

### 1) Regional Leadership Forum meetings: *central and local government*

- The next COBOP Regional Leadership Forum will be held on **October 20th** at Rotorua Lakes Council.
- Regional Leadership Forum meeting summary and presentations are [available here](#)

### 2) Action Clusters Update

Action Clusters are the practical working groups devolved from key challenges and opportunities agreed on by the COBOP Regional Leadership Forum.

- **Community Safety:** This group met on 15<sup>th</sup> August. The group progressed conversations from the first meeting held in April and decided that there is value in proceeding with an action cluster for COBOP in more of a preventative (rather than reactive) space: community resiliency. Discussion included Safer Communities and how COBOP could add value to those networks already in place. Draft objectives will be workshopped in mid-September with this group.

Current agencies include: Kawerau District Council, Whakatane District Council, Tauranga City Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Taupo District Council, BOPDHB & Lakes DHB's, Toi Te Ora Public Health, NZ Police; Fire & Emergency NZ, Corrections, Emergency Management BOP, MVCOT (Ministry for Vulnerable Children), Tauranga Western BOP Safer Communities (TWBSC), Dept of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Social Development. Connections have also been made with BayTrust as a regional funder of community safety initiatives across the region and Safer Communities Foundation NZ (Regional Coordinator).

- **Housing and Health:** The objectives of this cluster are:
  1. to provide leadership and coordination for healthy housing work,
  2. to improve the health of vulnerable communities and families/whanau in the region,
  3. and to reduce health care costs

Since the last forum meeting in May, a working group has formed to plan for a workshop on Healthy Homes Initiatives; forum member Brian Pointon (BOPDHB) has presented to CONNECT (a regional network that COBOP is involved with focussed on business growth) to explore the business connection to healthy housing projects.

Housing NZ has also shared healthy homes infographic "Warm and Dry" with the forum and agencies are able to use this resource across the scope of working with people living in potentially cold, damp housing. Members include: EECA, Toi Te Ora Public Health (Chair), BayTrust, Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kokiri, Kawerau District Council, Whakatane District Council, Tauranga City Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Taupo District Council, BOP Regional Council, WBOP District Council, Lakes and BOP DHB's. More information here:

[http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/healthy\\_homes\\_housing\\_forum](http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/healthy_homes_housing_forum) .

- **Workforce Development/Employment:** Work progresses with Bay of Plenty Tertiary Intentions Group regarding development of a practical regional labour market model. This is part of the Regional Growth Action Plan. Waikato University currently undertaking a stocktake of initiatives in the region.

A presentation and brief workshop activity was undertaken by Greg Simmonds (BOPTI) and Brendon Gardner (MBIE) regarding a labour market strategy to the Regional Leadership Forum in June.

- **Environmental Sustainability:** The objectives of this cluster are:
  1. To lead by example as agencies in environmental and sustainability policy and practice
  2. To enhance community and Iwi capacity in their endeavours towards improved environmental outcomes,
  3. To recognise and respond cohesively and collaboratively to environmental and sustainability challenges and opportunities to the region.

Since August, the group has progressed to actions. Objective 1 and 3 include taking stock of COBOP members policies, practices, strategies and intent re sustainability - a regional scan across the network. The cluster will be workshopping the collection of information in mid-September to look for common threads for best practice and direction/intent amongst agencies. The cluster is working closely with Sustainable Business Bay of Plenty to do this and, towards the end of this year, plan to run a workshop to present key findings to COBOP (as a network) and to work alongside Sustainable Business BOP on a workshop with elected members and staff of local government in the BOP. The cluster has also made connection with BayTrust as a regional funder in this space also and look forward to including them in discussions around objective 2.

Members include: Toi Te Ora Public Health, Te Puni Kokiri, Kawerau District Council, Whakatane District Council, Tauranga City Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, BOP Regional Council (Chair), WBOP District Council, Dept of Internal Affairs and the Dept of Conservation (co-Chair)2.

- **CONNECT Regional Prosperity:** The objectives of this cluster are:
  1. That regional relationships are strengthened
  2. To identify and act on opportunity
  3. To promote business success

COBOP agencies have been meeting with CONNECT, a regional network of business growth organisations, since 2013. Connections with this group have seen the original COBOP economic cluster join CONNECT and benefit from these relationships. Recently CONNECT (10 years old as a network) reviewed its purpose and is currently discussing the objectives above. COBOP supports this as an action cluster. Connections continue between CONNECT, COBOP and Bay of Connections with the recent update of the Toi Moana [Regional Growth Action Plan](#).

### 3) Further information

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