I now want to make a statement about people, about renal patients…

People on dialysis need to get back out there to their communities for cultural reasons, to be there with the family, to be there with the other relations, and make themselves happy. All the renal patients should have this chance to go out and have a visit. So we need to know that. We don’t have any hope for us, for ourselves, we are supposed to have a dialysis machine out in the community.

That way people can be happy, in their Country and with their family.

That’s a message I wanted to give, that’s my personal message, I don’t know what the other people think… But, I am talking, also for myself and for those people, for those renal patients this is the message I am giving.

Smithy Zimran Tjampitjinpa, 1958–2001
Introduction

Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation. We started as a reaction to the need for Pintupi/Luritja people to leave their families, country and homes to seek treatment for End Stage Renal Failure. Dislocated to Alice Springs they suffered great loneliness and hardship. Communities feared for their future well being if senior Pintupi were not there to pass on their cultural knowledge.

In 2000, with the help of Papunya Tula Artists and Sothebys, people from Kintore and Kiwirrkurra painted pictures for an auction at the Art Gallery of NSW. The Western Desert Dialysis Appeal raised over one million dollars. In 2003 we were incorporated as Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku. Our name means ‘Making all our families well’. It recognises that people must be able to stay on country, to look after and be looked after by their families.

WDNWPT has an all indigenous governing committee who are elected by our members.

We offer a range of services including dialysis in Alice Springs, Walungurru (Kintore), Yuendumu and Ntaria, safe travel to communities for funerals and community events, social support, advocacy, wellbeing activities, health promotion and education and primary health care.

We are a registered charity with Deductible Gift Recipient Status (DGR) and welcome support for our work.

WDNWPT SERVICE AREA MAP
**Timeline**

2000  
- Western Desert Dialysis Appeal raises $1.1 million at the Art Gallery of NSW.

2001  
- ‘Kidney committee’ is formed  
- ‘Return to Country’ and Social Support services begin in Alice.  
- Committee members travel to Bidgidanga and Broome in WA to explore remote dialysis options

2003  
- Western Desert Nganampa Waltyja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation is officially incorporated.

2004  
- WDNWPT starts dialysing at the ‘Purple House’ in Alice Springs  
- WDNWPT starts dialysing with one machine in Walungurru within the Pintupi Homelands Health Service

2005  
- WDNWPT purchases the Purple House in Alice Springs.

2007  
- Primary Health Care Services commence at the Purple House

2008  
- WDNWPT is asked to establish dialysis in Yuendumu by Kurra

2010  
- WDNWPT commences dialysis in Yuendumu and Ntaria  
- Renovations to our new premises in Walungurru are completed by Woden Rotary increasing our capacity to two machines. This enables some people to stay ‘full time’ on dialysis in Kintore.

2011  
- WDNWPT is awarded the national HESTA Primary Health Care Award for Team Excellence

2012  
- WDNWPT is a finalist for a Human Rights Award ‘Community Organisation’  
- The Purple Truck (funded by Medicines Australia) is launched at Papunya Tula Artists and travels to Papunya to dialyse  
- The Purple Truck dialyses for a month in Warburton, WA  
- Renovations are completed to the ‘Purple House’ in Alice Springs
Vision

‘Making all our Families Well’

Mission

To improve the lives of people with renal failure, reunite families and reduce the incidence of kidney disease in our communities.

Core Values

- We will ensure that Walytja (family), Tjukurrpa (dreaming) Ngurra (country) and Kuunyi (compassion) are central to all that we do and say.
- We will be strong, clever, brave and determined to make life better for our people
- We will think deeply, plan wisely and take action to improve services and enhance well being
- We will share our experiences and knowledge with others so that we all can learn
- We will foster understanding and respect between indigenous and non indigenous people

Strategic Goals Summary

1. Improve quality of patient services
2. Increase access to dialysis in remote communities
3. Improve financial accountability and sustainability
4. Improve governance and management processes
5. Promote social, cultural traditions and beliefs that support strong healthy communities

Anangu like the open space of their land, where they can smell the Spirit, the wildflowers and other plants.

They want fire for the smell of wood smoke going through the air.

They want to smell flowers after rain.

