



The Houses & the Project:

Named Haywood House and Hutchison House after two senior Perth nephrologists, both properties are fully furnished three-bedroom, two-bathroom homes in the WA suburb of Morley.

A generous grant provided by Lotterywest funded the extensive fit-out of the houses allowing rural patients to arrive with just a suitcase.

Both homes include linen, homewares, air-conditioning, and kitchen appliances.

The cost to stay at a FAITH House

In most cases, costs are reimbursed through the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) or the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS).

Please talk to your social worker about conditions and eligibility.

Fast Facts

- Ⓚ The minimum length of stay at the houses are 2 weeks
- Ⓚ There is no additional cost to patients except a \$200 refundable bond
- Ⓚ Live kidney donors are given top priority to stay at FAITH
- Ⓚ The houses are less than a kilometre away from a large shopping complex (Centro Galleria)
- Ⓚ The two major transplant hospitals for WA are each less than 15kms away from FAITH



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FAMILY ACCOMMODATION INITIATIVE TRANSPLANT HOUSING



The Family Accommodation Initiative Transplant Housing (FAITH) Project provides fully furnished accommodation for rural Western Australian families who need to travel to Perth for live kidney transplants, to receive a transplant and for home dialysis training.



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The Kidney Health Australia FAITH Project aims to provide fully furnished family-friendly accommodation for rural and regional people who need to travel to Perth for a kidney transplant.

Background:

Transplantation is recognised as the best means of renal replacement therapy, both in terms of medical outcomes and quality of life.

For a person reliant on dialysis, receiving a kidney transplant is a life-changing event. It can positively change all aspects of their lives, from relationships to finances.

The average wait for a kidney transplant is four years.

This wait-time has led to an increase in live donations; where a healthy person donates a kidney to someone living with chronic kidney disease.

Kidney transplants are usually undertaken in city based hospitals. This means rural and regional families have little choice but to travel to the city for their operation and for follow up treatment.



The Burden of Kidney Transplantation:

The costs involved in live kidney donation can often put an overwhelming burden on families. This burden is due to both financial and emotional reasons, for example:

- regular bills and a limited income
- stress from being away from loved ones and support networks
- accommodation costs
- travel costs
- anxiety about the operation itself

In addition, there can be a huge financial burden as a result of taking prolonged time off work for the transplant.

Previously, due to financial constraints families have made inappropriate accommodation choices resorting to caravan parks, shared or boarding house accommodation for the duration of their transplant.



How FAITH has helped:

Kidney Health Australia recognised the financial and human burden that live donors face when relocating to Perth.

In 2006, Kidney Health Australia launched the **FAITH** program.

The Department of Housing and Works (WA) purchased two properties in the Perth suburb of Morley.

FAITH has assisted families travelling from Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand to participate in kidney transplants in Western Australia. These families have been welcomed and provided with **FAITH** accommodation.

The properties are the first in what is hoped to be a national roll-out of crisis accommodation for this vital and often overlooked segment of the community.