

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Yuelamu

NAME[S] OF COMMUNITY:

YUELAMU (Mt Allen)

THE Yuelamu community has the alias name of Mt Allen. The area in which the community is located is known as Alpirakina

Yuelamu is located 290 km northwest of Alice Springs on the old Mt Allen Pastoral lease. By road it takes 3 ¼ hours to drive there. When flying, it takes 5 mins to drive to the closest airstrip in Yuelamu then 40 minutes to fly to Alice Springs.

Yuelamu is within the Yalpirakinu Aboriginal land trust area

Ten Mile, Illipinyu, Arrange and Kurripi

Outstations:

Name or number of clan/groups:

Languages spoken:

Anmatyerre is the main language spoken their

Population:

An estimation of population if 279

- Community
- Outstations

Permit required:

Yes

Name of the local governing body:

Yuelamu community is in the ATSIC region of Aputula which is covered by the Papunya Regional Council.

Yuelamu Community Inc. There are thirteen elected members on the Council, six of whom represent each of the Outstations. Elections take place annually for Council members.

The Council is committed to the employments, training, social, cultural and economic achievement for the community. It meets monthly and with the council Clerk makes decision regarding policy development and implementation, financial management, community development programs and addresses the social and cultural needs of the community.

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY:

When the first cattle stations were established they were the first sustained point of contact with non Aboriginal people. Other cattle stations followed and resulted in competition for land. The conflict and reprisals that followed the Coniston massacre in 1928 resulted in the dispersal of the people from their traditional country, with many going to Papunya or Yuendumu or living around station homesteads or welfare depots. When Yuendumu became a major ration depot in 1946, large numbers of people were moved there from the Granites and Bullocky Bore. The discovery of gold at Tanami in about 1960 also brought major contact with non-Aboriginal people.

When Mt Allen, (previously the name of the Cattle Station) was taken up as a pastoral lease in 1949 people affiliated with the area started living and working there. Since the property was purchased in 1975 many people have started moving back to the community. The traditional name for the area is Alpirakina, which is the name of a rockhole and gumtree close by.

The traditional lands of Yuelamu overlap those of the Warlpiri in the west and extend over a relatively small area to Utopia to the east of Ti Tree.

ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:

Road:

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

The road from Alice Springs to Yuelamu is both sealed and unsealed. The access road to Yuelamu is via the Tanami Highway off the Stuart Highway. The first 145 km from the Stuart Highway is sealed with the next 117km being dirt. The turnoff to Yuelamu is approximately 65 km past Tilmouth Wells. From there it is 31 kms on unformed gravel road to Yuelamu.

From the Tanami Highway the road is in fair condition but is subject to washaways during heavy rainfall, particularly where it crosses the natural depressions and minor waterways.

The existing major internal road system consists of unformed gravel roads. A lack of a formal drainage system results in ponding and minor damage to the roads in wet weather

Boat/barge

Plane:

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

There is a day airstrip at Yuelamu. The dirt airstrip is situated 2 km south west of Yuelamu town and is inaccessible after heavy rainfall.

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. The Store supplies fruit and vegetables delivered once a week as well as clothes, fuel, some pharmaceutical needs and electrical goods to the community.
- Hours of opening: Monday – Friday
08.00-11.00
14.00-17.00
Saturday & Sunday
08.00-11.00
- What is for sale (general overview): Prepacked, cooked and fresh food is available
- Fresh fruit/veg/milk/meat available:

WATER:

Water for the Yuelamu community is obtained from 1 dam, which is located close to the community. There is 1 tank on top of the hill behind the power station. The dam water is purified through a sand filtration system and an ultraviolet allum filtration system and is reticulated to all the houses

SEWERAGE:

The sewerage treatment is by way of septic system at each house through the community. A full effluent sewerage system is being planned for the community, with funding from the National Aboriginal Health Strategy

POWER:

The community is supplied with power via a 240 v power station located at the crest

of the rocky ridge adjacent to the water storage tanks.

The power station is equipped with two diesel generators of 125kVa and 75kVa rating respectively.

The 80kVa power generator adequately serves the current population. The 56kVa unit, used as a standby, has not sufficient capacity to serve the total community requirements. At times of peak loading, the generators are run in tandem to meet the communities needs. All houses are connected to the electricity supply.

WASTE :

The community has a rubbish tip 3 kms north of the community. There is an ongoing rubbish collection maintained by CDEP people who are also responsible for bulldozing the tip and rubbish burn offs.

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 Yuelamu

- Cattle Company
- Arts and Crafts
- Store
- Women's Centre
- CDEP

SCHOOL:

- What schooling options are available locally?

There is 1 school that has 4 teachers and 3 teacher assistants. The school has an enrolment of 89 children. Education is available in the community from pre school to secondary level. The school is not bilingual.

A nutrition program is being planned for the school in conjunction with a nutritionist from Territory Health Services
A building on the community has been refurbished by the Education Department for the purpose of secondary education training

- 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?

Community facilities are listed as follows

- Women's Centre
- Sports Oval
- Basketball court

MEDICAL:

- Health Service operated by:

Yuelamu Community has a Health Service called Yuelamu. It is Territory Health Service controlled. The health Service is in the Central Region. The Health Service Area does have outstations, which are visited as needed. The community has 1 vehicle allocated to the Health Centre. This is a 4WD Troop Carrier with ambulance facilities such as a stretcher, oxygen and suction. Medical evacuations are done (first choice) by Air by day and (second choice) is by road to Yuendumu.

The Health Centre is permanent and has 4 areas. The facilities are adequate. The Health Centre has 1 female and 1 male consulting room

Yuelamu Health Centre
Via Alice Springs NT 0872
Phone : 8956 8747
Fax : 8956 8747

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

Clinic Hours
Monday – Friday
08.00-12.00

13.00-16.00

RN's are on call locally after 17.00 weekdays and on weekends. Aboriginal health Workers are on call 1 weekend in 3 and 2 nights per week
A DMO is on call at all hours in Alice Springs. For phone consultations and evacuations

Staffing at the clinic:

- number of GP's:
- number of RN's:
- number of Health Workers:

No GP, just a visiting DMO

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Visiting health professionals:

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

Health Programs

A project has been running through the Women's Centre in 1999/2000 with Health Incentive funds from Health Promotion in Territory Health Services. The project involved nutrition, cooking and sewing. Women from Yuelamu cooked food every day for underweight kids as part of the project.

GP ACCOMMODATION

- Type of housing available:
- Furnished – yes, no, partially:
- Are whitegoods supplied, if yes, what:
- Other facilities supplied [eg. TV,radio]:

There is 1 house for local Health Centre staff that has 2 bedrooms.
Accommodation for visiting health staff will be provided in the future but at present needs to be organised through the council.

- Linen & bedding
- Electricity
- Water
- Laundry facilities
- Telephone/fax/ e-mail/internet
- Air-conditioning

RELIGION

Church services available in the

There is no Church in Yuelamu. However

community:

a Lutheran Pastor visits from Napperby

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].