



Raymond Terrace

in the Centro car park, near the pedestrian crossing
Port Stephens Street, Raymond Terrace



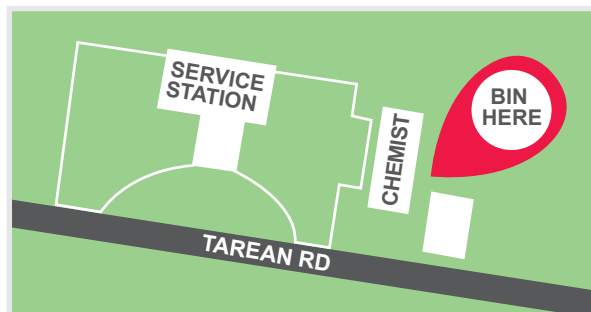
Medowie

in the Community Centre car park,
Corner of Ferodale and Medowie Roads, Medowie



Tomaree

in the Tomaree Library and Community Centre car park
Town Centre Circuit, Salamander Bay



Karuah

next to Karuah Pharmacy
18 Tarean Road, Karuah



Tilligerry

in the Aquatic Centre car park
Lemon Tree Passage Road, Mallabula



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Be a community sharps

Safety stickler

with used syringes, needles
and lancets



A guide to the safe disposal of community
sharps in Port Stephens



Health

Port Stephens Council
community sharps bins are
available 24 hours a day,
7 days a week and disposal
is free of charge.



What are community sharps?

Community sharps are needles, syringes, pen needles, lancets and similar equipment used outside medical services, such as in homes.

Many people rely on using needles and syringes to maintain their own health or that of a family member.

Injecting equipment is also used by some drug users, and by pet and livestock owners for animal healthcare.

What if I find community sharps?

The risk of acquiring a serious infection as a result of an accidental injury from a community sharp is extremely low. However, the anxiety resulting from such an injury can be significant.

If you find a syringe in a public place, help protect your community by calling the:

Needle Clean Up Hotline

1800 633 353

or Port Stephens Council

(02) 4988 0255

How do I safely dispose of community sharps?

To reduce the risk of harm to others and our environment, community sharps should always be kept secure and separate from other wastes. They should never be disposed of:

- ✗ in household waste or recycling bins (plastic syringes are NOT recyclable)
- ✗ in public litter bins
- ✗ by flushing down toilets or drains
- ✗ by discarding into the environment

Safe sharps disposal tips

- ✓ keep in a yellow sharps container or a puncture resistant container (eg heavy duty plastic, NOT glass or tin)
- ✓ store the container out of reach of children
- ✓ seal the container when 3/4 full
- ✓ dispose of container at your nearest community sharps bin in this brochure