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## **Mapping health in Beaconsfield and NW Tamar**

A project mapping the community health and wellbeing needs of residents in the Beaconsfield catchment area is about to kick off.

The Community Advisory Board Inc. (CAB) of the Beaconsfield District Health Service (BDHS) and the University Department of Rural Health in collaboration with the West Tamar Council will consult with residents and service providers who live or provide services in the 7270, 7275 and 7276 postcode areas.

The Beaconsfield Health and Wellbeing Mapping Project is 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 community.

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.

The project is based around allowing the views, perceptions and thoughts of as many people as possible within the Beaconsfield catchment area to be heard.

Community members and service providers are invited to participate in this project. The two key ways in which you can participate in the project is through the community survey which will be distributed by mail and/or via a series of community focus groups from August to October 2009.

For further information please you can contact the key project members:

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