

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Ti Tree

NAME[S] OF COMMUNITY:

TI TREE

A small service town on the Stuart Highway, 193 km north of Alice Springs and 1289 south of Darwin. From Alice Springs it takes 2 hours to drive or 30mins to fly.

Outstations:

Nyturia (Ti Tree Station)
Pmara Jutunta (Ti Tree 6 Mile)
Alyuen (Aileron)
Woola downs (Adelaide Bore)
Yaninj (Anningie)
Carters Camp
Creek Camp

Name or number of clan/groups:

Mainly Pmara Jutunta Aboriginals

Languages spoken:

Anmatyerre language is spoken

Population:

699 including surrounding area of which 130 are non indigenous and 190 live in Ti Tree itself

- Community
- Outstations

Nyturia (Ti Tree Station) 163
Pmara Jutunta (Ti Tree 6 Mile) 191
Alyuen (Aileron) 50
Woola downs (Adelaide Bore) 30
Yaninj (Anningie) 20
Carters Camp 5
Creek Camp 50

Permit required:

Name of the local governing body:

Anmatjere Community Government
Council
Phone: 8956 9933
Fax : 8956 9730

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY:

Like so many places in the Territory, the deceptive exterior hides an interesting history which includes the Overland Telegraph Line, the problems of water in the desert and the struggle to develop agricultural activities on marginal land.

No one seems to know how Ti Tree or Tea Tree got its name. One of the first features in the area to named was Ti Tree Wells (still to be seen on the western side of the

highway just south of the township) which was developed during the construction of the Overland Telegraph Line.

In 1888 an area of about 64 km incorporating the well was formally set aside as the Tea Tree Telegraph Reserve and in 1919 W.J Heffernan was granted a lease to a parcel of land which he called Tea Tree Station. The current station covers an area of 3584 sq km.

Since the construction of the Overland Telegraph Line Tea Tree Well had become known for its good supply of sweet water but this was not enough to make Heffernan's labours financially rewarding. By 1935 the run was poorly improved with primitive buildings and no horse or bullock paddocks. Heffernan died in Alice Spring in 1969 and the station was carried on by his widow.

In 1975 Ian Dahlenberg took up 640 acres of the station and established Dahlenberg Horticultural Enterprise which now grows grapes and watermelons on Ti Tree Farm.

Ti Tree Station was sold to the Aboriginal Land Fund Commission in 1976 and became a subject of a land claim on behalf of the local Aboriginal people.

The topography around Ti Tree is characterised by flat plains with the Reynolds Reynolds Ranges in the southwest and the Watt Ranges in the northeast.

The area around Ti Tree has a population of about 1450 people of whom only 130 are non-Aboriginal. The population is distributed between the 11 cattle stations, 6 Aboriginal outstations, Ti Tree township, Barrow Creek community and the agricultural produce farms of Ti Tree Farm, Central Australian Produce Farm and the Territory Grape Farm.

ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:

Road:

Stuart highway runs through the town and is a sealed highway – it is the main Highway north. Coaches run daily from Alice Springs – Darwin

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

Boat/barge

NA

Plane:

Light plane, chartered flights only.

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

There is a day/night airstrip at Ti Tree Town. The dirt airstrip is situated on kilometre from Ti Tree Town and is inaccessible after heavy rainfall. It is used primarily by the Royal Flying Doctor Service to provide emergency medical assistance and evacuation for the

community.

TYPES OF FUEL AVAILABLE:

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

All types of fuel are available from the Roadhouse

ALCOHOL:

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

SHOPS:

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

The community has 2 stores which are owned privately. One is the Ti Tree Road House and the other on the opposite side of the Highway is the Gallereateri. The Roadhouse is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Basic grocery's available. A small variety of pre packed food is available as well as cooked food.

WATER:

Water fro the Ti Tree Town supply system is obtained from 1 bore locate at Pmara Jutunta approximately 10 kms south

SEWERAGE:

The sewerage treatment is by septic tanks at each house throughout the town

POWER:

The community is provided with power via Electricity grid from the Ti Tree power Station

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

There is a rubbish truck for rubbish collection available on the community, with a rubbish collection service which operates weekly. The Community has a rubbish tip.

POLICE STATION :

Police station in town

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

Public phone available in town

LOCAL INDUSTRY/EMPLOYMENT:

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

Local Enterprise includes

- Roadhouse/Store
- Gallereaterie (Store/Café/arts)
- AAKI Gallery
- Workshop

SCHOOL:

- What schooling options are available locally?

There is 1 school which has 5 teaching positions, 4 assistant teachers, 3 DETYA tutors, 2 kitchen workers, 1 odd jobs person and a Principal. There are 8 positions filled by Anmatjere and Warlpiri speaking people. Additional instructors, for instance in hairdressing and horticulture, are available from time to time.

The school has an enrolment of 125 children from Ti Tree town, Nytura and Pmara Jutunta. Alternative secondary programs are available for secondary age students including VET in schools.

The school provides breakfast and lunch programs, and carries out healthy habits routines including showers, cleaning teeth, and washing hands before meals. The Health Centre gives occasional talks, especially when outbreaks occur such as rotavirus. It is hoped that the horticulture program will include vegetables grown for the school kitchen.

- Primary school
- Secondary and for what years of secondary school
- If the school is bilingual, can non-

indigenous students attend?

RECREATION/SPORTING:

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?

- Park
- Football Field

HOUSES:

There are 22 houses in Ti Tree Town, 3 demountables and 10 humpies.

MEDICAL:

- Health Service operated by:

Ti Tree Town Community has a Health Service called Ti Tree. It is THS controlled. The health Service is in the Alice Springs Region. The Health Service Area includes Outstation, visits to Outstations are on a weekly basis.

Ti Tree health Centre

Ti Tree via Alice Springs NT 0872

Phone 8956 9736

Fax 8956 9829

The health Centre is permanent and has 11 rooms. There is a Men's clinic and a Women's Clinic

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

AHW and RAN are on call alternately after 5pm weekdays and on weekends for emergencies. RANs always provide backup for phone calls

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

Health Centre hours

Monday – Friday

08.00-12.00

13.00-17.00

Staffing at the clinic:

- number of GP's: 1 DMO
- number of RN's: 3
- number of Health Workers: 3

Visiting health professionals:

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

Health Centre ACCOMMODATION

- Type of housing available: 3 houses which comprise of 3 bedrooms each. There are 2 flats available for visiting health staff, of which one has 2 bedrooms and one has 1 bedroom
- 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 no church in Ti Tree Town

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].