

Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Project Receives Unanimous Approval

Karlka Niyaparli Aboriginal Corporation (KNAC) is proud to announce that the Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Project has been unanimously approved by the KNAC Board, with final endorsement from the Niyaparli Trust Decision Making Council in April 2025.

This is an historic moment for the Niyaparli community. After more than a year of extensive consultation, research, and co-design with Niyaparli members, Elders, healthcare experts, and partners across the Pilbara and Perth, six powerful recommendations have been endorsed to drive better health outcomes for Niyaparli people—now and into the future.

These recommendations focus on two core priorities: increasing access to dialysis in the Pilbara and providing culturally safe accommodation and support for those travelling to Perth for treatment. They include:

- ◆ Establishing a partnership with Wirraka Maya AMS to improve prevention, workforce development, and dialysis delivery
- ◆ Employing a Niyaparli Health Coordinator to lead culturally appropriate health promotion and early intervention
- ◆ Partnering with Kidney Health Australia to build better kidney care pathways and community education
- ◆ Establishing a Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Centre in Perth with wraparound support services with Foundation for Indigenous Sustainable Health (FISH)
- ◆ Employing a Niyaparli Dialysis Patient Support Worker, based at Purple House in Perth
- ◆ Forming a Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Committee to guide governance, partnerships, and evaluation

Together, these initiatives represent a community-led, culturally grounded, and future-focused strategy to improve kidney health outcomes and make health services more accessible, empowering, and effective for Niyaparli people.

What's Next?

With the approvals now in place, KNAC will begin the next phase of the project—implementation. This includes establishing the Committee, recruiting key roles, strengthening partnerships with service providers, and beginning the foundational steps for the Health and Wellbeing Centre in Perth.

KNAC will shortly release Terms of Reference and an Expressions of Interest from KNAC members to join the Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Project Committee which will be convened prior to the end of June.

KNAC would like to thank all the Nyiyaparli members who shared their stories, ideas, and guidance throughout this journey. Your voices have shaped every part of this project, and we are proud to move forward with your vision at the centre.

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