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Health and wellbeing survey for Beaconsfield and NW Tamar region

A project mapping the community health and wellbeing needs of residents in the Beaconsfield catchment is in progress but organisers are looking for more residents to get involved.

The University of Tasmania's project officer, Helen Zournakis said the area being covered is postcodes 7270, 7275 and 7276.

"Community members are participating in focus groups and have responded to positively to the surveys that have been distributed to date," she said.

"But it's important that the initiative captures a wide range of views from as many community members as possible because this will help this project with a more inclusive representation of all population groups.

"If people would like to be involved in this project it's not too late. Their views are valuable."

The community survey phase will continue until 29 October.

The survey is now available on line and can be accessed the websites below.

<http://www.yourcommunity.com.au/> or <http://www.wtc.tas.gov.au> or

Web link to community survey:

http://www.ruralhealth.utas.edu.au/surveys/bchw_community_survey/

Password: beaCoN

Web link to youth survey:

http://www.ruralhealth.utas.edu.au/surveys/bchw_youth_survey/

Password: youthful

The Community Advisory Board Inc. (CAB) of the Beaconsfield District Health Service (BDHS) and the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) in collaboration with the West Tamar Council are currently involved in a project to map the community health and wellbeing needs of residents in the Beaconsfield catchment area.

The Beaconsfield Health and Wellbeing Mapping Project has been a timely initiative with the last health needs assessment being conducted in 2002. It has been designed to identify and prioritise the health and wellbeing needs and assets of the Beaconsfield and surrounding communities.

The project aims to gather a variety of information from community members, health service providers and community stakeholders including the council, schools, businesses and service groups in order to plan and develop funding grants, service plans and other initiatives that can be used to improve the health and wellbeing of the community in the Beaconsfield catchment area.

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