

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

- The COBOP Regional Leadership Forum was held on **June 30th** held at Rotorua Lakes Council.
- Updates from action clusters were given and discussion held on progress
- 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:** Scheduled to meet 15th August to progress first meeting discussions. Please note, first meeting held just before the Edgumbe and Whakatane flooding event. Many COBOP member agencies (central and local) have been involved in recovery, hence delaying this meeting until now.
- **Housing and Health:** The objectives of this cluster are: to provide leadership and coordination for healthy housing work, to improve the health of vulnerable communities and families/whanau in the region, and reduce health care costs. The last forum meeting was held in May and included an update on the Liveable Homes Project (Edgumbe Recovery). The forum has made connections with Housing NZ and progressed work towards actions for the group. Members include: EECA, Toi Te Ora Public Health, 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.
- **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:** This group has met in June and recently in August to progress objectives and actions for the group. In June, the group agreed on draft objectives (below) and have recently begun discussions on actions. Objectives for this group include: To lead by example as agencies in environmental and sustainability policy and practice; To enhance community and Iwi capacity in their endeavours towards improved environmental outcomes; To recognise and respond cohesively and collaboratively to environmental and sustainability challenges and opportunities to the region. These objectives were presented to the Regional Leadership Forum with support to proceed. 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, WBOP District Council, Dept of Internal Affairs and the Dept of Conservation.
- **Regional Prosperity:** 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 objectives for collaboration. 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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