

Papunya Business Directory

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1 About Papunya

Papunya was first established as an administrative centre by the government for the Aboriginal people of the region who were displaced from their traditional lands. The Australian government built a water bore and some basic housing at Papunya in the 1950s to provide room for the increasing populations of people in the already-established Aboriginal communities and reserves in the area. Community members predominantly represent the Pintupi and Luritja groups.

1.1 Population

In the 2016 Census, there were 404 people in Papunya (State Suburbs) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 87.0% of the population. The median age of people in Papunya (State Suburbs) was 29 years.

1.2 Power and Water

Electricity is supplied by a diesel generator. Chlorinated and fluoridated town water is supplied by bore, and waste water is treated in sewerage ponds on the outskirts of town.

1.3 ICT Information

- Full telephone and internet services.
- Broadband Satellite Internet Services – Telstra
- 4G Mobile Coverage
- Television – Digital

1.4 Access

1.4.1 Air

Papunya can be accessed by air through chartered air services, or seats can be purchased on the mail plane.

1.4.2 Road

Access to Warumpi is north along the Stuart Highway from Alice Springs, then turn west at the Tanami Road. There is 246km of sealed road and 100km unsealed. All roads within this district are sand (unsealed) and become extremely slippery and boggy after rain. The dry rivers flow very quickly after heavy rains, and will flow for days and up to weeks dependent upon the heaviness of the rainfall.

1.5 Local Government

The MacDonnell Regional Council oversees the administration of local governance and delivers community services including corporate and community management, road and building maintenance and waste management.



1.6 Land Tenure

Papunya is located within the Haasts Bluff Aboriginal Land Trust and is Aboriginal Land under the NT Land Rights Act (NT) 1976.

2 Acronyms

ATM - Automatic Teller Machine
 CLC - Central Land Council
 CMB – Community Mail Bag
 DMO – Dedicated Medical Officer
 ICT - Information and Communication Technology
 LPO - Local Post Office
 NT - Northern Territory
 PMB - Private Mail Bag
 RJCP - Remote Jobs for Community Programme
 WMA - Walpiri Media Association

3 Accommodation

At the time of publishing there were no visitor accommodation available in Papunya.

4 Arts and culture

4.1 Papunya Tjupi Arts Centre Aboriginal Corporation

Papunya Tjupi is an Aboriginal owned, community-based Art Centre, representing over 100 artists. The artists produce acrylic paintings on canvas, prints, punu (wood work), baskets and jewellery. It is a not for profit organisation where all proceeds go directly back to the artists and into community projects. Eftpos and Credit card accepted.

Address:	Raggett St opposite Kintore Road turnoff
Postal Address:	PMB 101 via Alice Springs NT 0872
Phone:	08 8964 7141
Email:	art@papunyatjupi.com.au (preferred)
Website:	www.tjupiarts.com.au
Key Contact:	Joanna Byrne

5 Banking

5.1 ATM

ATM facilities are available at the Papunya Store.

6 Community services

6.1 Australia Post Office

Limited Australia Post services are available at the MacDonnell Regional Council offices.

Address: Papunya Community, Papunya NT 0872
 Postal Address: CMB 225 Papunya, via Alice Springs, NT 0872
 Phone: 08 8956 8522 or 08 89568680
 Email: Clint.Healey@macdonnell.nt.gov.au
 Website: www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au
 Key Contact: Shire Services Coordinator – Clint Healey

6.2 Department of Human Services

The Remote Service Centres provide customers in remote areas with general information and assistance on Centrelink payments and services. Centrelink services are provided through the MacDonnell Regional Council offices.

Address: Papunya Council Offices, Papunya NT 0872
 Postal Address: Centrelink, Reply Paid 7800, Canberra BC ACT 2610
 Phone: 1800 136 380
 Email: NA
 Website: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au>
 Key Contact: Remote Service Support Manager, 08 89589404

6.3 MacDonnell Regional Council

The Council services provided to Papunya include works (roads, parks and cemetery maintenance, waste management) essential services (power, water, sewerage and airstrips), tenancy (management, housing repairs and maintenance), Centrelink agency services, community safety (Night Patrol), aged care, childcare services and youth development services. Australia Post Services are also available at the Council.

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 Website: www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au
 Key Contact: Council Services Manager – Clint Healey

6.4 Papunya Aged Care

Papunya Aged Care services include meal preparation and delivery, laundry, house cleaning, personal care, shopping, transport, advocacy, service coordination, social support, wood collection and a range of other services that aim to promote each person's independent abilities while meeting their needs.

