

# A long way from home

**I**n 2006 I had to move a long way away from my home in a remote NT community to start haemodialysis in Darwin, nearly 800 km away. After about a year of haemodialysis as well as training to do my own peritoneal dialysis I was finally able to go back home. The peritoneal dialysis at home was successful for about a year and after that I had to leave my community once again to restart haemodialysis. This time I was able to have haemodialysis in Katherine. I stayed there until I got the call for a kidney transplant a few years later.

I had the transplant in Adelaide and returned to Darwin a few weeks later for follow-up care. I stayed in Darwin for approximately another year.

Finally everything was going well and I was able to return to my home and to my family. My family were very happy for me. I was well enough to be able to return to my work as a community plumber.

The transplant has changed my life because I feel well and I don't have to go and live away from home to go and have dialysis anymore.

I really want to thank the doctors and the person who was my donor for my second chance at life.

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