

COBOP Social Cluster Agency Updates May 2015



ACC

As noted in the media ACC are undergoing a change (Source NZ Stuff April 17 2015). "Shaping Our Future" as it's called is about making ACC better for customers. We're redesigning how we work to deliver a better customer experience, through our people, processes and technology. Part of that will include a review of injury prevention activities.

MSD

Work and Income

Benefit Data

In the BOP region, Maori make up 57% of clients on benefit and young people aged between 18-24, are approximately 17% of those on benefit. Compared to other regions, the BOP region has a high proportion of sole parent support clients. More detailed quarterly data is available at: <http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/index.html>

Work and Income Regions	Mar-15									
	Gender		Ethnic Group				Age Group			
	Male	Female	NZ European	Maori	Pacific Island	All other ethnicities	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-54 years	55-64 years
Auckland Metro	34,750	52,350	26,076	24,686	16,405	18,562	13,669	27,727	27,643	18,061
Bay of Plenty	10,839	15,810	9,135	14,838	585	1,639	4,772	8,600	8,273	5,004
Canterbury	9,010	13,095	14,804	3,714	462	2,700	3,123	6,473	7,393	5,116
Central	8,301	10,503	10,341	6,086	343	1,731	3,392	5,711	5,778	3,923
East Coast	6,586	10,123	5,768	9,296	358	1,018	2,764	5,339	5,154	3,452
Nelson	4,317	5,721	6,940	1,911	68	917	1,426	2,696	3,462	2,454
Northland	7,539	9,206	5,163	10,320	212	875	2,732	4,994	5,448	3,571
Southern	8,042	10,143	13,094	2,831	239	1,611	3,022	5,264	5,728	4,171
Taranaki	6,544	8,343	7,345	6,317	132	880	2,511	4,469	4,707	3,200
Waikato	10,390	14,025	10,422	10,582	412	2,537	4,571	7,791	7,389	4,664
Wellington	10,455	12,235	9,518	6,568	2,300	3,797	4,161	7,316	6,887	4,326
Other	2,377	3,556	1,470	1,199	615	1,349	1,197	525	1,621	2,590
Total	119,150	165,110	120,076	98,348	22,131	37,616	47,340	86,905	89,483	60,532

Work and Income Regions	Mar-15									
	Jobseeker Support		Sole Parent Support		Supported Living		Other Main Benefits		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Auckland Metro	38,597	33.0	23,232	33.0	24,392	26.1	879	25.7	87,100	30.6
Bay of Plenty	12,271	10.5	7,744	11.0	6,334	6.8	300	8.8	26,649	9.4
Canterbury	6,840	5.9	4,973	7.1	10,165	10.9	127	3.7	22,105	7.8
Central	7,511	6.4	4,120	5.9	7,021	7.5	152	4.5	18,804	6.6
East Coast	5,682	4.9	4,798	6.8	6,109	6.5	120	3.5	16,709	5.9
Nelson	4,143	3.5	2,476	3.5	3,372	3.6	47	1.4	10,038	3.5
Northland	7,709	6.6	4,349	6.2	4,492	4.8	195	5.7	16,745	5.9
Southern	7,392	6.3	3,977	5.7	6,756	7.2	60	1.8	18,185	6.4
Taranaki	5,815	5.0	3,552	5.0	5,481	5.9	39	1.1	14,887	5.2
Waikato	9,861	8.4	6,244	8.9	8,106	8.7	204	6.0	24,415	8.6
Wellington	10,902	9.3	4,819	6.8	6,818	7.3	151	4.4	22,690	8.0
Other	170	0.1	89	0.1	4,534	4.8	1,140	33.4	5,933	2.1
Total	116,893	100.0	70,373	100.0	93,580	100.0	3,414	100.0	284,260	100.0

Social Housing

Tauranga continues to be the area in the BOP region that has the greatest demand and pressure on social housing stock. The following information sets out MSD's purchasing intentions for Tauranga.

Tauranga District had 139 applicants on the register in March 2015 (101 are on the housing register and 38 are on the transfer register), making up around three percent of the total register. There were also 1,223 occupied social houses in Tauranga District (March 2014 data). Demand for one-bedroom and four-bedroom places may not be addressed efficiently through tenant exits.

