

KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL:
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SAFETY FIRST WITH SYRINGES

The safe disposal of syringes has become a real problem everywhere and Council is working with the State Government through the Area Health Service on a community based needle and syringe disposal program.

The aims of the program are to :

- Provide safe disposal facilities for community sharps
- Reduce the inappropriate disposal of needles and syringes in public areas
- Reduce the risk of needlestick injury
- Reduce the amount of needles and syringes entering domestic waste and recycling services

Council has obtained funding from the state government to purchase a number of 120 litre sharps bins and these have now been installed at the following locations that are readily accessible to the community;

- The grassed area of the Stuart Street, Kempsey car park near the access ramp into the Action supermarket
- The council car park on the corner of paragon Avenue and Gregory street, South West Rocks, near the computerised toilet, and
- The council car park opposite the Country Club in Crescent Head

50 litre plastic drum containers will be provided at

- The Yarrahappini Community House at Stuart's Point
- The Manager's office at the Hat Head Caravan Park
- the Health Outpost at Bellbrook
- Raymond's Pharmacy in Smith Street, Kempsey, and
- McAsey's Pharmacy in Belgrave Street, West Kempsey

Additional 1 litre metal containers will be located in public toilets at the day visitor area at Crescent Head reserve, Delicate Nobby and Racecourse beach toilets, the toilets in the Clyde Street Mall in Kempsey, and at the “bottom block” at Horseshoe Bay, South West Rocks.

If you use syringes, please make use of these new disposal points and help us all to live and work in a safe community.