

# WHAT WAS THE RESEARCH?

Needle and Syringe Programs (NSPs) help people who inject drugs to be able to do so in a safer way by giving sterile needles for free or exchanging used needles for sterile needles (freshies).



NSP workers had yarns with Aboriginal people who inject drugs about what they like and don't like about NSPs. We also wanted to know how we could make NSPs better for Aboriginal people, and get more people who need them to come to NSPs.

## WHO HAD YARNS?

Thirty-two (32)



16 female



16 male

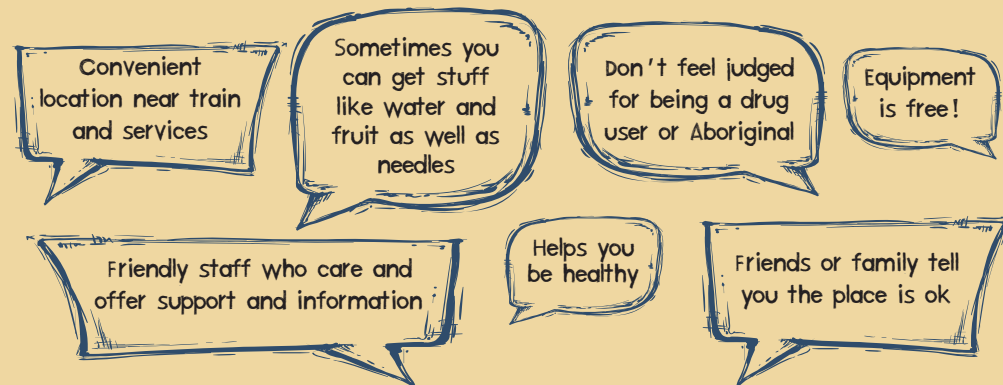
Ages 24-55

Most lived in  
Perth

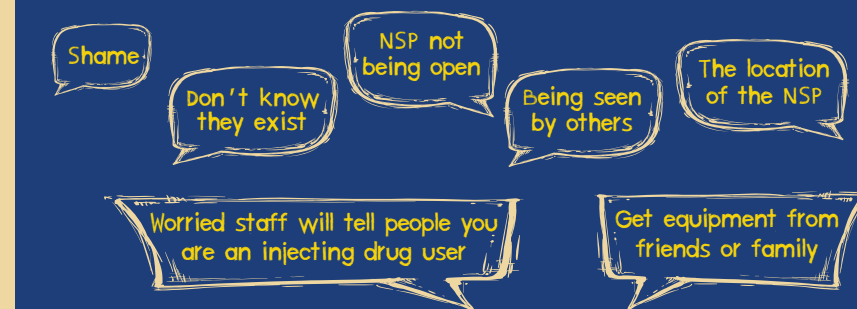


# WHAT WERE THE MAIN THINGS SAID?

## WHAT PEOPLE LIKED ABOUT NSPs



## Reasons for not going to NSPs included:



## OTHER FINDINGS

- \* Lots of people reuse their own syringes
- \* About half the people who had a yarn share their used injecting equipment with friends and family
- \* A lot of people give freshies to their family and friends (cos they want to help them out)



## WHAT NOW?

The researchers are finding some money to do more of this:

- \* PEER PROGRAM.
- \* MAKE NSPs MORE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE.
- \* LET COMMUNITY KNOW WHY NSPs ARE GOOD.
- \* EASIER ACCESS TO A RANGE OF SERVICES.
- \* MORE NSPs, AND OPEN FOR LONGER.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
THAT HELPED!

## WANT FREE SYRINGES?

Needle and syringe programs can be found here

### DERBART YERRIGAN HEALTH SERVICE

East Perth: 156 Wittenoom Street

Maddington: Unit 1, Lot 5/3 Binley Pl

Mirrabeeka: 22 Chesterfield Rd

### HEPATITISWA

134 Aberdeen St, Northbridge

### PEER BASED HARM REDUCTION WA

22/7 Aberdeen Street, Perth

### WA AIDS COUNCIL

West Perth: 664 Murray Street

Freo: Fremantle Hospital, Block A 65 South Terrace (Mon, Tues, Wed)

Van: See website for locations

Have a phone? Find out more information about where to find NSPs  
and clinics to get or check if you're healthy with this app:

### ACE ACCESS, CARE & EMPOWERMENT

(put name in the search function of your app store)



Cover artwork by Mavis, who is Wongai, Yamaji and Torres  
Strait Islander. This piece is unnamed and encompasses concepts  
of sharing without shame. A safe space. A yarnning circle.



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