carrier which has a stretcher and oxygen. The first choice of evacuation is by air from Kaltukatjarra and the second option is by air from Warrakuna which is one hour drive from Kaltukatjarra. Patient Assisted Travel PATS is available to patients.

- GP employed by:
- Hours of operation/on-call:

Clinic hours are:  
Monday – Friday  
08.00-17.00

The RN and AHW are rostered on call locally after 17.00 weekdays and on weekdays for emergencies. A DMO is on call at all hours in Alice Springs for phone consultations and evacuations

- Local health Programs

Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong

culture program is run by the Women's Centre in conjunction with the Health Centre

The school also provides a number of health activities and services including breakfast, healthy cooking and a healthy kids program and a kid's fitness program. Youth group meets once a week with on of the nurses for sporting activities Community Vegetable Garden and Orchard. This project is designed to provide appropriate education and information on the importance of fruit and vegetables. A pilot community vegetable garden and orchard has been established in the community. Additionally people have combined eating the fruit and vegetables with educational session on cooking provided.

Kaltuka Youth, this project, identified by the youth/community as a priority need, increased the knowledge of health issues for Docker River youth, initially through healthy activities focussing on sport and fitness. The project also fosters a social opportunity for health and wellbeing aimed at minimising the potential for youth to engage in high-risk behaviours such as excessive alcohol consumption or petrol sniffing. A successful youth sports day was conducted highlighting the importance of physical activity and nutrition

### **Staffing at the clinic:**

- number of GP's: 0 GP, 1 DMO
- number of RN's: 2
- number of Health Workers: 4

### **Visiting health professionals:**

- type of service (eg dental)
- frequency and duration of visits

## **HEALTH STAFF ACCOMMODATION**

- Type of housing available: There is 1 house for local Health Centre staff which has 3 bedrooms. There are 3 flats for visitors, although Flats 1 and 2 combine to form a residence for the second nurse. Accommodation should be organised with the health team prior to visit.
- 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 Kaltukatjarra and a Pastor lives in the community. The church is administered by the Finke River Mission in Alice Springs.

## **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].