

COLLABORATION BAY OF PLENTY (CoBoP)

Brief Update and Greetings from the Steering Group

December 2010

Nga mihi mahana mo te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou
Warm season's greetings and best wishes for 2011



1. October-December 2010 for CoBoP – a quick overview

Diane Turner took over the CoBoP role from Stephen Town at the end of September, and has chaired CoBoP Plenary and Steering Group meetings in October and November respectively.

The **Plenary** meeting focussed on the potential for aquaculture in the Bay of Plenty, and included presentations from CE Wayne McNee from the Ministry of Fisheries (who is now Director General of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry), Daniel Lees, Director of the national Aquaculture Unit, Cheryl MacGregor, regional development leader for Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and Opotiki District Council Mayor John Forbes and CE Aileen Lawrie. This was a great opportunity for CoBoP signatories to get up to speed with fast moving developments on the aquaculture front, and to re-focus on the implications across the Bay of Plenty for our respective work.

For further information, <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/cobop-priorities/economic-development.aspx>

The **Steering Group** started some forward planning for 2011, and is keen to support processes and opportunities for addressing cross-cutting issues. Emerging common themes across Wellbeing Clusters will create some new opportunities to work together differently in 2011. More on that in February!

Wellbeing Clusters (Social, Economic, Cultural) all met at least once during the final quarter and made good progress. The Social Cluster has developed five strategic themes around which business will be focussed next year. For the Economic Cluster, the focus includes continued leverage of BoP opportunities relating to the Rugby World Cup 2011, smart partnering in support of small and medium business capability and development and a continued focus on efficiency. For the Cultural Cluster, exploring the potential for local and central government to work alongside Iwi as Strategic Plans are developed is a focus, along with Whanau Ora.

2. 2011 CoBoP Plenary dates- reminder for signatories

Friday 25 March	9.30am - 1.30pm at Rotorua District Council
Friday 30 September	9.30am - 1.30pm at Rotorua District Council

3. 2011 CoBoP Clusters early 2011 dates- reminder for Cluster members

Economic Wellbeing Cluster	Tuesday 1 February, 12 noon, Tauranga
Social Wellbeing Cluster	Wednesday 2 February, 12 noon, Rotorua
Cultural Wellbeing Cluster	Tuesday 8 February, 2.30pm, Rotorua