



SA Health

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Mobile Dialysis Bus to visit APY Lands

Renal dialysis patients in the APY Lands can now receive their treatment closer to home, following a successful mobile dialysis trial last year.

Country Health SA (CHSA) has five visits planned to the APY Lands over the next six months, providing the service out of the Northern Territory Mobile Dialysis Bus, which is on loan to South Australia.

Adjunct Professor Belinda Moyes, Chief Executive Officer CHSA said the mobile dialysis service meant fewer people would be required to travel away from the APY Lands to receive their treatment.

"Country Health SA is committed to providing health services closer to where people live so they can be near their family and friends during this time," Professor Moyes said.

"There are currently seven people from the APY Lands receiving dialysis in South Australia and a further 17 going to the Northern Territory for treatment.

"Last year Country Health SA conducted a successful trial of the mobile dialysis service, treating 11 people over two visits to APY Lands.

"Based on this success we are now pleased to be able to provide five more visits to the APY Lands, ensuring these patients can now receive their treatment closer to their community and support network."

The first of the five planned visits will take place at Amata from 25 June to 1 July with up to six patients expected to be treated.

Another four visits will occur throughout the rest of the year, at various locations across the APY lands.

In addition, the bus visited Coober Pedy in April 2012 to provide mobile dialysis services to six patients who were previously receiving their treatment at Port Augusta.

The bus is funded and operated by Country Health SA.

Planned mobile dialysis visits to the APY Lands

Date	Location
25 June – 1 July	Amata
20 August – 26 August	Mimili
10 September – 26 September	Ernabella
8 October – 14 October	Marla
22 October – 28 October	to be advised

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