

About COBOP

Collaboration Bay of Plenty



WHAT IS COBOP?

Collaboration Bay of Plenty, or COBOP, is a relationship network of all Bay of Plenty local and regional council Chief Executives, and regional managers of twenty-six central government agencies with Bay of Plenty responsibilities. COBOP's purpose is to **promote the achievement of local and regional community aspirations and priorities** through effective co-operation and collaboration and efficient use of resources.

WHY?

Local and central government are public service organizations and have **responsibilities to serve the same populations**. Complex issues faced by local and regional communities cannot be resolved through simple problem solving and solutions and single agency interventions. People working smartly at regional and local levels, with communities, have the potential to help develop strategies and responses which cannot be invented from the centre. Knowing each other, and understanding respective businesses and ways of working, creates a platform for weaving together the best combinations of resources and policies, and together creating new possibilities along with communities in the Bay of Plenty.

WHEN?

COBOP initially started in 2005 and was called Community Outcomes Bay of Plenty. It came about as **result of the Local Government Act 2002** pointing to the expectation of more local-central government collaboration. In 2007, following a review, COBOP re-shaped itself, and in 2008 developed new priority areas such as economic and Maori development, integrated infrastructure, and improving our practices around working together efficiently and effectively. In 2010 COBOP was re-named Collaboration Bay of Plenty (COBOP) to reflect the nature and purpose of the network. After the 2016 review, COBOP identified further complex challenges and opportunities to collaborate or coordinate on. These are outlined below in the action clusters.

HOW?

The Signatories (Chief Executives and Regional Managers) of member organisations meet three times a year at a forum called the **Regional Leadership Forum**. Signatories identify focus areas for collaboration across agencies. They use these meetings as a clearinghouse of information and ideas for collaboration and identify complex challenges that no one agency has a sole mandate or solution for. Throughout the year, members of their agencies work in action clusters on these identified challenges to respond to gaps and opportunities.

A **Steering Group** made up of three local government, four central government and a representative for the District Health Board signatories, guides the ongoing work of COBOP and can chair action clusters when needed.

WHO?

2018 Steering Group members:

Geoff Williams, Chief Executive, Rotorua Lakes Council (Chair); Namouta Poutasi, BOP Regional Council, Russell George, Chief Executive, Kawerau District Council; Miriam Taris, Western BOP District Council; Mike Bryant, Regional Commissioner, Ministry of Social Development; Lionel Crawley, Regional Manager New Zealand Trade and Enterprise; Rachel Jones, Regional Manager Te Puni Kokiri; Helen Neale, Partnerships Manager, Department of Conservation; Janet Hanvey, Business Development Manager, Toi Te Ora Public Health.



2018 Regional Leadership Forum members:

Accident Compensation Corporation	Peter Musk & Sally Bramley
Bay of Connections	Cheryl Lewis
Bay of Plenty District Health Board	Roimata Timutimu
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	Namouta Poutasi for Fiona McTavish
Corrections (Department)	Kim Smith, Mark Cleaver or Shona Clout
Department of Internal Affairs	Craig Whibley
Department of Conservation	Helen Neale or Margaret Metcalfe
Emergency Management BOP	Clinton Naude
Housing New Zealand	Darren Toy
Inland Revenue	Keri Young
Justice (Department)	Dan O'Brien
Kawerau District Council	Russell George
Lakes District Health Board	Karen Evison
Ministry of Business Innovation & Employment	Brendon Gardner
Ministry of Education	Ezra Schuster or Jon Dimock
Ministry for Primary Industries	Paul Lane
Ministry of Social Development	Mike Bryant or Dominic Lepa
Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children	Tayelva Petley
Fire & Emergency NZ	Dean Latus
New Zealand Police	Peter (Andy) MacGregor or Anaru Pewhairangi
New Zealand Transport Association	Alistair Talbot or Cole O'Keefe
New Zealand Trade & Enterprise	Lionel Crawley
Opotiki District Council	Aileen Lawrie

Rotorua Lakes Council	Geoff Williams
Tauranga City Council	Marty Grenfell or Robyn Skelton
Taupo District Council	Gareth Green
Tertiary Education Commission	Johnny Tramandounas-can
Toi Te Ora Public Health	Janet Harvey
Te Puni Kokiri	Rachel Jones or Shaneen Simpson-Almond
Western BOP District Council	Miriam Taris
Whakatane District Council	Julie Gardyne

2017-2018 Action Cluster Groups



Regional Labour Market Strategy

Leads: BOP Tertiary Intentions Partnership, part of the Bay of Connections Regional Growth Strategy. Greg Simmonds (Priority One), Brendon Gardner (MBIE)

Working Group 2018: *Ministry for Social Development, Horticulture NZ, Destination Rotorua, Great Lakes Taupo, Toi EDA, Waikato University, Priority One, MBIE, COBOP.*



Regional Healthy Housing Forum

Leads: Toi Te Ora Public Health, Dr Jim Miller Medical Officer of Health (Chair), James Scarfe (TTO)

Working Group 2018: *Rotorua Lakes Council, Tauranga City Council, Western BOP Council, Whakatane District Council, BOP Regional Council, Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kokiri, Dept of Internal Affairs, BayTrust, Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority, Lakes District Health Board and BOP District Health Board.*



Regional Climate Change Collaboration

Leads: BOP Regional Council, new Chair to be appointed.

Working Group 2018: *Rotorua Lakes Council, Tauranga City Council, Western BOP Council, Whakatane District Council, Kawerau District Council, BOP Regional Council, Te Puni Kokiri, Dept of Internal Affairs, BayTrust, EnviroHub Bay of Plenty, Sustainable Business Network BOP, Ministry for Primary Industries, Dept of Conservation, Ministry for the Environment, NZ Transport Association.*



Regional Growth Strategy and Business/Enterprise Development

COBOP also connects with two other regional networks: The Bay of Connections Regional Growth Strategy and CONNECT, a regional group of business and enterprise development organisations. Outcomes for our Bay of Plenty communities are cross-sectoral, often with economic and social development opportunities and challenges closely connected. COBOP aims to maintain connections across these areas for the common good.