

A wide-angle photograph of a deep canyon with layered red rock walls. The canyon floor is filled with dense green vegetation, and the sky is a clear, pale blue. The word "alongside" is overlaid in white text in the center of the image.

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Northern Territory Town Profiles

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Imanpa

IMANPA
COMMUNITY



Moving to a new location can be stressful and overwhelming for several reasons, not least because you may be moving to a remote community, or a town you have never been to before.

Partners and families of Northern Territory Police are often required to move around the Territory to support a loved one in the job and while Alongside cannot make some of those changes go away, we can help reduce some of the unknowns for you.

We understand that moving somewhere new can be daunting. It is our job to offset those feelings the best we can by providing you with as much information possible on the community you are about to call home.

The Alongside town profiles are here to help.

Designed to provide Northern Territory Police, their partners and families an overview of each location in the Northern Territory, the Alongside town profiles detail everything from the nuts-and-bolts essentials to suggestions of great things to do on the weekend, how to assimilate into local cultures and the general 'vibe' of a place.

From all of us at Alongside, welcome to Imanpa!

FROM LITTLE THINGS, BIG THINGS GROW

Town Overview

Imanpa is a small community 270 kilometres south-west of Alice Springs, a few kilometres off the Lasseter Highway, the main road running between the Stuart Highway and Uluru. Imanpa's population fluctuates but is estimated at about 200 residents. Imanpa is in the Lyarrka Ward of the MacDonnell Regional Council

Heritage

Imanpa was originally established on a 1.6-hectare excision from Mount Ebenezer station in 1978. Imanpa Development Association owns a station house at Angus Downs 70 kilometres away as well as the Mount Ebenezer Road House which is 17 kilometres away and is licensed to sell alcohol.

Indigenous communities

The land surrounding the Mount Ebenezer Roadhouse are the traditional lands of members of the Imanpa community who are predominantly Yakunyjtjara and Pitjantjara people.

WITH DIFFERENT LIVES, IN DIFFERENT PLACES

Climate

Imanpa is in an arid zone, in what could be described as the real “out-back climate.” Here you will get long hot summers that last from around October through to mid-March. The average maximum temperature for January is often 35°C or more and there are many days above 40 °C in late January through February. Most rain falls in the Summer between December and March. Winters, however are glorious, with mild, blue skies and temperatures that sit around 20 °C.

All The Essentials

Imanpa has restrictions around the sale of alcohol. There is signage at town boundaries.

Permits are required to travel onto Aboriginal Land. All permits and information to enter the land are available via the Central Land Council. www.clc.org.au.

The Imanpa Yaatitjiti Store sells basic food items and household essentials. It is the only store in Imanpa, with the next closest being the Mount Ebenezer Roadhouse. The Roadhouse stocks auto accessories, lubes and oils, frozen meat, fresh bread and selection of fresh fruit and vegetables. There is also an ATM and payphone available. The Roadhouse is stocked by road-train weekly. The Roadhouse sells diesel and low aromatic unleaded petrol.

Imanpa has an Australia Post outlet that operates out of the Council building.

The nearest major shopping hub is Alice Springs, located 273 kilometres away.

Whilst there is no commercial accommodation available in Imanpa, Mount Ebenezer has 10 Motel units and a campground.

There is a permanent health clinic in Imanpa, the Community Health Centre, and its open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. A Remote Area Nurse is stationed at the clinic and remains on-call after hours for medical emergencies. The Royal Flying Doctor offers emergency medical assistance and evacuations. There are no pharmacy services offered in Imanpa.

Plugging into the outside world can be done via Telstra however there is no mobile phone reception at Imanpa or Mount Ebenezer. The closest place for reception is on the Stuart Highway at Erlunda.

Imanpa School caters to primary and middle school years. Imanpa community and secondary education is delivered in the community by a teacher from Ngangatjatjara College in Yulara.

IN CONVOYS OF SILENCE THE CATTLE GRAZE

Sport and Recreation

Sporting facilities in the community include a football oval and a basketball court. The young people in Imanpa are avid players of football and softball with community teams Imanpa Giants and Imanpa Fillies respectively. The teams regularly compete in games with neighbouring communities. Mission staff run after-school activities for primary and secondary students as well as many other programs involving parents and the broader community.

Hiking, camping and four-wheel driving are enjoyed around the area and there are some beautiful places to explore such as Curtin Springs. Curtin Springs is 100 kilometres from Imanpa on the Lasseter Highway. The Curtin Springs Wayside Inn has a beautiful restaurant, a bar, petrol, free Wi-Fi and accommodation. It is also home to the self-proclaimed “Best F#@king Port.” If a tippie of fortified tickles your fancy Curtin Springs is well worth a visit.

Mount Ebenezer Roadhouse, also on the Lasseter Highway but in the opposite direction and has a Bull Bar. The Bar has a pool table, an old Juke Box and a big screen where you can catch all the big games.

The awe-inspiring Kings Canyon is worth a visit. 440 million years in the making, the canyon rises 270 metres above sea level and is at the heart of Australia's Red Centre. Uluru and the Kata Tjuta National Park isn't too far away and if you haven't already, it is a must-see. Uluru is a massive sandstone monolith, sacred to Indigenous Australian's, it is thought that Uluru started forming around 550 million years ago.

The MacDonnell Shire supports community events including community sports carnivals, NAIDOC celebrations, Australia Day Events, community meetings and consultations and a touring outdoor cinema.

Arts

The Aboriginal Art Gallery at Mount Ebenezer sells local art and craft. On weekdays, artists from the Imanpa community are picked up in the decorated Roadhouse bus and spend the day painting in the art studio. The artists paint in the western desert 'dot' painting style and their works are then hung on the gallery walls for sale.

I'M TOLD I'M GOING PLACES

Imanpa is accessible heading either south from Darwin or north from Alice Springs along the Lasseter Highway. The Highway is a sealed road, however Imanpa Road, the turn-off to the community is an unsealed gravel road.

The Centre Bush Bus provides a regular bus services to most communities in Central Australia including Imanpa.
Centrebushbus.com.au

Distances out of Imanpa;

Darwin.....	1770km
Alice Springs.....	275km
Uluru.....	200km
Erlunda.....	73km
Mount Ebenezer.....	17km

PLACES TO START

MacDonnell Regional Council has information on the specifications of the town and services provided by the council.

www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au/communities/imanpa

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjarra Women's Council (NPYWC) has information on the youth program that is available in the community.

www.npywc.org.au/youth/programs-and-projects/northern-territory/imanpa/

Tourism NT tourist site has fantastic information on all areas of the Northern Territory. www.northernterritory.com

Glen Helen Lodge is a great resource for itineraries and ideas, with plans for both a two day and week-long stay in the area. www.glenhelen.com.au



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