MSD has also taken into account that Tauranga District is an area of higher projected growth in the number of households compared to the national average, with a projected household growth rate of 1.8 percent (Statistics New Zealand, 2010).

COBOP Social Cluster Agency Updates May 2015



	<p>Research has identified that the rapidly growing population in the Bay of Plenty area will result in reduced housing affordability into the future, and that the ageing population will increase the existing undersupply of one and two-bedroom social houses (Capital Strategy/SGS Economics and Planning, 2007).</p> <p>MSD's intentions</p> <p>MSD's purchasing intentions for Tauranga District are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchase slightly more one-bedroom places (an estimated 40) – some of these could be two-bedroom places where the cost is similar and supply is more readily available • purchase slightly more two-bedroom places (an estimated 20) • maintain current levels of purchasing of three-bedroom places • purchase slightly more four-bedroom and larger places (an estimated 10). <p>More information about social housing can be found on: http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/social-housing/purchasing-intentions/index.html</p> <p>Other information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Bryant has completed his visits to all BOP mayors and all of mayors have expressed their support for working with Government and communities to improve social outcomes in their areas. • MSD is part of the Lakes Rotorua Youth Transitions initiative and will lead a project that will place Work and Income's Youth Services clients into employment by working closely with 20 employers, the local chamber of commerce and the current Youth Services Provider. It is expected that these clients will be provided with on-going support to ensure that they are able to secure permanent employment. • Working with Iwi across the BOP will become an area of focus for MSD, as we look at how we can reduce the number of Maori on benefit, this work will build on relationships already established with Iwi such as Tuhoe and Te Arawa.
<p>Community Investment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the merger of the former Family and Community Services and the funding staff from CYFS, we have made good progress in building a new cohesive team with a community investment advisor responsible for all investment activity in specific communities. • Over the next few months the Minister will be releasing a new investment strategy which will clarify the focus of CI investments on better outcomes for Vulnerable Children, Vulnerable Youth and Vulnerable Adults. • The Minister is also requesting that our investments be reconfigured to get those outcomes with the guidance of locally based initiatives such as Children's Teams, Social Sector Trials and Whanau ora.
<p>CYF</p>	<p>The Minister has appointed an External Review Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel will provide external expertise, oversee and develop the business case for modernising Child, Youth and Family, and also provide independent advice. The Welfare Working Group and Work and Income Board are examples of similar advisory mechanisms. • The expert panel will be advisory in nature and will not have decision making powers. Accountability for programme delivery remains with MSD's Chief Executive. They will oversee and develop the business case for modernising the way Child, Youth and Family works.

COBOP Social Cluster Agency Updates May 2015



BOP DHB	
Influenza	The influenza vaccine arrived in the country one month later than usual, so there is less time for the 1.2+ million New Zealanders who get vaccinated each year to be immunised. All government agency staff are strongly encouraged to vaccinated against influenza to protect the staff themselves, their work colleagues, families and friends, and the general public they serve. Remember that people can spread the influenza virus for 48 hours before they develop symptoms and for 5 days after feeling well again.
Healthy Housing	The new Ministry of Health funded scheme to reduce crowding in houses where children under 14 at risk of acute rheumatic fever live is now fully operational. The service includes referral from three defined sources, a home assessment, and then connection to a range of interventions to improve the housing conditions and support the family/whanau to prevent rheumatic fever.
Rapid response clinics	Rapid response clinics are now in place in selected communities in the Bay of Plenty to manage sore throats and therefore protect children aged 0-19 from the possibility of getting rheumatic fever. These clinics are in place in Whakatane South and West, Edgcumbe and Tauranga. Families can find out where their nearest free clinic is across the wider Bay of Plenty by contacting the Healthline 0800 611 116
Healthy Families NZ	The Healthy Families East Cape project, which includes Opotiki District, was launched by the Minister of Health and Sport on 17 April in Gisborne. This was the first launch of a Healthy Families project. The project is being managed through a number of iwi across the Opotiki and Tairāwhiti region, with support from district councils, DHBs, Regional Sports Trusts, Public Health Units and other health and education services. The focus is on healthy weight management, physical activity, nutrition, smokefree behaviours and moderate use of alcohol across all ages.
Influenza	The influenza vaccine arrived in the country one month later than usual, so there is less time for the 1.2+ million New Zealanders who get vaccinated each year to be immunised. All government agency staff are strongly encouraged to vaccinated against influenza to protect the staff themselves, their work colleagues, families and friends, and the general public they serve. Remember that people can spread the influenza virus for 48 hours before they develop symptoms and for 5 days after feeling well again.
BOP Regional Council	
Long Term Plan	<p>Deliberations will be held later in the month. The following are key areas in the Long Term Plan for the region.</p> <p>Air Quality - if the Rotorua Air Quality incentives are approved then the following subsidies will be available to homeowners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOPRC will continue their third party funding to the EECA Warm-Up NZ Insulation Programme for another year. This allows Rotorua airshed homeowners free insulation and a free heat pump (in exchange for their non-compliant fire). • If Rotorua airshed ratepayers have a combined household income of ≤\$50,000, and they have a non-compliant fire, but want to exchange it for a compliant wood burner, Council will install a compliant wood burner for free (capped number of subsidies per annum). • Hot Swap Scheme will be continued for homeowners in the Rotorua airshed. Under Hot Swap they can upgrade non-compliant fires with gas, pellet or wood burners, as well as heat pumps. Any income bracket can access Hot Swap - landlords and owner occupiers.


