

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MUNICIPAL HEALTH PLAN

Overall

Congratulations on pulling the various pieces together for this the second health plan for the municipality. We have provided the following few comments as part of our ongoing interest and support of the health planning process .

The draft plan has been able to address some of the concerns about the first plan which was impressively broad and visionary, but somewhat unrealistic. This plan has been able to retain some sense of the holistic nature of a health plan for Kiama while then defining more achievable strategies for which Kiama Council is primarily responsible. This is not an easy mix to achieve.

The use of the KMC website as a source of information remains an increasingly important conduit in relation to many strategies which relate to the provision of information on a whole range of issues.

Specific Comments

- p18 I would like to see a couple of steps added in the diagram:
- between 'draft plan for public exhibition' and 'plan adoption' would add "amendments considered and made"
 - After Implementation add " Annual Review of progress"

Would move p60 up to p19 as this explains the process and is relevant at this point.

p35 Physical Activity Section

KMC plays the lead role in providing and maintaining facilities and sportsgrounds. This may not be a new project but it is important in promoting physical activity we suggest a strategy which relates to the "ongoing development of local sporting facilities to meet changing community need". The role KMC plays in running the Sports Liaison committee should be noted as an ongoing commitment.

p25 , 1.7 There are other opportunities for KMC to support local service providers in addition to the provision of community data. Participating in projects to address emerging social health areas as mental health, domestic violence, single parent families, social isolation in the elderly are all important but, we understand these may be covered in the social plan.

p36, 8.3 There could be a strategy for the "review and upgrade of provision of effective shade structures at key locations throughout municipality". It was also a bit unclear if this strategy was for Council's own workforce/events or more broadly in the community.

p39, 9.5 Should also include residential care settings eg. Blue Haven for the falls prevention program.

p48, 13.1 10% of businesses seems a rather low target within 2 years. With a push a 25% target seems reasonable.

p54, 15.4 Would the traffic committee be a partner in relation to new footpaths?

p55, 15.9 The large developments need to be assessed from the perspective of access to public transport and car alternatives in the DA process prior to the approval. This should be occurring during an EIS but is critical in ensuring the promotion of alternative transport from the outset.

p61, Various typos which you may already have picked up. van Weerdenburg is Katherine with a K.