

Community Profile

Santa Teresa



HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY

Santa Teresa was established as a Catholic Mission in the 1950s to house Aboriginal people who mostly came from the Alice Springs region.

GENERAL:

Name[s] of community:

SANTA TERESA

The community name is Ltyentye Apurte with alias names of Santa Teresa and Ltyentye Purte. Ltyentye Apurte is located 80 km from Alice Springs.

Number of Outstations:

1, but not serviced by the clinic

Name or number of clan/groups:

No information available

Languages spoken:

Eastern Arrente, approximately 75% of people speak relatively good English as a second language.

Population:

500

Permit requirements:

Yes

Council/Local Association[s]:

Ltyentye Apurte Community Government Council

ACCESS TO COMMUNITY:

Road:

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

80 km SE of A/Springs, 15 km sealed 65-km of wide unsealed road. The road is passable for conventional vehicles at most times. The road is often quite rough with corrugations and sand and "bulldust" patches are not uncommon. Road will close with heavy rain and 4WD is recommended. Trip takes anything from 45 mins – 2hrs depending on road conditions.

Boat/barge:

N/A

Plane:

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

No planes service Santa Teresa. A day only airstrip exists but usually a clinic car and ambulance are organised for a ½ way meet from A/Springs for patient evacuation.

TYPES OF FUEL AVAILABLE:

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

All

Purchased through store, 8am-12pm and 1pm-3pm weekdays

Council run workshop that will service private vehicles

ALCOHOL:

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

Dry community with no permit system

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SHOPS:

- Shop(s) available: 1 store owned by the community
- Hours of opening: The store is open 5 ½ days a week, closed on Sunday.
Hours:
Monday – Friday
08.00 – 12.00 & 13.00-16.00
Saturday
13.00-16.00
- What is for sale (general overview): Basic groceries, hardware (some furniture and white goods) and clothing
- Fresh fruit/veg/milk/meat available: Fresh milk, frozen bread and meat, limited range of fresh fruit and vegetables

COMMUNICATIONS: Clinic/Home

- Phone access? Yes
- Is there internet/email access? No
Any constraints on use?
- Is there a satellite dish? If so, Yes
who can access.

LOCAL INDUSTRY/EMPLOYMENT:

- Is there a local industry? Keringke Art centre produces some of the finest Indigenous art works in the region
- List any employment options for spouses of GPs: Council, school.

POLICE:

There is a police station in Santa Teresa

SCHOOL:

What schooling options are available locally?

There is on school that caters for the Aboriginal children in the community. The school offers a bilingual model of education with lessons in Arrernte and English and as such would not be suitable for mainstream children. School run for K-yr 10. There are 13 teachers, including 2 indigenous trained teachers, several tutors, a large Literature Production Centre and a Community Library.

Children attending school from pre school follow the NT curriculum. Post primary children are following courses in Foundation studies, which is a bridging course for those who wish to enter mainstream education. Some students are following correspondence courses form N.T.O.E.C organisation. No non indigenous pupils attend full time at this stage, School of the Air with parental supervision is required although children doing this often come to the school for afternoon sessions of sport etc. NT Open Learning via correspondence
There is an Adult Education Centre which offers enrichment courses for the Community in areas such as art, craft, leather making, and pottery and also in drink driving.

- Primary
- Secondary and for what years of secondary school

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

Can attend but tend not too

RECREATION/SPORTING:

What recreation and sporting opportunities/facilities are there?

AFL, swimming pool , tennis courts, sports hall with pool tables, trampolines, jute box

RELIGION

Church services available in the community:

Catholic Church service daily.

MEDICAL:

- Health Service operated by:

Ltyentye Purte

The Health centre is located in the Ltyentye Apurte community, which has the alias name of Santa Teresa. The Health Service is in the Central Regions. It is community controlled and funded via grant-in-aid by Territory Health services

Address

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

DHF and OATSIH

Clinic hours

08.00-10.00

10.30-12.00

13.00-16.30

Doctor 2nd on call on 1:3 roster backing up RNS and health worker team

Staffing at the clinic:

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

1

2

4

2 trainee AHW

Visiting health professionals:

- type of service (e.g. dental)
- frequency and duration of visits:

Dental, gynaecology, paediatrician come to the community. All other specialist referrals can be arranged with visit to A/Springs

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GP ACCOMMODATION

- Type of housing available: 3 bedroom house
- Furnished: Fully furnished
 - Are white goods supplied, if yes, what: Fridge, freezer, microwave
 - Other facilities supplied [e.g. TV, radio]: No information available
 - Linen & bedding: No information available
 - Electricity: User pays with power cards
 - Water: Bore water only
 - Laundry facilities: Washing machine provided
 - Telephone/fax/e-mail/internet: Home phone rental and first \$50 covered, then user pays, no PC provided, no fax provided.
Next –G Mobile phone service
 - Air-Conditioning: Yes

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 [e.g. sa sites].

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