

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

- The first COBOP Regional Leadership Forum (RLF) for 2018 will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> 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.
- We welcome Geoff Williams (Rotorua Lakes Council) as our new Chair for COBOP.
- The focus of the February forum is on connection points for local/central government post-election with specific reference to the Labour led government First 100 days program, and consideration of COBOP's direction under the new government.
- Past RLF presentations are [available here](#) on the COBOP website. Please contact the [COBOP Coordinator \(samepage101@icloud.com\)](#) for RLF summary notes.

### 2) Action Clusters Update:

*Practical working groups devolved from key challenges and opportunities agreed on by the COBOP RLF in 2017.*

#### Community Safety

- November 2017 the group confirmed the objectives (below) although has been paused until a leadership/chair role for the group is established.
- 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
- *Agencies involved: 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, Oranga Tamariki, Tauranga Western BOP Safer Communities (TWBSC), Dept of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Social Development. Connections had 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 with community representatives, agencies and landlord representatives.
  - The task of the workshop was to explore how to build the capabilities and resources to enable communities to solve their healthy housing issues themselves. Opportunities 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.
    - These will be discussed further in February 2018 when the cluster meets again, however include ideas such as: Creating a regional fund for critical home repairs; A regional website or central

hub; Making health homes “the norm”; Community employment opportunities; Alleviating fuel poverty, Making eligibility easy and simple, Supporting the maintenance of homes, Community based skills directory, a regional “how to” resource for communities

- Members of the housing forum have also been involved in a Ministry of Health study on exploring primary prevention practices. This will add to three other case studies on PHU practice nationally and enable COBOP to give insight to the collaborative process undertaken by the forum so far.
- 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.
- Recently released: [A Stocktake of New Zealand’s Housing](#); [A Stocktake of NZ Housing by the Numbers](#); and [Key Findings and the Government’s Solutions](#) - February 2018. Also [Housing Demand Need in Tauranga and Western BOP November 2017](#).
- 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 [James.Scarfe@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:James.Scarfe@bopdhb.govt.nz)
- *Agencies 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:**

- Feedback on the draft Bay of Plenty Labour Market Strategy has been widely promoted and received by [BOPTI](#) (Bay of Plenty Tertiary Intentions group).
- The Labour Market Strategy final draft is in progress, with a version likely to be circulated for comment in March.
- Contact Brendon Gardner at MBIE [Brendon.Gardner@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Brendon.Gardner@mbie.govt.nz) for further information.

#### **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 meets again on 27<sup>th</sup> February to stocktake where we are at after BOPRC presented a paper to the Mayors Triennial in December 2017 regarding options for approaching climate change.
  - Changes expected in this area include the Government’s first 100 days commitments to: hold a Clean Waters Summit, set the zero-carbon emissions goal and begin setting up the independent Climate Commission.
  - *Agencies 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
- CONNECT will meet on 6 March in Tauranga to highlight and discuss the work of tertiary institutions across the BOP.
  - Key areas for further discussion in 2018 include: tourism; transport; climate change and sustainable business; housing and health (workforce and employee focus).
  - *Agencies include: NZTA, Dept Internal Affairs, TOI EDA, Export NZ Bay of Plenty, Institute of Directors, MBIE, MSD, WNT Ventures, Chamber of Commerce Rotorua, BOP Regional Council, Taupo DC, Maori Business Network, Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, Grow Rotorua, Western BOP Council, TPK, Tauranga City Council, Chamber of Commerce EBOP, Sustainable Business Network, Kawerau DC, Priority One, KEA (Kawerau Enterprise Agency), Chamber of Commerce Tauranga, Venture Centre, MPI, Tourism Bay of Plenty, NZT&E, Rotorua Economic Development Board, Tauranga Maori Business Assn, Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology, Akina Foundation, Ngati Ranginui Iwi, Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, SmartGrowth BOP.*

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

### 3) New faces to COBOP in 2018

- Replacing Brian Pointon (BOPDHB) on his retirement is **Roimata Timutimu** as Portfolio Manager, Population Health. Previously Roimata held the position of Portfolio Manager for the BOPDHB Maori Health Planning and Funding team, and prior to this has worked in Senior Advisory Roles in Epidemiology and Statistics in the Maori Health Research Directorate of the Ministry of Health. Roimata formally commenced the new role on Monday 12th February, and her contact details are: [Roimata.timutimu@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:Roimata.timutimu@bopdhb.govt.nz) DDI (07) 579 5131 or through Trish Solomon at (07) 579 8556. The core elements of her role as Portfolio Manager, Population Health will include: Tobacco Control, Rheumatic fever prevention, Housing and health, Green prescription, Pacific health, Breast and cervical screening, Whanau Ora
- Rebecca Scott (Fire & Emergency NZ) will be on secondment to Wellington as the National Strategy and Performance Manager for 2018. **Dean Latus** will take Rebecca's place on the COBOP RLF, representing Ron Devlin. Contact details are: [Dean.Latus@fireandemergency.nz](mailto:Dean.Latus@fireandemergency.nz)
- Michelle Wellington (Ministry of Youth Development) is also on secondment to MYD Wellington this year into an advisory role for Oranga Tamariki. **Kim Vercoe** (Napier based) will act as the Regional Relationship Manager for MYD in Midlands and the COBOP connection point for MYD. Contact details: 06 974 8256, [kim.vercoe001@msd.govt.nz](mailto:kim.vercoe001@msd.govt.nz)
- Sharon Kletchco (Lakes DHB) will also be replaced on the COBOP RLF by **Karen Evison**, representing CE Ron Dunham. Contact details: [Karen.Evison@lakesdhb.govt.nz](mailto:Karen.Evison@lakesdhb.govt.nz)

#### 4) Further information

- [About COBOP](http://www.cobop.govt.nz/about-us) or <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/about-us>
- Subscribe to COBOP e-news (monthly) contact the [COBOP Coordinator \(samepage101@icloud.com\)](mailto:samepage101@icloud.com)
- Contact the COBOP Chairperson, Geoff Williams (Rotorua Lakes Council) [Geoff.Williams@rotorualc.govt.nz](mailto:Geoff.Williams@rotorualc.govt.nz).



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