Community Sharps Management

Highly Commended – Division C

Holroyd City Council’s ‘Get Smart about Community Sharps Program’

Since July 1998 Holroyd City Council has implemented a Community Sharps Management Program. The program was introduced in response to Council’s increased awareness that a serious risk of needle stick injury exists through domestic users of sharps not having a convenient safe method of disposing of their used syringes and other medical sharps.

Council’s Community Sharps Management Program has not only involved the organised collection of sharps from domestic users but also initiatives to educate Holroyd’s community on what to do if needles are discovered in public areas. Over the last 15 years more than 1100 collections of sharps bins have been provided through the Community Sharps Management Program.

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Winner – Division C & Overall Category

Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) for Safe Sharps Version 2

The Safe Sharps program is an online resource which helps sharps users find approved disposal locations so that used sharps can be properly and safely disposed of. The program has been running for a number of years, however recent developments continue to raise the bar with an upgraded user web-interface, pre-completion of addresses utilising Google maps and improvements to the way in which new sites can be uploaded to the web. The upgrade was applied to the existing iphone app and an android app was introduced.

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