Committee member
1 IMPROVE QUALITY OF PATIENT SERVICES

Key Performance Goals

1.1 Develop and maintain a quality management system for the organisation

1.2 Social Enterprise
   - Develop a social enterprise building on traditional skills and knowledge.

1.3 Volunteer Program
   - Establish a volunteer program to encourage cross cultural dialogue and increased service delivery coverage

1.4 Indigenous employment
   - Grow and support our indigenous workforce

1.5 Stories
   - Develop qualitative and quantitative information on how WDNWPT helps patients/families/communities.

1.6 Safe, secure, affordable housing
   - Advocate for a range of culturally safe accommodation options

1.7 Dialysis
   - Establish and continually evaluate effectiveness and safety of dialysis services offered at WDNWPT sites and make changes as required

1.8 Primary Health Care Services
   - Improve access to comprehensive primary health care services and information that supports improvements in health and well being for dialysis patients and their families forced to leave their country to access services.

1.9 Social Support
   - Ensure all dialysis patients and their families have access to safe housing, income, food, clothing, health care and social networks to enhance health and well being

Key issues to be addressed in the WDNWPT Business Plan

- Develop and maintain a quality management system
- Seek support for a community housing model
- Develop volunteer recruitment and training program
- Support and mentoring for Indigenous staff
- Establish and maintain evaluation and research projects
- Establish separate social enterprise structure
- Consistent improvement in access to Primary Health Care services
2. INCREASE ACCESS TO DIALYSIS IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Key Performance goals

2.1 The Purple Truck
   - Develop and maintain a mobile dialysis service

2.2 Lajamanu
   - Establish and sustain a remote dialysis service in Lajamanu to enable Warlpiri to spend time on their country

2.3 Warburton
   - Establish and sustain a remote dialysis service in Warburton to enable dialysis patients forced to dislocate to Kalgoorlie and Alice Springs to return home

2.4 Kiwirrkurra
   - Establish and sustain a remote dialysis service in Kiwirrkurra so that Pintupi can return home

2.5 Other
   - Scope the potential for assisting other communities to develop dialysis services offering support and possible auspicing arrangements

Key issues to be addressed in the WDNWPT Business Plan

• Develop sustainable funding plan for the mobile dialysis service
• Clearly define criteria for supporting the development of new services
• Pursue funding options for future service delivery
3. IMPROVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Key Performance goals

3.1 Government funding
   - Secure and maintain government funding for current core activities and progressively for new core business over the next 5 years.

3.2 Philanthropic funding
   - Encourage philanthropic and in kind support for our organisation and activities.

Key issues to be addressed in the WDNWPT Business Plan

- Develop a communication strategy
- Maintain high levels of consistent corporate branding/marketing
- Develop more constructive communication mechanisms with government
- Explore other creative funding options for our activities
Key Performance Goals

4.1 Ensure management structure of the organisation keeps up with growth.

4.2 Review governance structure and processes
- Develop a new governance structure and process to support growth

4.3 Formalise governance training and orientation processes
- Ensure all Directors have participated in governance training
- Formalise orientation package for new Directors

4.4 Staff orientation and development
- Improve orientation, ongoing development and support for staff working for the organisation

4.5 Develop and maintain strong partnerships and collaborative relationships with other non-government and government services to improve coordination and health outcomes for our members.

Key issues to be addressed in the WDNWPT Business Plan

- Develop accountable governance and auspicing arrangements
- Ensure effective reporting to Directors
- Develop improved stakeholder communication mechanisms
- Develop and implement effective management processes to support the new management structure
- Staff training plan
5. PROMOTE SOCIAL, CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND BELIEFS THAT SUPPORT STRONG HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Key Performance Goals

5.1 Ensure core values maintained in all that we do
5.2 Maintain a culturally safe environment for staff, patients, families, directors and visitors
5.3 Promote WDNWPT as an example of indigenous innovation and determination
5.4 Participate in community development and problem solving that builds on community strengths
5.5 Encourage people to engage in activities which will reduce the incidence of kidney disease in their communities

Key issues to be addressed in the WDNWPT Business Plan

- Development health education initiatives
- Maintain community development focus