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 (WDNWPT) 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 wellbeing 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 Walungurru (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 elected by our members. We provide dialysis services in Alice Springs, Walungurru (Kintore), Yuendumu, Ntaria (Hermannsburg), Warburton, Wanarn, Kiwirrkurra, Yirrkala, Lajamanu, Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa). At the time of printing this plan, we are also working on infrastructure Ampilatwatja, Arlparra (Utopia), Kalkarindji and Pukatja (Ernabella).

We also have support services in Alice Springs, Darwin and Perth. Services include safe travel to communities for funerals and community events, social support, advocacy, wellbeing activities, health promotion, health education and primary health care.

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

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MATTHEW WEST

COLIN TJUNGARRAYI
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 Bidjadanga and Broome in WA to explore remote dialysis options

2003
• Western Desert Nganampa Walytja 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 (Kintore) within the Pintupi Homelands Health Service

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 (Kintore) are completed by Woden Rotary increasing our capacity to two machines. This enables some people to stay ‘full time’ on dialysis.

2011
• WDNWPT is awarded the national HESTA Primary Health Care Award for Team Excellence
• WDNWPT is a finalist for a Human Rights Award ‘Community Organisation’
• The Purple Truck is launched at Papunya Tula Artists and travels to Papunya to dialyse

2012
• The Purple Truck dialyses for a month in Warburton, WA
• Renovations are completed to the ‘Purple House’ in Alice Springs
• Finalist in the Indigenous Governance Awards

2013
• WDNWPT awarded the National Disability Award
• WDNWPT awarded the Ethical Enterprise Award
• Commencement of dialysis services in Lajamanu and Warburton

2014
• Commenced dialysis in Kiwirrkurra
• Celebrate 10 years of dialysis in Walungurru (Kintore)
• Panuku opened in Darwin.

2015
• Started to help Miwatj Health Service by looking after dialysis in Yirrkala
• Commenced providing dialysis in Santa Teresa
• Celebrate 15 years since auction,
• Launch the Purple House Fund and the book Patrick Tjungurrayi – Beyond Borders
• Yuendumu dialysis extension occurs increasing to 4 chair capacity
• Wellbeing products begin being stocked by Oxfam stores throughout Australia

2016
• Commence dialysis in Wanarn
• Dialysis services under construction in Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Pukatja and Kalkarindji.
• Begin working towards building extension in Lajamanu to accommodate 4 chairs.
• Finalist in the Indigenous Governance Awards
• Purple Truck turns 5!
We are proud of it – this Purple House is like a home. It is a moving spirit… People come for help for all things – shower, washing, cooking – renal too! It is a special place for people. Kurunpa (spirit) – it is moving in the Purple House… it is a part of the Purple House.

Marlene Spencer, WDNWPT Vice Chairperson
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

**Vision**

‘Making all our Families Well’

**Mission**

To improve the lives of people with renal failure, reunite families and reduce the impact 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 support patient agency, enhance well being and maintain dignity

- 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

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Strategic Goals Summary

1. On Country, Ngurra
   Help people to be on or return to country

2. A Good Life, Kurrunpa Wanka
   Help patients and their families to live the best life possible

3. Right Way, Tjukarurru Wangkantjaku
   The organisation will work hard to do the best we can for the patients, families and stakeholders.
Strategic Goals

1. On Country – Help people to be on or return to country

1.1. Dialysis Out Bush
We will continue to provide dialysis out bush at existing and upcoming sites (Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Pukatja and Kalkarindji). We will pursue the opportunity to provide dialysis in Kaltukatjara (Docker River), Watiyawanu (Mt Liebig), Warumpi (Papunya) and other locations

1.2. Support to attend community and cultural events
It is important for people to be able to attend community and cultural events such as ceremonies, funerals, sports weekends and sorry business and we will continue to support patients to get back to country

1.3. Aged Care
We will assist Watiyawanu (Mt Liebig) retain community control of aged care services by becoming the aged care provider

1.4. Transplant Services
We will continue to help patients and communities to understand the transplant journey and have the information and support needed to access transplants. We will continue to advocate for changes to the health system to improve access.

1.5. Palliative Care
We will work with patients, their families and other providers to enable people to finish up on country when they are ready

2. A Good Life – Help patients and their families to live the best life possible

2.1. Social Support
We will continue to support patients dislocated to Alice Springs and regional centres for treatment, holding them close and working to ensure access to safe housing, income, food, clothing, healthcare and social networks to enhance health and wellbeing

2.2. Well Being
We will grow the sustainability of our social enterprise, continue to

Holding Close is like holding families...close and caring for dialysis patients.

Old people sit lonely with no grandchildren and think and cry and think about home, crying on the inside, making lonely.

It is good for dialysis patients to be in community and feel the wind. The wind is singing and they feel good inside.

Irene Nangala - Chairperson
provide patients with access to bush medicine, and ensure cultural knowledge is passed on to children and grandchildren

2.3. **Patient Preceptor**
We will continue to develop and expand opportunities for Patient Preceptors to support patients to navigate the system and services using the knowledge and experience of other patients

2.4. **Primary Health Care**
We will continue to expand access to comprehensive primary health care services and information that supports improvements in health and wellbeing for dialysis patients and their families

2.5. **Advocacy**
We will continue to share stories, advocate the Purple House model and assist other organisations to deliver similar services for other communities.

3. **Right Way – The organisation will work hard to do the best we can for the patients, families and stakeholders**

3.1. **Looking after each other**
We will retain the unique and caring spirit that runs through our organisation and ensure we prioritise people

3.2. **Good Governance**
We will provide development opportunities for directors and members and grow up our future leaders

3.3. **Sharing Knowledge**
We will lead innovation in cross-cultural education and influence other providers and the wider community

3.4. **Indigenous Employment**
We will grow and support our Indigenous workforce by prioritising the development of an Indigenous Workforce plan and working together to create opportunities for training and employment

3.5. **Whitefella Rules**
(organisational compliance)
We will ensure the maintenance of high standards in meeting all relevant financial, clinical, and regulatory requirements

“People come in to Panuku and think of it as their home. They know they’ll see family here and find someone to speak in language.

*I love this work and know people—clients—really value it.*

Panuku Indigenous social support staff member - Independent Review of the WDNWPT renal dialysis service at Lajamanu, Kalkarindji, Darwin and Katherine.