

# Cessnock Residential Reuse & Upcycling Directory



This directory gives ideas for where to take your unused items that are not suitable for giving to charity but are still too good to place in your household bin.

Local charities generally accept quality homewares, furniture in good condition, books, CDs, bedding, towells and quality clothing. Always place your items in a donation bin or take them into the shop to guarantee that your goods will not get destroyed or damaged by weather or others.

Material	Where
Various items such as spare coat hangers, bubble wrap, homewares, moving boxes, old jam jars etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Websites such as Freecycle, Gumtree or <a href="http://www.craigslist.org">www.craigslist.org</a>.</li> <li>Local buy, swap and sell groups on Facebook (Newcastle and the Hunter Valley)</li> </ul>
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check with your local charity but also check <a href="http://www.bookmooch.com">www.bookmooch.com</a> where you can swap your unwanted books with others</li> </ul>
Craft items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check with local craft and art groups or your local preschool or primary school</li> <li>Preschools are often grateful for a wide variety of items which they can use for craft</li> </ul>
Bras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bras in good condition can be donated to Uplift Bras. This organisation collects bras to send to women in disadvantaged communities. Visit <a href="http://www.upliftbras.org">www.upliftbras.org</a></li> </ul>
Broken crockery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make your own mosaic artwork for the garden or decorate an existing piece of old furniture</li> <li>Check with a local art or craft group</li> </ul>
Bicycles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact local BMX or mountain bike group who may have people looking for an old bike (to use or for parts).</li> <li>Scrap metal recyclers</li> <li>Approach your local charity to see if they are aware of any families in need of a used bike</li> <li>A couple of locations (unfortunately only in Sydney - accept bike donations for people in need. Go to <a href="http://www.givenow.com.au">www.givenow.com.au</a>).</li> <li>Consider using for artwork. Visit <a href="http://www.bikefurniture.com">www.bikefurniture.com</a></li> </ul>
Glasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optometrist (optometrists in both Kurri Kurri and Cessnock accept old glasses for reuse)</li> </ul>
Prams, strollers and other baby items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider placing a poster up at your local preschool or school donating your used baby items for free or go to <a href="http://www.stkildamums.org">www.stkildamums.org</a></li> </ul>
Handbags & sanitary items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share the Dignity collect unwanted handbags and fill them with sanitary items for underprivileged women. Go to <a href="http://www.sharethedignity.com.au">www.sharethedignity.com.au</a></li> </ul>
Good quality clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charities and second hand retailers</li> <li>Also try Dress for Success and Fitted for Work in regards to donating professional clothing</li> </ul>
Worn or damaged clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H&amp;M will accept all unwanted textiles in their garment collecting box, available at all stores.</li> <li>Ask your local mechanic or local heavy industry if they want old cotton material for rags or use them yourself.</li> </ul>
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask your local charity or go to <a href="http://www.shoesforplanetearth.com">www.shoesforplanetearth.com</a> for donating sports shoes. Drop off locations exist in Newcastle.</li> </ul>
Sporting Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If your old sports equipment is still in reasonable working condition consider donating it to your local school or youth club.</li> </ul>
Hand / Power tools (in working condition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second hand dealers or ask at Cessnock Men's Shed (they may appreciate a donation!). Updated Jan 2019</li> </ul>

- Recycling Stations are located at Council's Customer Service Centre and Cessnock and Kurri Libraries. These can be used for waste batteries, light bulbs, print cartridges and mobile phones.

To find out more visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/other-waste](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/other-waste) or contact Council's Environment and Waste Section on 4993 4100. Also refer to Council's Recycling & Waste Directory .