COBOP Social Cluster Agency Updates May 2015



	<p>Healthy Homes Rotorua (the group that coordinate EECA Warm-Up NZ) combine their funding to enable insulation of properties anywhere in the wider Rotorua region. Rental properties can be insulated with a minimal landlord contribution (approximately \$500). There is a waiting list for insulation of rental properties. Still plenty of funding for owner-occupied properties.</p> <p>Water Quality improvement- for the Rotorua lakes.</p> <p>Resilience and Safety - flood Protection controls for Whakatāne area.</p> <p>Public Transport - continuation of public transport throughout the region</p>
Toi Te Ora	
Long term Plans	<p>Toi Te Ora is currently working on its submissions to the councils' review of their Long Term Plans. Toi Te Ora has one city council, six district councils and two regional councils in its region. Toi Te Ora submits on a number of topics and in every submission is encouraging each council to consider expanding its current smokefree public places policy to cover smoking outside cafes, restaurants and bars.</p>
Childhood infection work:	<p>The first of two multidisciplinary skin infections workshops was held in Whakatane to share initial progress and pilot work. The workshop also sought ideas for possible interventions to address this serious issue affecting large numbers of children in this region. The second workshop is planned to be held in Rotorua in June and CoBOP members are welcome to attend.</p> <p>A public health physician to carry out a health needs assessment for childhood respiratory infections.</p>
Food Security work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toi Te Ora is supporting the development of a national food network being led by the Sustainable Business Network. Toi Te Ora is a recognised leader in this area and the national network aligns closely with its food security work. The Ministry of Health also supports the new development and will be promoting involvement from the Healthy Families New Zealand programme areas. • The School of Population Health, Auckland University has approached Toi Te Ora to be involved in a research project. The project will create a smartphone application (app) for collecting information about the healthiness of local community food environments (i.e., schools, supermarkets, workplaces, sport clubs, etc.). As a partner, Toi Te Ora will be part of the design, testing and launching phases of the app and, will be privy to all of the data collected over the duration of the project. • Toi Te Ora has undertaken the Otago University Food Costs Survey with all supermarkets across the region. Analysis of the data collected is being undertaken by Otago University.
Youth Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toi Te Ora is represented on the Lakes DHB Te Whanake governance group which is in the process of finalising its strategic plan. One of the plans goals is to see the implementation of the new Lakes Youth Strategy.
Clean Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toi Te Ora is a member of the Rotorua clean air working group.
Lakes DHB	
Suicide Prevention and Postvention Plan (SPPV plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of a national requirement by the Ministry of Health, Lakes DHB submitted its draft copy of a Suicide Prevention and Postvention Plan on the 20th April 2015. • The plan will be finalised by the 20th July 2015 for sign off by the MoH and implementation. • In brief, the plan takes an educative approach to SPPV with the DHB wanting to continue investing in training that supports community and agencies to recognise psychological distress and guide people to the right place for assistance. The second focus in the plan is developing a robust pathway where notifications of suicide are responded to in a consistent way while identifying and putting support structures in place for others who may be at risk because of the suicide event. To do this effectively, Lakes DHB will need other public sector partners to become part of the pathway. It is hoped that CoBoP will become a conduit through which some of the essential SPPV work can happen.

