

Kentish Health Needs Assessment – Framework for Action

Impact Area: Education and Employment

Community Identified Priorities	Suggested Actions	Organisations	Priority	Time
Utilise school education/training opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investigate how to provide greater educational opportunities for post school leavers; ▪ Investigate the development of the Sheffield School as a community education hub with a lifelong learning focus; ▪ Investigate the feasibility of Registered Training Organisations providing education services to Kentish; ▪ Develop partnerships with Tas TAFE and University of Tasmania to expand local educational opportunities; 	Sheffield School Kentish Council Tas TAFE University of Tasmania Training Providers Employment Services	4	M
Provide additional Youth Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide school holiday activities for young people; ▪ Work in collaboration with service providers to provide young people with personal development opportunities; ▪ Engage service providers to deliver outreach services to Kentish young people. 	Glenhaven Kentish Council Youth Family and Community Connections	9	S
More entrepreneurial opportunities to be made available for students and youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expand delivery of the Club Kidpreneur program and/or other similar programs into local primary schools; ▪ Engage Illuminate Education and/or other similar programs to provide young people with entrepreneurial education. 	Kentish Council Sheffield School Wilmot Primary School	6	M

Impact Area: Service and Resources

Community Identified Priorities	Suggested Actions	Organisations	Priority	Time
Establishment of Community Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work with existing fitness providers to establish a community fitness centre. 	Kentish Council	1	M
Service provider mapping exercise relating to the type, nature and conditions associated with service provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertake a service mapping exercise to identify the current services provided and identify how they are accessed (i.e who, how and cost). ▪ Identify the health services within Kentish that do not operate out of the Kentish Health Centre; ▪ Identify Non Government Organisations who provide health outreach services to the Kentish community; 	Kentish Health Centre Department of Health and Human Services	5	S
Audit of mental health services currently available at a local and regional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify and map the mental health services available at a local and regional level with the aim of addressing local gaps in service delivery. 	Kentish Health Centre Department of Health and Human Services	10	S
Provide Day Centre services at Wilmot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore options for providing a regular HACCC Day Care service to the Wilmot community. 	Kentish Health Centre		S
Audit of current health promotion initiatives offered across Tasmania cross check with identified needs as expressed by the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertake an audit of existing health promotion initiatives on a state level to identify initiatives that could address community needs that are not being delivered. 	Kentish Health Centre		M

Impact Area: Lifestyle Factors, Risk and Health Status

Community Identified Priorities	Suggested Actions	Organisations	Priority	Time
Develop local campaigns using local voices of community champions as key agents of change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a campaign that utilises community champions to encourage greater individual responsibility for health. 	Kentish Health Centre Kentish Council		S
Explore running of more community events e.g. mud run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage the delivery of additional community events with health as a primary focus. 	Kentish Council, and providers		M
Continue to provide opportunities for young people to access mental health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partner with service providers to increase the level of mental health services available to young people; ▪ Participate in Youth Family and Community Connections Youth Mental Health Counselling. 	Glenhaven Family Care Kentish Council		S

Impact Area: Inclusion Support Information and Facilitation

Community Identified Priorities	Suggested Actions	Organisations	Priority	Time
<p>Continue to support healthy eating initiatives at different community demographic groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage the continued delivery of school breakfast programs by Kentish schools; ▪ Work in collaboration with service providers, the Department of Health and Human Services and schools to provide healthy eating education programs; ▪ Develop a sustainable business model for the community garden that provides fresh healthy produce to the local community; 	<p>Glenhaven Family Care</p> <p>Kentish Health Centre</p> <p>Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Service providers</p>	2	S
<p>Establish program that trains young people to be volunteer guides to take visitors to tourist and recreational sites within the municipality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage greater youth involvement in local events and cultural activities; ▪ Explore the opportunity of utilising young people to act as guides to recreational sites within the Kentish area. 	<p>Kentish Council</p> <p>Kentish Arts, Commerce and Tourism Inc.</p>		L

Impact Area: Safety Infrastructure and Environment

Community Identified Priorities	Suggested Actions	Organisations	Priority	Time
<p>Undertake monitoring and evaluation of use of existing walking tracks and bike lanes with a view to informing future investment into expanding walking and bike networks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertake a review and evaluation of existing walkways and bike paths in terms of their impact on the health of the community; ▪ Construct additional walkways and bike paths to improve community health; ▪ Implementation of the Mountain Bike Master Plan 	<p>Kentish Council Department of State Growth</p>		L
<p>Investigate initiatives that get better use out of existing infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage greater utilisation of existing walkways and bike paths; ▪ Fitness programs that utilise existing infrastructure; 	<p>Kentish Council Kentish Health Centre</p>		S

Impact Area: Transport

Community Identified Priorities	Suggested Actions	Organisations	Priority	Time
Look at transport solutions tailored for specific Groups – then determine level of funding required. Groups may need to contribute funding resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the specific transport needs of key cohorts within the community (youth, aged and/or unemployed) with the aim to determine the required funding to improve their access to transport. 	Kentish Health Centre Kentish Council Transport Service Providers		M
Better communicate what transport is currently available, what it is for, who can use it and how	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement a promotions campaign that provides information to user groups, referral organisations, and to and the wider community on the type, availability and accessibility of local transport options. 	Kentish Council Kentish Health Centre	3	S
Lobby for government funding to support implementations of local transport strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use an evidence based approach to lobby the Tasmanian Government for funding to undertake an extended public transport trial. 	Kentish Council		L
Summarise local transport information available to key service providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a comprehensive and regularly updated list of transport options available to Kentish community. 	Kentish Health Centre	7	S

Impact Area: Partnerships and Collaboration

Community Identified Priorities	Suggested Actions	Organisations	Priority	Time
Seek interest from community to establish local Social Determinants of Health Action Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a subcommittee under the Kentish Healthcare Centre Advisory Committee responsible for overseeing the implementation of the action plan. 	Kentish Council	8	S

Notes:

*Priorities were determined by the Community Health Needs Assessment Project Team after reviewing the draft report.

*Changes to timelines and or priorities are subject to the discretion of the Kentish Health Care Advisory Committee of Council.

*Time Frames: Short Term 1 year
 Medium Term 2-5 years
 Long Term 5+ years