



# Broome Needle and Syringe Exchange Program

Kimberley Mental Health Drug Service





# Acknowledgement of Country

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which you are all on today, the Whadjuk Boodjar people of the Noongar nation and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

I like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which Alishia, and the Broome NSEP is on the land of the Yawuru people and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

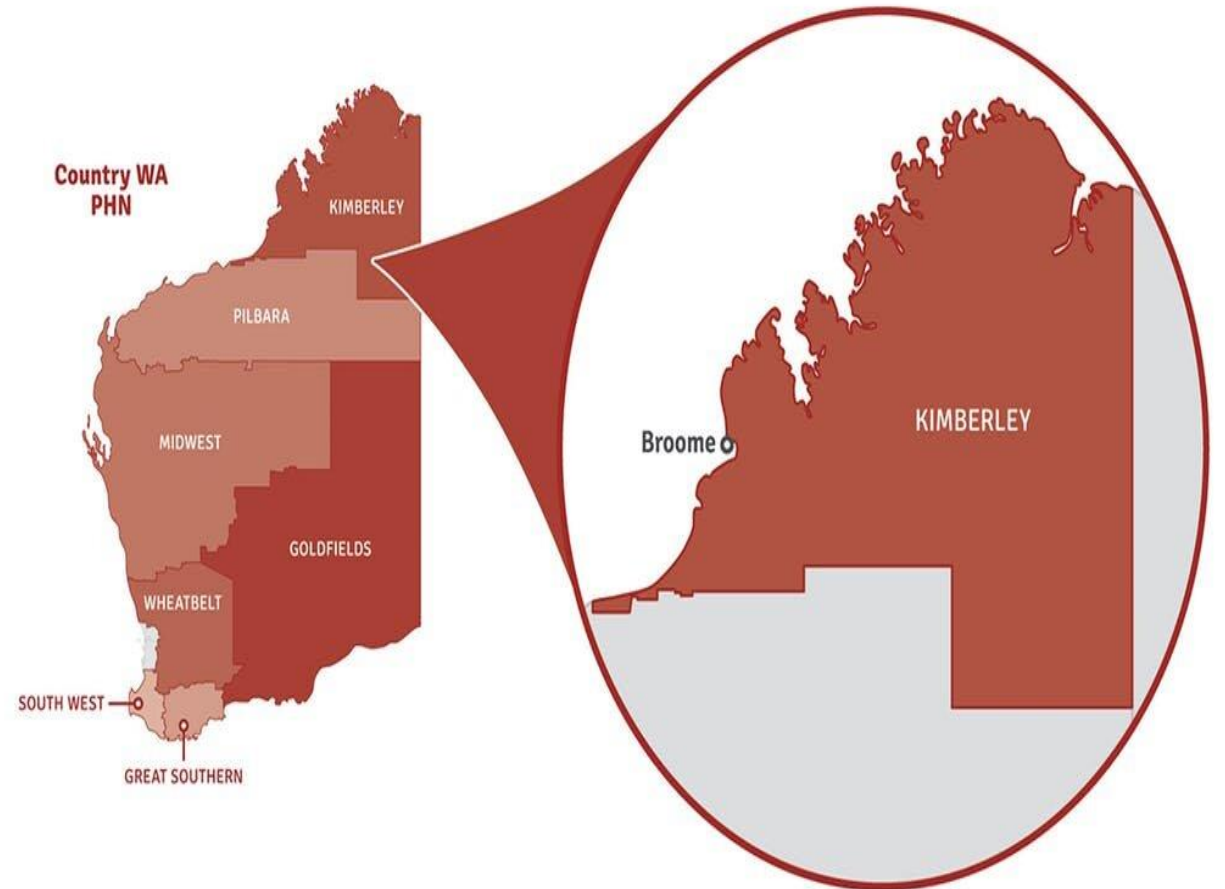
I'd also like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which I live, work and play the Kariyarra, people and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

I would like to extend my acknowledgement too, our first nations people here today with us. Additionally acknowledge that sovereignty has never been ceded. The land we are on, the land we live, work, breathe, eat and sleep; always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.



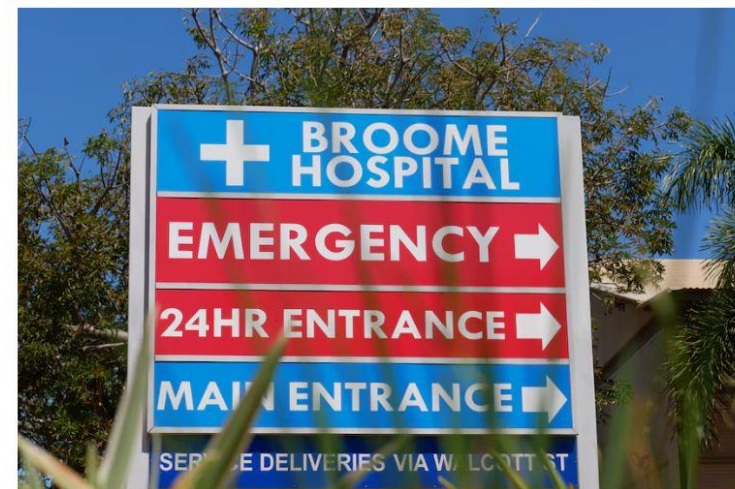
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# Needle and Syringe Program – Setting the Scene

A former hospital worker in Western Australia's far north has raised the alarm after the number of needles handed out to patients almost doubled in 12 months.



