

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3715 – 1 June 2010

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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at "Tiffins on the Park",
176 Greenhill Road Parkside (Cnr George Street) at 6.30pm.
Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3715
Date	1 June 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Lynn King – "Breast Cancer"
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Heather Kilsby
Guests	Stella and Timothy Braund
Apologies	Peter O'Neil, David Payne, Janet Plumb and Wendy Andrews
Make-Ups	None
Anniversaries	Geoff Hill (7/6 – induction) and Stephen Baker (30/5 – birthday)
Attendance	77%

President's Announcements

No new information.

Spots

Bob Mullins advised that the planting project will be proceeding this coming Saturday at 9.30am at The Orphanage, with a sausage sizzle to follow.

Bob Laws asked Saturday morning thrift shop roster members who need to re-arrange their attendance times to see him. New times begin from 12/6/10. Also, a further reminder of the Thank You for the thrift shop volunteers to be held at the Civic Centre this coming Sunday from 3pm.

Stephen Westgarth advised that the Members Directory has been updated on the website.

Lucky Squares

The Lucky Squares was won by Sheila Evans.

Guest Speaker

Chairman Heather Kilsby introduced **Lynn King** who spoke about the activities and goals of the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Lynne, a breast cancer survivor herself, has worked in the cancer awareness area for some 8 years.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation is a research organisation which supports and promotes research into the prevention and cure of breast cancer. It was established in 1994 and relies on corporate and community support to continue its work.

Research programs funded by the NBCF cover every aspect of breast cancer, from increasing understanding of genetics to improving ways to support women and their families. For the first time, funding has been allocated to projects that seek to understand the impact of complementary medicine on breast cancer patients. With 84% of breast cancer patients using complementary medicine, the studies have been welcomed by many in the health sector.

One in 8 women will be diagnosed with the disease by the age of 85. The number of new cases of breast cancer per annum increased from 5,318 in 1983 to 12,027 in 2002. It is projected that there will be 13,261 new cases in 2006 and 14,800 in 2011.

In Australia, there are currently 113801 women and **730 men** who are alive after being diagnosed with breast cancer in the last 20 years. The death rate is declining with better awareness and the availability of more advanced treatments.

Dr Taryn Bessen of The University of Adelaide has been awarded funding for a Doctoral Scholarship to predict the best schedule for follow up mammograms for women in complete remission from breast cancer, and to individualise the schedule according to each woman's risk of recurrence. For reasons unknown women diagnosed with breast cancer when they are older have a higher survival rate than young women.

Key fundraising initiatives are pink ribbon events, the pink ribbon being now well established as a symbol of breast cancer awareness.

Lynn counseled that we all know our own bodies and should not delay seeking advice and treatment if there is any sign or symptom of lack of comfort or wellbeing.



Guest speaker Lynn King (r) with
Chairman Heather Kilsby

Rotary News

- Secretary Mavis reports that the latest District Governor's newsletter is available for viewing at www.rotarynews.info/d9520.
- If anyone is interested in being a GSE Team Leader in the coming Rotary year, please see Secretary Mavis for further information.
- Our International Service Committee is supporting a health initiative which aims to address the health and wellbeing of inhabitants of the Western Desert, in particular in the area of kidney disease. The Rotary Club of Woden in the ACT which is leading this RAWCS project (called the Western Desert Health Project) has produced two Bulletins to date on progress. For the information of members, the latest Bulletin is reproduced in this edition of the Unley Club's Bulletin.
- Because of this Club's links with the Peter Nelson Leukaemia Research Fund, the following letter is reproduced for the information of members:

"At the Annual General Meeting of the Peter Nelson Leukaemia Research Fund Committee today (Friday, May 21) it was resolved that all the functions of the Fund be transferred to the Cancer Council SA. A formal motion to approve the transfer was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

The adoption of this resolution follows extensive consultation by representatives of the Committee and Council. a Deed outlining the details of the transfer has been drawn up by legal authority; it ensures that the Peter Nelson name will be maintained; that the Council will conduct appeals for donations specifically for the Peter Nelson Fund; and the Council will continue to support a Research Fellow on Leukaemia Research.

It is now up to the Committee Chairman and one committee representative and representatives of Cancer Council to sign the Deed of transfer to take effect on June 30. This signing will take place in coming weeks. It is being done this way to enable the annual Peter Nelson appeal letters to be sent out before final transfer.

HISTORY -- The Peter Nelson Leukaemia Research Fund was established in 1977 by Marjorie Nelson in memory of her husband, Peter, who died from leukaemia. Peter, like Marjorie, was a former Olympian and he was a member of the RC Unley.

