

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

- The last COBOP Regional Leadership Forum for this year was held on October 19th in Rotorua with a focus on Impact Investing. Summary notes for this hui are located [here](#).
- At this meeting [Enterprise Angels BOP](#) outlined their proposal for a regional impact investment fund. COBOP explored 3 case studies where central and/or local government played a significant part in projects that had social or environmental outcomes and discussed the roles, challenges and opportunities for government agencies in impact investing. The forum also looked at the Melbourne Model for cross-sector collaboration and discussed its relevance for COBOP moving forward.

2) Focus Areas:

Housing and Health:

- In August Sustainability Options were contracted to develop the recommended actions from the Empowering Communities Workshop (Nov 2017) into a business cases for project implementation funding. Sustainability Options presented this to the COBOP Steering Group on 9 November. Please contact [James Scarfe](#) (Toi Te Ora Public Health) for more information on the Business Case for a Bay Wide Healthy Housing Program.
- In October the Healthy Housing Forum lodged a joint submission to the [Healthy Homes Standards](#).
- The new [Ministry of Housing and Urban Development](#) was formed on 1 October 2018, and brings together functions from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and Ministry of Social Development, along with the monitoring of Housing New Zealand and Tāmaki Redevelopment Company function from Treasury. (HUD) is responsible for delivering the Government’s ambitious housing and urban development programme to: end homelessness; make room for growth in our urban centres and help create thriving communities. Recent consultations and reforms led by HUD include: [Residential Tenancies Act 1986](#) and the [Healthy Homes Standards](#) as part of the Healthy Homes Guarantees Act 2017. An invitation for HUD to join COBOP has been extended.
- Healthy Housing Initiative newsletter can be subscribed to through James.Scarfe@bopdhhb.govt.nz
- [More information here](#)

Participating Agencies:

EECA
 Toi Te Ora Public Health
 BayTrust
 Min of Social Development
 Te Puni Kokiri
 Dept of Internal Affairs
 Kawerau Council
 Whakatane District
 Tauranga City Council
 Taupo Council
 Rotorua Lakes Council
 Taupo District Council
 BOP Regional Council
 WBOP District Council
 Lakes and BOP DHB's

Workforce Development/Employment:

- The [regional Labour Market Strategy](#) led by [BOP Tertiary Intentions Group](#) has secured Provincial Growth Funding to for business case development. The case will provide an operational model, incorporating a relevant structure, governance model, budget and resources that will enable an effective implementation of the strategy. Estimated completion of the case is early 2019.
- Current working group: BOPTI, Min Business Innovation, Employment, Min Social Development, University of Waikato, Horticulture NZ, Priority One, Toi EDA, Rotorua EDA, Great Lake Taupo EDA
- Key contacts: [Greg Simmonds](#) (BOPTI) and [Brendon Gardner](#) (MBIE)

Climate Change Collaboration

- During September this group broke into 2 working groups to consider proposed actions: Policy and Planning and Communications and Engagement.
- Each Council is on a different timeline for climate change action planning, however all Councils have met together (3 Oct, 6 Nov) to look for common ground and where they could share information and efficiencies. This sub-group of Councils are due to meet again in December and have engaged or re-engaged with the [BOPLASS collaboration portal](#) to share information and templates.
- Further connections were made with BOPLASS on future potential projects in this space, beginning with the potential for sustainable procurement. The final report commissioned by Sustainable Business Network on sustainable procurement policies and practices for Councils in the region has been completed by Toi Oho Mai and is currently in circulation to participating Councils. Procurement is an area where collectively the group could make large gains for sustainability.
- Building on Sustainable Backyards (SBY) Regional events in 2018, EnviroHub are coordinating SBY March 2019 and smaller events prior to this month focussed on climate change. EnviroHub are working with agencies in this group to coordinate a calendar of climate change related events for community awareness raising around the region (e.g. Youth Jam schools event run by BOPRC has a climate change focus). Connection between agencies on events and key messages around climate change has been positive.
- In August COBOP subsidised a tailored workshop for Council staff [on engaging communities in complex conversations, with a Climate Change focus](#). This was run by Inspiring Communities and included guest speaker Dr Nikki Harre, author of Psychology for a Better World and attended by 12 people.
- Key links located here: <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/environmental-cluster>

Participating Agencies:

Toi Te Ora Public Health
Te Puni Kokiri
Kawerau Council
Whakatane Council
Tauranga City Council
Rotorua Lakes Council
BOP Regional Council
WBOP Council
Ministry for the Environment
Dept of Conservation
Sustainable Business Network
EnviroHub
Ministry for Primary Industries
NZ Transport
Dept Internal Affairs
BayTrust and
BOPLASS

CONNECT:

- The September CONNECT meeting focussed on “Investment” and included an overview of investing opportunities in the region: The Port of Tauranga, Provincial Growth Fund and Enterprise Angels.
- December’s CONNECT meeting will focus on the Regional Labour Market Strategy and potential connection between this and key PGF projects across the Bay.
- *Participating sectors include: Government Agencies; Local Government; Economic Development Agencies; Business Development Agencies; Chambers of Commerce; Learning Institutions; Tourism; Philanthropic; Investment; Innovation; Not for Profit*

3) Recent Connections:

- MFAT on recent regional meetings on the [Trade for All](#) agenda.
- The new [Ministry for Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD) - pending.
- The Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group – Te Uepū Hāpai i te Ora on public consultations
- [Enterprise Angels Bay of Plenty](#) - Regional Impact Investment Fund.
- BOPLASS Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services - collaboration portal.



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