COBOP Social Cluster Agency Updates May 2015



Annual Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Funding/Corporate Services are in the process of finalizing the DHB's Annual Plan. This document outlines the priority actions for the coming financial year. • Actions that may be of interest to CoBoP will be brought to the next meeting.
Maternal and Child Health Integration Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A significant focus on healthy pregnancy and healthy early years has led to the development of programs that aim to engage parents early in pregnancy. The programs are targeted at more vulnerable parents, providing support from pregnancy through to the child commencing school. Three initiatives exist – Western Heights (Kia Puawai), Turangi (Awhi House) and Taupo.
Falling in Love with You, Baby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vision of this project is that every caregiver understands the very essence of attachment, and why it is so important that every child is nurtured and loved. • This work aligns to the recent Bay Trust, "Opportunities to make a positive impact in the first 1000 days of a child's life" document. • The report was completed end of March. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2015-03-16 Falling in Love with You Baby_!</p> </div>

Rotorua Lakes District

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Plan- consultation document out 1 May, submissions close 2 June. Key topics include waste strategy, child health centre and library, community house. Submission form located at http://www.rdc.govt.nz/our-council/consultation-and-public-notices/ltp2015/Documents/Submission-form.pdf Consultation document at http://www.rdc.govt.nz/our-council/consultation-and-public-notices/ltp2015/Pages/default.aspx Submission hearing dates 8 and 9 June, plan to be adopted 30 June. • Te Arawa Partnerships- approx. 1900 submissions, hearings underway with approx. 200 presentations. Council decision due 26 May. • Representation Review- working party meetings and engaging with community now • People Portfolio: Working to develop mature people's forum to enable voice/ participation across council's portfolios. Meeting 4 May at Ohinemutu. Also working to propose a model for community leadership of cross sector programmes/ projects. Treasure Rotorua Safer Communities- Chris Webber employed as Coordinator with focus on re-designation work over next few months. • Sustainable Living: Steering group convened and beginning work to develop strategy. Public meeting 29 April with presentations on clean energy including use of biomass and district heating schemes, subgroup progressing. Nappy Lady- subsidised so cost just \$12. Parenting/ home focussed waste education sessions 14 May and 24 June. Book via: www.thenappylady.co.nz or Ph. 07 549 2955. A number of communities using the Neighbourhood Matching Fund to assist e.g. with community gardens, environmental clean-ups. • Creative Portfolio • Sport and Recreation Portfolio- steering group working with material from community engagement activities to develop draft strategy by June, which council will approve before community feedback on the draft is sought. • Inner City Portfolio: Green Corridor under construction, due to be complete mid-July. Bus routes change 29 June, bike racks added to buses • Economic Portfolio- rural broadband: looking to identify rural areas with poor broadband access as well as areas without cell phone coverage as there is central government funding to address. Contact andrew.wilson@rdc.govt.nz <p>The Big Az Rotaz Race- youth event information at: https://www.facebook.com/ROTAZYouth</p>
--	---