The establishment of the Fund was supported by Rotary and in its 33 years it's been regularly supported by Clubs in Districts 9500 and 9520. The two districts have appointed representatives to the Fund Committee. Marjorie, with the help of a small band of volunteers, has worked tirelessly to raise funds. Her aim was to raise \$5million and by the time the Cancer Council takes over the total raised since 1977 will be approaching \$6million.

Research Fellows have been appointed regularly over the years and the present Fellow is Dr Hayley Ramshaw, who works at the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science in Adelaide. Her field of research focuses on the study of stem cells in relation to leukaemia. Incidentally she has given presentations to several clubs in both districts.

*Yours in Rotary,
Alan Lawrie,
9520 Rep on the Fund Committee"*

Rotary News

Band of Congolese polio survivors wows audiences

by Fred Roberts - The Rotarian -- June 2010

Montana Kinunu is conjuring a drum kit from a broom laid across a plastic beer crate and weighed down with a rock. He pulls off his shirt, picks up a pair of battered drumsticks, and is soon tapping a fast, skittering rhythm, slapping his bare feet on the dirt floor. Beside him, Roger Landu is putting together his *satonge*, a single-string instrument fashioned from an amplified tin can and a guitar string stretched on a bent stick.

The rehearsal space is an open-air bar, imperfectly shielded from the heat, dust, and commotion of a busy neighborhood in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It seems improbable, but Montana, Roger, and their bandmates have been touring European venues with this same improvised kit, testing the skills of sound engineers and winning rave reviews.

One by one, the band members arrive, several traveling on hand-cranked or motorized two-seater tricycles. Songwriter Coco Ngambali, who has the craggy features and upper-body strength of a retired wrestler, opens the proceedings with the band's rallying cry. His call "Staff!" is answered in unison: "Benda Bilili très très fort!"

Bandleader Ricky Likabu whistles a tune, and the group, Staff Benda Bilili, eases into a languid bolero intro. Ricky calls for a halt to reprimand the brass section for coming in late. When they restart, the music is a notch tighter. The rhythm steps up and is suddenly irresistible. A gaggle of young onlookers sings along with the chorus. A hardboiled-egg vendor pauses to watch. A passing shoe-polisher keeps time by clacking his wooden brushes.

Ricky and Coco, along with guitarist Theo Nsituvuidi, vocalist Djunana Tanga-Suele, and *atalaku* (rap-style vocalist) Kabamba Kabose Kasungu, had polio as children, and they've fended for themselves for five decades in a country wracked by conflict and corruption. They formed a cooperative to trade goods back and forth across the Congo River between Kinshasa and Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, and though they weren't destitute, they often slept on the streets near the ports where they made their living.

The other band members are former street children, of whom there are an estimated 15,000 in Kinshasa. Roger, the youngest member, invented his satonge while living on the streets. Ask kids downtown about "Papa Ricky," and their faces light up. "People distrust street children," he explains. "They see them as sorcerers, beggars, and thieves. But we treated them as our own. And of course they helped us too." There are always kids on hand to carry the band's equipment or push the tricycles when the motors give out.

"They had 10-dollar guitars and a lot of determination, and they just kept working until they were ready to perform."

Ricky and his friends formed Staff Benda Bilili in 2003. Joseph Mpia, a fellow polio survivor and friend of the band, remembers the first rehearsals in Kinshasa's derelict zoo. "They went there because it was quiet, and free for us. They had 10-dollar guitars and a lot of determination, and they just kept working until they were ready to perform."

The fringe status of the Staff Benda Bilili collective – the name means "look beyond appearances" in Lingala – has limited the band's success at home but arguably has helped win the attention and respect of documentary filmmakers, audiences, and critics abroad. The band's album, *Très Très Fort* (which means "very, very strong"), was recorded at the zoo and released last spring, and in November, they won the Womex Award in Copenhagen, Denmark, for international music. Next month, they'll play at the Montréal Jazz Festival.

The band calls its style "rumba blues." It's steeped in classic Cuban-influenced Congolese rumba and laced with plenty of other ingredients: funk, soul, afrobeat, reggae, and the intense rhyming shouts of their *atalaku*, Kabose. Sung in Lingala with occasional forays into French, Swahili, Kikongo, and Kiteke (the dialect of Kinshasa's Pool region), their songs tell of friendship, love and lust, busking, missing a sister who lives across the river, sleeping on cardboard, and looking forward to better days.

The band has joined Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and golf legend (and polio survivor) Jack Nicklaus as part of Rotary International's latest public relations campaign to remind the world how close polio eradication is. "We're handicapped by polio, and we are the first group to sing about polio, so naturally we're ready to help," says Ricky.

