



# New Start Dialysis Transition Program

Live Strong, COVID-Safe and Frailty Free Project

Funded by Top End Renal Services and APPRISE-Ramsay First Nations COVID-19 Grants



10 June 2021

ABC Darwin Radio 105.7 AM Afternoons with Lyrella Couzens

## Top End Renal Service New Start Dialysis Transition Program Bus Story

*As part of 2021 National Reconciliation Week events at Royal Darwin Hospital, a new 10 seater van and patient transport officer service was officially launched and received a Torres Strait Islander blessing and Larrakia Smoking Ceremony.*

*The Live Strong COVID safe Frailty Free after Starting Dialysis Project team will assess the impact of this bus service, which will operate during May – November 2021, and support clients living in the Darwin and Palmerston region.*

*The transport service aims to assist clients who have recently started dialysis care, to navigate health care appointments, participate in health education and support access to regularly scheduled dialysis treatment at Royal Darwin Hospital campus.*

*ABC Darwin's Fi Poole caught up with the Live Strong COVID safe Frailty Free after Starting Dialysis Project team to learn more about the project. [Click here for a link to the radio interview](#)*

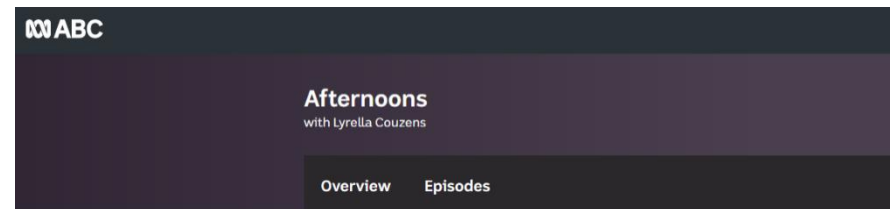


Image: Russel Guse

### The wheels on the 'culturally sensitive renal bus' go round and round

On Afternoons with Lyrella Couzens

This interview featured:

- Mr Tolbert Dharromanba Gaykamangu, Patient Reference Group
- Ms Onika Paolucci, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner
- Mr Robson Bond, Patient Transport Officer
- Mr Richard Modderman, Physiotherapist

