



Kintore celebrates new dialysis machine

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The small central Australian community of Kintore, near the Northern Territory-Western Australian border, is celebrating the official opening of a special health program today.

Kintore residents suffer from higher than average rates of kidney failure.

Many patients have to leave their homeland for dialysis treatment in larger centres such as Alice Springs.

The move puts extra pressure on patients and takes them away from their families.

But today the community is celebrating the unveiling of its very own dialysis machine.

It means remote patients in the western desert region of the Northern Territory and Western Australia can receive life saving treatment near their homes.

The community raised the money itself by auctioning Indigenous art at Sotheby's in Sydney four years ago.

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