

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES BAY OF PLENTY (COBoP) UPDATE FROM THE STEERING GROUP: 16 April 2009

Ngā mihi nui mo te wā whakatā.
Hello and welcome to our April update.

First of all we have some personnel changes to share with you:

The Steering Group welcomes **Mike Bryant**, Regional Commissioner for MSD, to the COBoP network. Mike took up the Regional Commissioner role on 6th April and, within the COBoP network, takes over from Graeme Carruthers as acting Social Wellbeing Steering Group representative / Cluster leader.

The Steering Group is also very pleased to advise its appointment of **Barbara MacLennan** to the Strategic Broker role. This appointment is on a contract basis through to the end of this calendar year, and is a part-time role that is anticipated to require an average of three days a week. Barbara formally takes up the position on 1st May, and will also be at the 24th April Plenary meeting in her new capacity as our Strategic Broker.

REMINDER: PLENARY GROUP AND CLUSTER MEETINGS - FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

Venue: Rotorua District Council

Plenary Group meeting - 9:30 am to 1:00pm

Lunch - 1:00 - 1:30 pm

Cluster meetings - 1:30 to 3:30pm

- Social Wellbeing Cluster meeting, chaired by Mike Bryant, MSD
- Economic Wellbeing Cluster meeting, chaired by Lionel Crawley, NZTE

Agendas to be circulated.

Please confirm attendance to Anne O'Malley at Tauranga City Council, if you haven't already.

NEW GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES AND DIRECTIONS

With the new national government leadership in place, many aspects of local and central government work are undergoing change. The COBoP Plenary meeting on 24th April will include time for local government chief executives and central government regional managers to together share and discuss:

- What the changes are
- What the impacts might be for the Bay of Plenty
- Emerging opportunities for us to leverage from and work together on

TAKING "THE OPOTIKI STORY" TO WELLINGTON

As signatories will recall, COBoP has prioritised a focus on Maori, economic and infrastructural development, particularly through supporting the potential for aquaculture industry in the eastern Bay of Plenty. You will recall that the Steering Group has invited a visit by a group of Deputy Secretaries to the region, with the hope that a more integrated approach from a high level in government will help accelerate this development. Signatories recognise that significant growth in the eastern Bay through the availability of up to 900 jobs, and an estimated contribution of \$30 million into household economies will have positive impacts for the whole of the Bay, and for NZ. The Steering Group continues to actively seek engagement with the Deputy Secretaries Group.

In the meantime an opportunity to "take Opotiki to Wellington" was created through IPANZ (Institute of Public Administration of NZ, see www.ipanz.org.nz) and Inspiring Communities (see www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz) with support from the Department of Internal Affairs. At a session chaired by Derek Gill, Vaughan Payne (CE of Opotiki District Council), and Mark Cabaj (of the Tamarack Institute of Canada), co-presented on the topic of community economic development.

Wellington interest ran high with nearly 70 public servants from 30 government agencies and 3 local units of local government attending this lunchtime seminar. Vaughan highlighted the history and visions for Opotiki, and the challenges they have faced in attracting interest, support and integrated responses from government to date. Mark shared Canadian experiences and drew out some key lessons about community led economic development. Seminar participants then worked in small groups around the advice they would give if they were the government officials charged with finding solutions to help accelerate the economic potential for the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Reports from the Seminar will shortly be posted through the DIA Interface e-newsletter, on www.communityoutcomes.govt.nz and at www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz. DIA and Inspiring Communities will continue to work alongside ODC on the concepts which emerged from the Seminar.

COBoP TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RESOURCING

The 2008 COBoP Review has resulted in changes to our focus together and to how we do business. The revised Terms of Reference is now in place, and we are practicing the new processes and structures.

At the COBoP Plenary on April 24th, current signatories will be invited to sign the new *COBoP Terms of Reference - April 2009* document (copy circulated with this update). Further central government agencies active in the Bay of Plenty will also be invited to become signatories.

The Terms of Reference reminds us of the purpose of this network, that this is a *relationship network* of local and central government managers that promotes dialogue and discussion around achievement of local and regional community outcomes.

Please note that signatories will soon be invited to identify available resources for COBoP activity during the 2010 year. An email request will be circulated shortly to start this process.

COUNCIL LONG TERM PLANS

Council 2009-2019 LTCCPs (Long Term Council Community Plans, or Ten Year Plans)

Bay of Plenty councils currently have draft LTCCPs out for community consultation, which must be finalised and adopted by 30 June 2009. The LTCCP effectively forms each council's contract with or commitment to its community for a ten year period from 1 July 2009. Councils are facing increasing issues in balancing service provision for current and future communities against the real costs of providing those services, and this is increasingly coming through in their long term planning documents.

All currently published draft LTCCPs are available to view either on the relevant council's website, as provided below, or at www.communityoutcomes.govt.nz (then click on 'Draft LTCCPs').