Staff Benda Bilili wrote and recorded the song "Polio," in which they urge parents to understand the importance of vaccinating their children. "I was born as a strong man, but polio crippled me," they sing. "Parents, please go to the vaccination center / Get your babies vaccinated against polio / Please save them from that curse ... The one who is disabled is no different from the others / Why should he be? / Treat all your children without discrimination / Don't throw anyone on the side."

As a result of vaccination campaigns involving negotiated cease-fires with armed groups and unprecedented coordination among regions, polio is no longer endemic in Congo. But the virus can easily cross borders. In response to imported outbreaks in Central and West Africa, 85 million children in 19 countries were vaccinated in a cross-border campaign in March and April.

"Parents are responsible for their children, and they need to know how to avoid diseases," Ricky says. "There are still too many who don't realize it's important."



The band, which has a CD out called *Très Très Fort*, is made up of polio survivors and former street children.

Documentary at Cannes showcases band of Congolese polio survivors

Rotary International News -- 2 June 2010

A Congolese band whose lead singers are polio survivors is making its way onto the world music scene after a documentary on the group's origins received critical acclaim at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

Staff Benda Bilili, which means "look beyond appearances" in Lingala, is a band of eight former street musicians from Kinshasa. Five of them are polio survivors. Their song "Polio" speaks of the disease that changed their lives and urges parents to immunize their children.

The band's debut album, *Très Très Fort*, won the 2009 Womex Award for international music. French filmmakers Florent de la Tullaye and Renaud Barrett decided to create a documentary on the band after falling in love with its music when they were in Kinshasa in 2004, working on a movie about the city's music scene. The film *Benda Bilili!* premiered 13 May during the festival.

Band members have also joined other musicians across Africa in lending their voices to the final push to rid the continent of polio. Through the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign, a soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and a growing number of public figures has been making its way through the continent to raise awareness for polio eradication before traveling to the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada.

"Of course we're happy to be part of the campaign. After all, we're handicapped by polio, and we are the first group to sing about polio, so naturally we're ready to help," said bandleader Ricky Likabu. "Our song 'Polio' is simply to implore parents to take their children to health clinics to be vaccinated, as the WHO [World Health Organization] recommends. Parents are responsible for their children, and they need to know how to avoid diseases."

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
08/06/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Ingo Weber – "Impact of Climate Change on Health"	S Baker	G Hill	D Middleton	C Schirmer & C Sluggett
15/06/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Darren Green – "Adelaide Coastal Waters"	H Kilsby	R Mills	D Middleton	C Sluggett & A Wehr
22/06/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Quiz Night Competition	TBA	Bob Mullins	D Middleton	A Wehr & N Bowen
29/06/10	Meridien Lodge	TBA	Changeover Night		S Baker	D Middleton	A Jonson & G Ferguson

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Members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board should see Tiffins on the Park staff to gain access to the club's meeting paraphernalia. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
June	Saturday	05/06/10	Planting Day 9.30am to 12.30pm	The Orphanage	Jerry Casburn
June	Sunday	06/06/10	Thrift Shop Volunteers Afternoon Tea 3.00pm	Unley Civic Centre	Bob Laws
October	Thu 7 - Sun	10/10/10	District Conference	Bendigo	Joan Reed

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: June 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
1	05/06/10	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
New Times! →→→ Early Shift: 10am to 12.30 am ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ Late Shift: 12.30am to 3.00pm ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓			
2	12/06/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	19/06/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	26/06/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact:

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On the Back Page

Three guys and Russell

Three guys were at a deer camp. No one wanted to room with Russell because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Russell and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you?" He said, "Russell snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing - hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!" He said, "Man, that Russell shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night."

The third night was Fred's turn. Fred was a tanned, older cowboy; a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. "Good morning!" he said. They couldn't believe it. They said, "Man, what happened?" He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Russell into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him good night. Russell sat up and watched me all night!"

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY
IS IN YOUR HANDS**

The Maurice and Marlu Story



Sarah Brown of WDNWPT writes that this was the organisation's favourite photo of 2009. It is of Maurice Gibson being dialysed in the Dialysis Room at Kintore accompanied by Marlu his friendly joey! This must surely be the only dialysis centre in the world where the patient can be accompanied by a kangaroo!

Sarah says: "What you can't see is that Maurice Gibson has lost both his feet to gangrene! This doesn't stop him, or WDNWPT getting him back out to Kintore to spend time with his family and 'look after country'."

Maurice is unstoppable! His unbreakable spirit and his love of life inspire us all to work hard to keep him well and connected to the things that are important to him. When the *Purple House 2* at Kintore is complete we will have the capacity to dialyse more people for longer and Maurice can't wait!!"

Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation (WDNWPT)

The origins of WDNWPT may be found in a partnership of interested persons and bodies with Sir William Deane and the late Charles Perkins as co-patrons. This in turn led to a high profile auction in Sydney, on 11 November 2000, of Aboriginal artworks that raised \$1 million to fund the development and subsequent activities of WDNWPT.

The auction itself was inspired by indigenous dissatisfaction with mainstream health services. In contrast to the situation nationally, no one in Central Australia had ever received community-based care for kidney failure. The situation then was that those affected by kidney failure would have to move permanently to Alice Springs, NT for treatment and end their days without being able to return to their community.

The significance of the resulting dislocation for Yanangu people, who experience very high rates of kidney failure, is it works against holding onto their very sense of identity and well being. Living "... in other peoples country, not speaking the language, separated from those who give them a reason to live would break the toughest spirit".

The focus of WDNWPT has been "...to develop and deliver a system of more appropriate support services and treatment options for Yanangu on dialysis, and to establish processes enabling it to operate as an effective, honest community advocate". A number of programs were developed, directed towards providing social support for those on dialysis in Alice Springs including brief return visits back to their communities; dialysis and training is now available at the *Purple House 1* at Alice Springs. Dialysis also commenced in 2004 in a dialysis room in Kintore, approx. 500 kms west of Alice Springs.

When refurbishment by Rotary of the *Purple House 2* at Kintore is complete the dialysis capacity at Kintore will increase to two units with space for a third. In addition there will be a health education facility directed particularly at assisting the community to achieve reduced kidney failure and in turn to avoid the need to move away.



Working together for the wellbeing and health of the people of the Western Desert

Rotary Club of Woden Inc.

News Bulletin No. 2

February 2010

This is the 2nd bulletin reporting progress on this project. If you require additional information you can access Bulletin No 1 at <<http://www.rotarnet.com.au/woden>>

I express on behalf of our Rotary Club my deep appreciation for the generous support for our refurbishment of the *Purple House 2* at Kintore as a dialysis treatment and health education centre for the Western Desert community. Many Rotary Clubs, government and other organisations and individuals have supported us; they are listed in this bulletin. If anyone has been omitted please accept my apology and advise us, so that we can correct the list.

As can be seen from the Project Coordinator's report we still have a long way to go and our main problem is a shortage of funds. This will affect the completion date of the project. In this context please note that arrangements have been made for tax deductibility of financial contributions to the project. The details are indicated below.

I am delighted that three volunteer working parties are going to Kintore during April and May. I thank John Gray (Canberra City Rotary), John Widdup & George Caelear and Shukry Sahhar who will lead these.

As part of the further promotion of the project we are holding a Promotional Dinner in Canberra on Wednesday 12 May. Retired Governor-General Major General Michael Jeffery, AC, AO(Mil), CVO, MC (Retd) has very generously agreed to speak at the dinner. Please pencil the date into your diary. Further details will be available shortly.

We are particularly grateful to the remote Western Desert indigenous community for inviting us to work with them on finding solutions to the serious problems arising from kidney failure in Central Australia. We are impressed with the commitment they have shown since 2001 to this issue and respect them greatly for their determination to succeed.

Ros Osbourne, President

Tax-deductible donations to the project

Cheques should be in favour of the *J. C. Olsson Relief Trust Fund (WDH Project)*

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Progress Report - David Fox (Project Coordinator)

As you will see from Cliff Hicks' report opposite the electrical work is basically complete. We are extremely grateful to him and Geoff Hunt who have now made two long return vehicle trips to Kintore. Air-conditioning will be finalised in May or June.

I thank the Canberra City Rotary for organising a volunteer working party from 8 to 18 April 2010 to fit internal doors, complete internal structural work and carry out fencing.

This will be followed by a volunteer plumbing working party for 2 weeks commencing 19 April led by plumber George Calear, his wife Lyn and John Widdup and four others. George made an exploratory assessment in January of the work to be done. A second plumbing working party will follow at a later date to be determined.

In May Shukry Sahhar will lead another volunteer working party that will install benches, cupboards, shelving and tiling.

The finishing-off of the building will include carpentry, floor covering, final internal painting, paving and other miscellaneous outdoor works.

Our goal is to complete the building in 2010 but this will depend on the availability of funds. Generous donations amounting to \$150,000 will ensure the achievement of that goal. WDNWPT will then be able to increase its dialysis capacity there.

