

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

- The second COBOP Regional Leadership Forum (RLF) was held on July 13th in Rotorua with a focus on the [Provincial Growth Fund](#). The agenda is located [here](#).
- At this meeting COBOP also explored our relationship with Bay of Connections, as a collection of local and central government agencies.
- 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 will be contracting 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
- 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](#)*

Workforce Development/Employment:

- The [regional Labour Market Strategy](#) has been signed off by BOP Tertiary Intentions Group.
- [BOPTI \(http://www.bopti.co.nz/\)](http://www.bopti.co.nz/) continue to lead this work.
- A cross region implementation working group has been formed and is working through implementation options. The first meeting in late April looked 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 In June the group discussed and agreed on options for resourcing implementation.
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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. A draft action plan was discussed on 12th July with agreement to establish working groups to progress the actions. [BOPLASS](#) was highlighted as key to corporate procurement responses (for TLA's) across the region.
- COBOP is subsidising a tailored workshop for Council staff [on engaging communities in complex conversations, with a Climate Change focus](#). This will be run by Inspiring Communities on 20 July in Rotorua 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, HNZC, MPI, NZTA, DIA, BayTrust and EMBOP.*
- *Key links located here: <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/environmental-cluster>*
- *Please contact the COBOP Coordinator for further information*

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.*

3) Social Sector Connection:

- 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](#).
- Early July COBOP agencies met 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.
- This meeting highlighted; the proliferation of services in the social sector and how SocialLink plays a key role in developing collectives and support for sector efficiencies; that agencies could be more connected to understand each other's funding mechanisms (who, where, what) and to explore the potential for co-investment/funding.

- *Agencies invited: TCC, WBOPDC, DIA, NZP, MSD, Oranga Tamariki, Dept of Corrections, Youth Justice, HNZ, MYD, MOE, TPK and the BOPDHB. Please contact the COBOP coordinator for further information.*

3) Further Information:

- [About COBOP](#)
- Interagency news located on the COBOP website [here](#)
- To subscribe to monthly e-news contact the [COBOP Coordinator](#)
- Contact the COBOP Chairperson [Geoff Williams \(Rotorua Lakes Council\)](#)



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