

1) Regional Leadership Forum meetings: central and local government

- The next COBOP Regional Leadership Forum (RLF) will be held July 13th with a focus on the [Provincial Growth Fund](#)). The agenda is located [here](#).
- COBOP will also have an opportunity to explore our relationship with Bay of Connections.
- Past RLF presentations are [available here \(http://www.cobop.govt.nz/leadership-forum\)](http://www.cobop.govt.nz/leadership-forum)
- 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 in 2017.

Housing and Health:

- In May the COBOP Steering Group approved seed funding to progress the work of the regional Healthy Housing Forum. The forum has contracted an external provider to develop the recommended actions from the Empowering Communities Workshop (Nov 2017) into business cases for project implementation funding. The contractor will also complete a process map that is key to providing a community toolkit for successful community-led healthy housing projects.
- The region wide healthy homes winter media campaign continues to circulate the BOP: https://www.ttophs.govt.nz/healthy_homes and <http://www.bopdhb.govt.nz/health-advice/healthy-homes/>.
- Healthy Housing Initiative newsletter can be subscribed to through 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.

Workforce Development/Employment:

- The regional Labour Market Strategy has been signed off by BOP Tertiary Intentions Group. Located here: <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/600>
- A cross region implementation working group has been formed and is working through implementation options. The first meeting in late April looked at: at a brief recap of the strategy and themes, Wellington feedback and how to move forward with the strategy implementation. COBOP's role will keep the network informed of strategy development, and link in TLA's and relevant CG agencies where applicable.
- Wellington feedback on the strategy is positive, particularly around the "joined up approach." Three keys to implementing the strategy include: resourcing an FTE to coordinate implementation (this has a number of options for the group to discuss further at the next meeting); priority work on seasonal labour flows (discussion on labour shortages for kiwifruit and other seasonal work); and additional necessary research around particular industry needs/requirements. The group also discussed the need for project funding to be available for initiatives that arise (local or regional).
- At the second meeting June 15th the group looked at options for resourcing implementation.
- FYI: TOI EDA quarterly workforce development [update here](#).
- [BOPTI \(http://www.bopti.co.nz/\)](http://www.bopti.co.nz/) continue to lead this work.
- Key contact: Brendon Gardner at MBIE Brendon.Gardner@mbie.govt.nz

Climate Change Collaboration

- On 12 June members of the existing environmental cluster held a workshop to include a wider stakeholder approach to climate change collaboration regionally.
- The [Terms of Reference](#) for this group was agreed to and the basis for action planning for the group began. This will be progressed at the next meeting in July.
- The COBOP Steering group have agreed to subsidise a tailored workshop for Council staff on Engaging Communities in Climate Change Conversations. This will be run by Inspiring Communities in July and will be available for Council staff across a wide range of disciplines pertaining to environmental sustainability and climate change (planners, scientists, consents, civil defence, strategy, community and iwi engagement etc.) For more information contact the COBOP Coordinator.
- *Agencies (at present) 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, MfE, Dept of Conservation, SBN, EnviroHub, BOC representation, HNZC, MPI, NZTA and EMBOP.*
- *Key links located here: <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/environmental-cluster>*

CONNECT:

- The June CONNECT meeting was postponed with the next meeting scheduled for September: focus on Tourism.
- Bay of Connections [RFP's for Forestry & Wood Processing Industry, Visitor Economy and Freight Logistics Industry Experts](#) close 8 June with new roles commencing by July.
- *Agencies (at present) include: NZTA, DIA, TOI EDA Project, EXPORTNZ, IOD, MBIE, MSD, WNT Ventures, Rotorua, Tauranga and Eastern BOP Chambers of Commerce, BOPRC, Taupo DC, Maori Business Network, Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, Grow Rotorua, Western BOPDC, TPK, Sustainable Business Network, Kawerau DC, Priority One, Kawerau Enterprise Agency, NZT&E, ACC, Venture Centre, SmartGrowth, MPI, Tourism Bay of Plenty, Rotorua Economic Development Board, Tauranga Maori Business Assn, Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology, Akina Foundation, Priority One, Tauranga CC, Ngati Ranginui Iwi, Whakatane DC.*

OTHER WORK AND LINKS:

- In May [SocialLink](#) released the findings of the **social sector mapping exercise** for the Western Bay of Plenty. A first of its kind, the report points to the 700 plus social services provided in the Western Bay of Plenty looking to improve social outcomes for the most vulnerable people located here. The report identifies housing, poverty and health as the major issues facing communities with many providers highlighting how under-funding impacts their ability to be fully effective and work well with other organisations. The summary report is [available here](#) and [full report here](#).
- In July COBOP agencies will meet with SocialLink for an inter-agency overview of the findings and discussion on: funding models for the social sector; workforce development; configuration of the sector and working effectively across the social sector.
- *Invited agencies (at present) include: TCC, WBOPDC, DIA, NZP, MSD, Oranga Tamariki, Dept of Corrections, Youth Justice, HNZ, MYD, MOE, TPK and the BOPDHB. Please contact the COBOP coordinator if you would like to be involved.*
- **BayTrust increased funding and community amenities fund.** More information [here](#).
- Submissions have now closed on the draft **Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018**. The consultation document will remain available on the website during the hearings and deliberations period. [Check here](#) for updates as they are available.

- **Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction hui** held in the Bay of Plenty: Rotorua 1 May, Tauranga 10 June, Whakatane 11 June. Submissions have now closed. More information [here](#).
- **Draft National Planning Standards** aim to make plans easier to prepare and to use. For more information about the draft first set of National Planning Standards, and to make a submission, visit: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/draft-national-planning-standards>. The closing date for submissions is August 17.
- Budget 2018 set aside up to \$4 million over four years for a **Youth Health and Wellbeing survey**. More information [here](#).
- The **Ministry of Youth Development 'Programmes and Services' and 'Opportunity for Young People' funding rounds are open**. Funding enables young people and organisations to support the delivery of youth-led youth development opportunities and there is around \$1 million worth of funding to be distributed across these two funding streams. Applications open 31 May and close 2 July. More information [here](#).
- June 2 a [final draft](#) of the **International Education Strategy 2018-2030** was released for consultation. The draft strategy takes a broad look at the role of international education in supporting an equitable, high-quality, education system over the coming decade. At the same time as the Government is consulting on the draft International Education Strategy, MBIE is consulting on the Government's proposals for changes to post-study work rights for international students. Information on this proposal can be found on the [MBIE website](#).

3) Further Information:

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