Address: Papunya Community, Papunya NT 0872
Postal Address: CMB 225, Papunya NT 0872
Phone: 08 89568968
Email: James.Taylor@macdonnell.nt.gov.au
Website: www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au
Key Contact: Council Services Manager – James Taylor

6.5 Papunya Childcare Centre and Playgroup

Papunya Childcare Centre and Playgroup aims to provide early childhood services that ensure children are safe, healthy and given opportunities to reach their maximum potential.

Address: Papunya Community, Papunya NT 0872
Postal Address: CMB 225, Papunya NT 0872
Phone: 08 89564838
Email: papunya.earlylearning@macdonnell.nt.gov.au
Website: www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au
Key Contact: Team Leader – Niki Renganathan

6.6 Police Fire and Emergency Services

The Papunya Police, Fire and Emergency Services undertake law enforcement and counter disaster control. The service also provide a range of motor vehicle registry and firearms permits, registration and licensing services which is available from the police station.

Address: Nyirritjukurrrpa Street, Papunya NT 0872
Postal Address: C/o Papunya Police Station, Papunya NT 0872
Phone: 08 8956 8510
Email: papunyapolice@pfes.nt.gov.au
Website: www.pfes.nt.gov.au
Key Contact: Officer in Charge – Remote Sergeant - Chris Beaumont

6.7 Power and Water Authority

Power and Water contracts and trains local Essential Services Operators to run these services day-to-day.

Enquiries: 1800 245 092
Emergencies: 1800 245 090
Email Power: remotedarwinassets@powerwater.com.au
Website: www.powerwater.com.au

7 Construction and trade

There are no construction companies in Papunya at the time of publishing.

8 Education and training

8.1 Papunya School – NTG Schools

Papunya School provides education to students from preschool through to the senior years. The school focuses on the priorities of attendance, student achievement in numeracy, literacy and pathways to employment; as well as community engagement and participation.

Address: Possum Crescent, Papunya NT 0872
 Postal Address: PMB 77, via Alice Springs, NT, 0872
 Phone: 08 8956 8515
 Email: papunya.admin@ntschoools.net
 Website: directory.ntschoools.net
 Key Contact: Principal – Jenny Caren

9 Food and dining

9.1 Papunya Community Store Aboriginal Corporation

Papunya Store carries a variety of food items, clothing, furniture and white goods. Fuel is available at the store.

Address: Gary Junction Road, Papunya NT 0872
 Postal Address: PMB 231 Papunya Community via Alice Springs NT 0871
 Phone: 08 8956 8506
 Email: office@papunyastore.com.au
 Key Contact: Manager – Blair Coburn

10 Healthcare

10.1 Papunya Health Service

The health clinic is staffed by remote area nurses that provide primary health care across all specialties. Specialist nurses who service the community include child health, midwives and diabetic educators. Emergency cases are flown to Alice Springs with the Royal Flying Doctor's Service. Access is available to medical officers either on site or via telephone / telehealth. Visiting health professionals include: ophthalmologist, paediatrician, renal physician, women's health, dental team podiatry, optometry, and ear nose and throat.

Address: 10 Possum Crescent , Papunya NT 0872
 Postal Address: PMB 160 Papunya Community via Alice Springs 0872
 Phone: 08 8956 8505
 Fax: 08 8923 9584
 Email: Papunya.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au
 Website: www.nthealth.com.au
 Key Contact: Health Clinic Manager – Cheryl Wirtanen

11 Labour hire

11.1 Community Development Program

CDP is run by Ngurratjuta/ Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation in the Far West Alice Region of the NT, including Papunya, Haasts Bluff, Mt Liebig, Kintore and Nyirripi. The CDP provides jobs, participation and community-development service in remote regions across Australia. The programme supports people to build their skills and get a job or to participate to their capacity in activities that contribute to the strength and sustainability of communities.

Address: Lot 261, Bush Street, Papunya, NT 0872
 Postal Address: CMB 221 Papunya Community via Alice Springs NT 0872
 Phone: 08 8956 8688
 Email: papunyacd@ngur.com.au
 Website: www.ngurhr.com.au
 Key Contact: Katherine O'Donoghue

12 Retail - fuel

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14 Tourism

There are no tourism ventures companies available in Papunya at the time of publishing.

15 Transport and automotive

There are no transport and automotive ventures available in Papunya at the time of publishing.

16 Acknowledgements

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation would like to thank the Papunya businesses for their participation in this directory.

This business directory is updated biannually in February and September.

17 Change of details

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