A former Broome hospital worker has raised the alarm on children accessing needles. (ABC Kimberley: Mya Kordic)

Zoe, who the ABC has chosen not to name for privacy reasons, has worked at Broome Regional Hospital distributing needle and syringe packs, known as Fitpacks, as part of her job.

She said it left her feeling "uncomfortable".



# Sharps in the Community- Setting the Scene

**The Broome Community Noticeboard** · X  
To come across used syringes strewn among Jacks cans @down Cable beach  
and 6 others · 1 comment  
You · Angry · Comment · Send

I volunteer and help my husband with his business for gardening service broom one and we find in the community housing houses that we clean in their yards so many syringes. I'm a local woman and I want to help to clean up this community. FROV  
2d · Care · Reply · 3

**CRIME WATCH Broome - Western Australia** · Anonymous member · 9 Jan · 1  
To the junkies using Roebuck primary school as your place of choice, if i find your needles lying around the school again, just know your now on notice. Its a "far%\$#" primary school where kids go to learn. Yes i picked them up and disposed of them.  
24 · Like · Comment · Send · 31 comments

Courthouse full of them. Disposing of them daily  
th · Like · Reply

They can also spill out of bins on rubbish collection day. I was walking past a house recently as its bin was being opened into the truck and syringes went everywhere. Must have been a lot in that bin!  
4h · Wow · Reply · 2

Please just let your kiddies know, keep your eyes open & also to anyone that regularly walks with dogs around the park know  
NOTE - The syringes & needles were both disposed of appropriately & safely.









nately until the police do raids properly notify dealers they are coming it won't  
New · Reply · 14

I've picked up 8 on my verge on Mary street  
th · Like · Reply

Picked up 5 needles outside bowls club this morning... luckily I keep a sharps container for my own verge pickups!  
10m · Wow · Reply · 1

I walked past the church to the markets and seen about 6 used  
Just now · Like · Reply

Walking my dogs yesterday morning and nearly stepped on this (and only 3 doors from the Cable Beach Primary School) - I have one word IRRESPONSIBLE !!!!

## Broome needle and syringe exchange program confirmed after residents raise safety fears

Frustrated residents say they are finding more discarded needles around Broome, including at ovals and primary schools, prompting the state government to introduce the program.

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## Methamphetamine addicts left with 'nowhere to go' in the Kimberley

A criminal lawyer in the state's far north says clients with methamphetamine addiction on remand or bail have been left with no treatment options, amid concerns the drug's use in the region has reached dire proportions.

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## Judge highlights outback WA's growing meth problem while sentencing drug courier

A District Court judge says communities are being "completely and utterly destroyed" by methylamphetamine, while sentencing a Kimberley man for his role as a courier in a significant drug operation.

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# Broome NSEP – Opportunity for A Different Approach

- KCADS Values:
  - Consumers at the forefront – PWID one of our services most vulnerable population.
  - Responding to community concern.
  - Connection.
- Ability to be innovative:
  - staffing model
  - no wrong door approach.
- Intra-district partnership and collaboration.
- Respond timely to Government with an informed best practice approach that was supported by stakeholders and community.



Is alcohol or drug use making you worry?

We are here to support you and your loved ones.

Kimberley Community Alcohol and Drug Service (KCADS)  
Counsellors are based in Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Kununurra and surrounding communities.

You don't need a referral – just walk in, give us a call, or we can come to you.

This is a free service.

**Get in touch**  
Kimberley Community Alcohol and Drug Service (KCADS)  
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# Broome NSEP – A Different Approach – the Location/Site



# Broome NSEP – A Different Approach Operational Considerations



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## Western Australia Country Health Service – Kimberley Mental Health Drug Service- Guidelines for establishment and Operation for Broome Needle and Syringe Exchange Program.

Guidelines for the establishment and operation of a needle and syringe program



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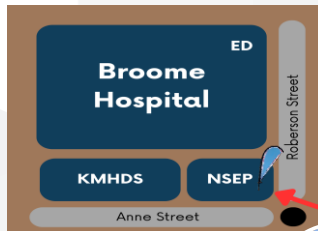


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### Broome Needle and Syringe Exchange Program (NSEP)

Open weekdays 9am – 4pm

Corner of Anne and Robinson Street



Drop in or call (08) 9194 2640 for more information.

## Take Home Naloxone Program Procedure

### Needle Syringe Exchange Program





# Learnings and Consumer Stories





# Questions



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