

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

- The last 2017 COBOP Regional Leadership Forum (RLF) was held on **October 20th** at Rotorua Lakes Council. These meetings occur three times a year with Chief Executives and Regional Managers of local and central government agencies working in the Bay of Plenty.
- The focus of the October RLF was on local/central government connection points post-election and post LTCCP processes, as well as cluster progress in 2017. With potential changes for central government agencies located in the region, COBOP remains a constant connection point. Early 2018 the RLF will be an important conduit for communicating central government new policy direction, staff or structural changes related to our region.
- A further focus of the October RLF was to look at cluster progress this year. Environmental sustainability is a new cluster for COBOP, and the forum workshopped agency responses to sustainability and climate change including: What we are doing as organisations; what we are doing with our communities and; what we could do together. (Outlined in RLF summary notes.)
- RLF presentations are [available here on the COBOP website](#). Please contact the [COBOP Coordinator \(samepage101@icloud.com\)](mailto:samepage101@icloud.com) for RLF summary notes.

### 2) Action Clusters Update:

*Practical working groups devolved from key challenges and opportunities agreed on by the COBOP RLF.*

#### **Community Safety**

- On the 8<sup>th</sup> November the group confirmed the objectives (below) and are now moving towards setting actions.
- Objectives:
  1. Local and central government agencies working in social/community resilience/safety/prevention are connected and effective
  2. Communities are enabled, connected, safe and socially resilient
  3. The cluster recognises and responds cohesively and collaboratively to emerging challenges and opportunities to the region
- The cluster will meet again in February 2018 to work on these, recognising that potential changes in central government agencies may have an impact on work in this area.
- *Current members 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

- An Empowering Communities Workshop was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November in Rotorua. The focus of the workshop was to create a toolkit of practical resources (templates, guides, videos etc.) to share with communities to build their capabilities and empower them to implement healthy housing initiatives locally. Opportunities were also identified for a clear set of wider actions for Lakes and Bay of Plenty Healthy Housing Forum and the healthy housing sector to work on. Existing resources will also be included in the toolkit.
- This is a policy area where we are expecting to have rapid change from the new government including a likely extension and widening of EECA subsidies beyond June 2018, passing of the Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill (No2) which changes the Residential Tenancies Act in relation to minimum housing standards and tenancy rights; increased resourcing into tenancy compliance etc.
- A communications plan is being prepared for a media campaign in April/May 2018. The campaign will focus on parents of children living in high deprivation areas and utilise existing health information resources. The messaging will include actions people can undertake to improve their housing conditions which are free or of very low cost.
- BOPDHB have also put together a newsletter update on their Healthy Housing Initiative. November update can be [found here](#) and people can subscribe to this update through [brian.pointon@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:brian.pointon@bopdhb.govt.nz).
- *Members include: EECA, Toi Te Ora Public Health (Chair), BayTrust, Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kokiri, Dept of Internal Affairs, 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:**

- The Bay of Plenty Tertiary Intentions Group have published a stocktake of initiatives in the region undertaken by Waikato University. An update on this was given by Greg Simmonds (BOPTI) and Brendon Gardner (MBIE) at the Regional Leadership Forum in October. BOPTI are now seeking feedback on the first draft of this.
- The draft Bay of Plenty Labour Market Strategy is [available here for your comment](#).
- Please forward all feedback to Brendon Gardner at MBIE: [Brendon.Gardner@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Brendon.Gardner@mbie.govt.nz)

#### **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.
- This cluster met again 18<sup>th</sup> October and have progressed in many areas including discussions on a regional response to climate change. As mentioned above, discussions were held at the RLF with an engaging response from local and central government agencies towards a collaborative approach.
  - On 13<sup>th</sup> November Rotorua Lakes Council hosted a regional workshop with Michael Nolan from the [UN Global Compact Cities Programme](#) for Councils to explore opportunities for collaboration in climate change. 26 participants attended, both elected members and staff, as well as Sustainable Business Network BOP and Toi Te Ora Public Health representatives.
  - The cluster meets again on 30<sup>th</sup> November and will look at 'where to from here' with the information gathered at the UNGCC workshop.
  - More information on the [UN Global Compact Cities here](#) and a factsheet on [Accelerating Implementation of Partnered Projects here](#).

- *Current 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). The cluster has also connected with SBN BOP and BayTrust regarding cluster objectives and connections.*

**CONNECT Regional Prosperity:** The objectives of this cluster are:

1. To strengthen regional business relationships
  2. To identify and act on opportunity in the regional business arena
  3. To promote regional business success
- NZT&E have stepped down from the Chairing role of this group. As an interim steering group to take CONNECT forward, EBOP Chamber of Commerce, Priority One, COBOP and Bay of Connections met in early November to work on progressing objectives of this existing network.
  - Note, this is an existing network that COBOP has worked with over the last 3 years to involve a connection point for local and central government agencies with those working with regional business development initiatives.
  - CONNECT's last meeting for 2017 is 5 December in Rotorua.
  - Key areas for further discussion include:
    - Labour market and workforce development (5 Dec)
    - Maori economic development (5 Dec)
    - Tourism (2018)
    - Transport (2018)
    - Business mentoring (5 Dec)
    - Climate change and sustainable business (2018)
    - Housing and health (workforce and employee focus) (2018)

A [summary of all clusters](#) for 2017 is located here.

### 3) Further information

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- To subscribe to COBOP e-news (monthly) contact the [COBOP Coordinator](#) ([samepage101@icloud.com](mailto:samepage101@icloud.com))
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