WBOP District Council	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had just under 300 people attend our roadshow open days across the District to learn about the Long Term Plan. We have purchased a 70's retro caravan called 'Limelight' and have created a 'camping ground' like setting which we set up across the District to encourage people to come and learn about the Long Term Plan. As of 29 April we have 500+ submissions with one day to go. Council worked with funding agencies, particularly Acorn to undertake some research which asked a representative group of residents about what was important to them and how they rate how well the area is doing in addressing a wide range of issues. The key issues identified in the Vital signs research is affordable housing, the economy and income inequality. Local funders are working together with Councils and the BOPDHB to see how we may progress these issues. Council's community committee held a workshop with a range of community organisations to explore what the issues are that the community are facing including community issues that Councillors are aware of throughout the District. The aim is for an action plan to be developed identifying how Council can support community organisations and how community organisations can support community outcomes.
Department of Internal Affairs	
<p>Community Development Scheme (CDS) – Maketu</p>	<p>The project continues to be a focus for the community and the Project Worker is a key avenue to support the project, community initiatives and activities. There is an increase in interaction with individuals who though initially hesitant of the project are now involved and this is leading to an increase in community pride and sense of belonging. The 'We are Maketu, Maketu is Us' community plan has been revised with assistance from the Project Worker and supports aspects of the ongoing mahi of this project. The Project Team are researching opportunities to support this community initiative beyond the project extended term. The additional support worker has recently been employed and is making a positive difference to the project. Significant changes are occurring in relationships between different groups in the community as the group states there has been a decrease in silo mentality within their village. This is leading to increased participation in community-led initiatives and opportunities for members of the community to develop leadership skills and the capability and capacity of groups is being developed.</p>
<p>Community Development Scheme – Rotorua</p>	<p>'The Intergenerational Project' is based at the Rotorua Community Youth Centre. 2015 is the second year of the three year project. The project is currently seeking young people and adults willing to learn and share their skills through their Business Exchange, Community and Project Generate Skills Exchange. Find out more http://www.intergenerationalproject.nz/</p>
<p>Potential Community Development Scheme – Katikati</p>	<p>MPOWA have been meeting over the last two years and have representatives of: young people; a number of local social service groups including the Maori Wardens; local and central government (Ministry of Social Development and Western Bay of Plenty Council) amongst others.</p>
<p>Applications close on 27 May for allocation meeting August for CDS</p>	<p>MPOWA support the aspirations of their young people and those who work with young people and their families. The group (together with young people) had highlighted areas of concern for young people living in Katikati.</p>
<p>Community Internship Programme</p>	<p>The group are considering the value and benefits of the Community Development Scheme to contribute to the long-term outcomes of this youth community-led initiative and support the community to determine their own outcomes.</p>
	<p>Open for next round late July with mid September closing date and allocation meeting late November. Start will be Jan 2016.</p>

COBOP Social Cluster Agency Updates May 2015



<p>Current CIP – SILC</p> <p>New online system for services and grants</p>	<p>SILC Charitable Trust are completing their successful Community Internship Programme. An intern (based with an Auckland organisation) joined the Trust bringing specialist skills in information technology and experience of the health and disability sector. The intern assisted SILC Charitable Trust (and affiliate entities) to develop plans that ensure systems are sustainable, efficient, and effective and that they support current and new services into the future.</p> <p>Lottery BOP/Gisborne were first of the funds in the new online system – COGS closing on 13 May with allocation meetings in August.</p>
<p>Ministry of Education</p>	
	<p>Last week the Ministry of Education hosted the Minister of Education’s Ministerial Regional Forum. This group is made up of senior education sector leaders including senior iwi members, Mayors of Territorial Authorities and senior members of other local government agencies.</p> <p>At that Forum, as part of the Investing in Education Success initiative (IES), the Minister of Education announced the second tranche of Communities of Learning. We are delighted that five of this second tranche are from our Bay of Plenty – Waiariki area: These communities of Learning are in Taupo, Whakatane, Rotorua East, Rotorua Central and the Catholic Integrated schools. Thirty eight schools (primary, intermediate and secondary) are represented. IES is the biggest change to the education system since Tomorrow Schools was introduced in 1989 and will signal a significant change in how school leaders will work with each other and with us.</p> <p>During the month of May, in conjunction with local Councils we are holding a series of one day seminars in each of the following locations – Rotorua, Tauranga, Whakatane and Taupo. The purpose of the seminars is to provide an opportunity for all parts of the education system to join with both local government and the business sector to share data and knowledge. The series of seminars is titled: Challenges and Opportunities in the (TLA Area), A shared responsibility to raise the achievement of our young people.</p> <p>Throughout May there is to be a series of public meetings to consider the Special Education update. A key component of these meetings is to focus on what the delivery of Special Education services could look like in the future given that we already know what the issues are with the current delivery systems. If you are interested in attending any meeting please get in touch with jon.dimock@education.govt.nz</p>