Each council also produces a summary of their draft LTCCP, as a communication tool for their community. These documents are available from the council directly or, where available on-line, at the links shown in the table below:

Council	Council website	Web link to summary draft 2009-2019 LTCCP
Environment Bay of Plenty	www.envbop.govt.nz	http://www.envbop.govt.nz/air/media/pdf/2009D_TYPSummary.pdf
Kawerau District Council	www.kaweraudc.govt.nz	Please contact the Council for a copy
Opotiki District Council	www.odc.govt.nz	Please contact the Council for a copy
Rotorua District Council	www.rdc.govt.nz	http://www.rdc.govt.nz/About+Our+Council/Publications/Ten+Year+Plan+LTCCP+2009-2019.htm
South Waikato District Council	www.southwaikato.govt.nz	http://www.southwaikato.govt.nz/pdf/10%20Year%20Plan%202009-2019/Vision_the_10_Year_Plan_FINAL_FOR_WEB.pdf
Taupo District Council	www.taupodc.govt.nz	http://www.taupo.govt.nz/Documents/Policy/LTCCP%202009%20to%202019%20Towards%202019/LTCCPSummaryLowRes_28836.pdf
Tauranga City Council	www.tauranga.govt.nz	http://content.tauranga.govt.nz/plans/ltccp/2009/Draft%20Summary/Summary%20Document.pdf
Western BoP District Council	www.westernbay.govt.nz	http://westernbay.cucumbersoftware.com/userfiles/pdf/5067-10191/SummaryDraftLongTermPlan-2009-2019.pdf
Whakatane District Council	www.whakatane.govt.nz	Please contact the Council for a copy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Cluster Updates

Communications protocol: Once finalised, all Cluster meeting agendas and records are circulated to the Plenary Group by the Strategic Broker (Barbara MacLennan).

Community Outcomes Processes (COP) Cluster meeting - 2nd April

(led by local government - tbc)

The COP Cluster includes representatives from all councils and from some central government agencies. It met for the first time earlier this month and agreed that its initial focus is to be the upcoming community outcomes reviews.

Most areas are reviewing their local community outcomes sometime over the next 12 months, as under the Local Government Act 2002 local community outcomes must be reviewed at least every six years. The Cluster is very keen to develop more efficient and effective processes for these reviews by working together, while respecting the local nature of community outcomes themselves.

Next steps agreed are that:

- Council representatives will meet in May to agree a common starting point, then
- A wider meeting for all interested COBoP signatory agencies will be held in June or July to establish a high level project plan. The date for the wider meeting will be advised and invites distributed to the Plenary Group in late April / early May.

The structure of the Cluster hasn't yet been finalised, but you can contact Anne O'Malley at Tauranga City Council, email: anneo@tauranga.govt.nz with any queries in the interim.

Social Wellbeing Cluster meeting - 17th March

(led by Mike Bryant, Regional Commissioner MSD)

Current focus areas for this cluster as discussed at the 17th March meeting are:

- Youth - particularly focusing on appropriate Bay of Plenty approaches to constructive youth development and prevention of development of youth gang activity. Led by Blair Gilbert, MYD.
- Housing - discussions have been held between HNZZC and the Chief Executives of both health boards, regional managers from TPK and the Regional Commissioner MSD and agreement on involvement and support has been given. The next step is for members of these agencies to visit each council chief executive to identify and discuss housing issues at a TA level, and proposed solutions and actions. Led by Tony Marsden, HNZZC.
- Interagency projects - some concerns have been raised about multiple funding in communities and issues relating to this. The group agreed to gather information on funding agencies are providing into two defined communities, Welcome Bay (Tauranga) and Fordlands (Rotorua) in the first instance. *Susan Jolley, MSD, is to develop and send out a template to capture this information.*

Please contact Mike Bryant at mike.bryant001@msd.govt.nz with any queries

Economic Wellbeing Cluster

(led by Lionel Crawley, Regional Manager NZTE)

Two current focus areas for this cluster are:

- Supporting the REDS (Regional Economic Development Strategy) by identifying gaps and areas we can leverage. Progress has been made around energy and Maori development.
- The Cluster has been working alongside DoL and E.BOP to support MSD and local economic development agencies in planning the regional job summit, being held in Rotorua on 17th April. The next Cluster meeting, on 24th April, will focus on implementing recommended actions from the summit that fall under the economic wellbeing theme.

Please contact Lionel Crawley at lionel.crawley@nzte.govt.nz with any queries

Environmental Wellbeing Cluster

(led by Henry Weston, Regional Conservator DoC)

This Cluster is not formally meeting at this stage as it is generally agreed that there are already good local-central government frameworks in place in the environmental wellbeing area. These will be the starting point for any COBoP Environmental Wellbeing Cluster work.

Please contact Henry Weston at hweston@doc.govt.nz with any queries.

Cultural Wellbeing Cluster

(led by Wally Tangohau, Regional Director TPK)

This Cluster is also not formally meeting at this stage as it is generally felt that the cultural wellbeing area will be best served in the interim by ensuring a focus on Maori is well integrated into the work of the other clusters. It is noted that the cultural dimension is very broad and will require future attention within COBoP.

Please contact Wally Tangohau at wally.tangohau@tpk.govt.nz with any queries.