

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## Wilora

**NAME[S] OF COMMUNITY:**

**WILORA**

The Wilora community is also called Stirling  
Wilora is located just off the Stuart Highway 55 kms north from Ti Tree township and 253 km north of Alice Springs. It takes 2.5 hours to drive there from Alice Springs and 15 mins to drive to Barrow Creek (which is where the closest airstrip is).

**Outstations:**

**Name or number of clan/groups:**

Angkwelegelengkwe (Walkabout Camp)

**Languages spoken:**

Anmatyerre, Kaytej and Arrernte languages are spoken

**Population:**

It has an estimated population of 93 in the township of Wilora

- Community
  - Outstations
- Permit required:**

**Name of the local governing body:**

Anmatjere Community Government Council.

Wilora is on an excised pastoral lease area

There is no community accessible vehicle for community members to use.

### **HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY:**

In the 1980's people moved from Stirling Cattle Station to the area of Wilora when the Central Land Council bought the land from the Stirling Station owners. At the time the people of the area were living in humpies and Tin sheds around the Station. People from the outlying areas of Utopia, Barrow Creek and Ti Tree also arrived to take up residence.

## **ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:**

### **Road:**

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

The road from Alice Springs to Wilora is sealed and unsealed. Wilora is 1 km off the Stuart Highway on compact gravel road.

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

### **Boat/barge**

### **Plane:**

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

The closest airstrip is in Barrow Creek, 15 mins drive from Wilora. It then takes 40 mins to fly to Alice Springs.

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

The community has no store. The closest store is Stirling Station which is open from 8.00-10.00, 3 days a week. The community generally goes to Barrow Creek for shopping

## **WATER:**

Water for the Wilora supply system is obtained from 2 bores located 10 kms from the community

## **SEWERAGE:**

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

**POWER:**

The community is serviced by the Wilora Power Station

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:**

The rubbish dump is located to the north of the community. This dump is periodically maintained by the Anmatjere Community Government Council

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

There are community facilities:

- School
- Health Centre
- Women's Centre
- Softball
- Public toilets
- Laundry

**COMMUNITY HOUSING:**

There are 20 houses in Wilora and 1 ablution block. All buildings are of brick construction and are maintained by the Civil Works

**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:

**SCHOOL:**

- What schooling options are available locally?
- Primary school
- Secondary and for what years of secondary school
- If the school is bilingual, can non-

The school has 1 teacher, 1 part-time assistant, 1 part-time cleaner and 1 part-time janitor. The school has attendance ranging from 3-12 years.

Education is available in the community up to year 7 level.

All lessons are in English

indigenous students attend?

## **RECREATION/SPORTING:**

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?

## **MEDICAL:**

- Health Service operated by:

Wilora Community has a Health Service called Stirling. It is THS controlled. The Health Service is in the Alice Springs Rural District.

Wilora Health Centre  
Via Alice Springs NT 0872  
Ph 8956 9950  
Fx 8956 9950

The Health Centre is permanent and has 5 rooms. The facilities are adequate.

There is 1 vehicle shared between Tara and Wilora Health Centres. This is a Troop Carrier ambulance with stretcher and oxygen

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

Territory Health Service (clinic operators)

Clinic Hours:

Mon, Wed & Fri – 08.00-12.00

Tues & Thurs – 08.00 – 16.00

At Wilora, AHW's are on call locally after 16.00 weekdays and on weekends for emergencies.

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

## **Staffing at the clinic:**

- number of GP's: 1 DMO, 1 day per fortnight
- number of RN's: 1 RN 4 days per fortnight
- number of Health Workers: 2 AHW 5 days per fortnight

## **Visiting health professionals:**

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

## HEALTH CENTRE ACCOMMODATION

- Type of housing available: There are no houses for local Health Centre staff. Facilities for visiting health staff are available at Ti Tree
- 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 Wilora which is, at present, in a bower shed. The pastor comes from Alice Springs every 3 months. At present 3 community members are studying to be pastors.

## 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].