Project Supporters

We are grateful for the assistance generously given to us by our many supporters including:

- * **CONTRIBUTIONS** – Australian Government Grants to Western Desert community
- * **CONTRIBUTION** – Australian Government Grant
- * **CONTRIBUTION** – Rotary Foundation Matching Grant with support of Rotary District 3650 (Korea)
- * **CONTRIBUTION** – Canberra Rotary, ACT
- * **CONTRIBUTION** – Woden Daybreak Rotary, ACT
- * **CONTRIBUTION** – Canberra City Rotary, ACT
- * **CONTRIBUTION** – Past Woden Rotary President Jon Cassell, ACT
- * **CONTRIBUTION** – Rotarian Angela Newman, Ger-ringong Sunrise Rotary
- * **CONTRIBUTION** – Dante Alighieri Italian Choir
- * **CONTRIBUTIONS** – Anonymous
- * **DRAWINGS & SPECIFICATIONS** – Suters Architects in association with Northrop Structural Engineers, Marline mechanical, services engineering, EDC–Enterprise Drafting Company Pty Ltd, Frosts preparation of hardware schedules, Charles Martin Perspective drawings, all of Newcastle, NSW
- * **ELECTRICAL WIRING ON SITE** – Cliff Hicks & Geoff Hunt, ACT
- * **FRAMES & WHEEL CHAIRS** – Belconnen Rotary, ACT
- * **GENERAL SUPPORT** – Governor, Rotary District 9500
- * **GENERAL SUPPORT** – Rotary Club of Newcastle
- * **GENERAL SUPPORT** – Kintore Town Council, NT
- * **MATERIALS DISCOUNT** – Big "O", Alice Springs, NT
- * **PAVING MOULDS** – Wagga Rotary Clubs, NSW

Working Parties to date

These working parties have visited Alice Springs &/or Kintore to work on the project assisted by the people of Kintore.

1. **NOVEMBER 2007** – Rotarian from WODEN ROTARY: David Fox
2. **NOVEMBER 2008** – Rotarians & friends from WODEN ROTARY: Shukry Sahhar (Leader) Helen Sahhar, John & Julia Widdup, Neale Emanuel & Lucinda Lang.
3. **JUNE 2009** – Rotarians & friends from WODEN ROTARY: Shukry Sahhar (Leader), Helen Sahhar, Ros Osbourne, Lukas & Natalie Strohmayer, Bernadette Cappello, Neale Emanuel, Margaret Ellis, Cliff Hicks & Geoff Hunt.
4. **AUGUST 2009** – Rotarians & friends from WODEN ROTARY: John Widdup (Leader), Julia Widdup, Annemarie & Rod Driver, from SOUTH WAGGA WAGGA ROTARY: Eugene Maloney, Greg Bannon, Tony Christie, Mick Luckie, and from WAGGA WAGGA KOORINGAL ROTARY: Pop Power.
5. **OCTOBER 2009** – Friends of WODEN Rotary: Cliff Hicks & Geoff Hunt, (Electrical installation)
6. **JANUARY 2010** – Friend of WODEN Rotary: George Calear, (Plumbing assessment)

The 5th Working Party - Cliff Hicks

Geoff Hunt and I departed Canberra in October 2009 for our second 6,000 km return vehicle trip to Kintore. On the way we spent a whole day in Alice Springs and had discussions with Sarah Brown of WDNWPT; she expressed her great appreciation for the work Rotary has done to date. She was at that time very busy with interviews for TV, radio and the press over the issue of non-availability of NT dialysis services to individuals living in WA but only 200 km from Kintore.

We have completed all the electrical work at the *Purple House 2*, with the exception of 4 power points. These have to await other services and fittings yet to be completed. All electrical work we completed has been tested and meets (and exceeds) specifications.

All communications are completed - 13

data/telephone points, plus 6 TV points. All tested and ok. I also provided extra power below the communications 'box' so that there is adequate power points there for the comms gear, DVDs, modulator boxes, etc which may be required there.

Prior to our departure from Kintore on November, we were hosted by Bev Hansen, the coordinator of the Aboriginal Women's Centre. The women greatly appreciate the work being done by Rotary and said so in their brief but meaningful message attached to a cake they had baked for the occasion. (see illustration).

On the way back we stayed with our new friends, the Hewitts, in Alice Springs. David has assured me he is happy to go out to Kintore to finish off the several power points that I was unable to complete this trip. I also did a radio interview on the project.



Purple House 2 at Kintore – Refurbishment Plan



When refurbished the building will have three functions:

- # **RIGHT SIDE** – treatment centre with up to three dialysis units & space for patient families;
- # **CENTRE** – a kidney health education unit and;
- # **LEFT SIDE** – an accommodation unit for visiting health staff and patients.