

Chairperson and Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**COMMUNITY BOARD TRAINING OPTIONS 2016-17 -
ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2017**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report invites the Waikanae Community Board to approve the attendance of one or two Board members at the New Zealand Community Board Conference being held in Methven, 12-13 May 2017.

DELEGATION

- 2 The Community Board has the authority to consider this matter under Section D of the Governance Structure and Delegations document:

Setting priorities for and expending an annual training and development budget allocated by Council.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The conference is being hosted by the Ashburton District Council and the Methven Community Board. The theme is 'Making 1 + 1 = 3' or, how can we as boards achieve more for our communities with the resources we are given. Elected member feedback about attending previous conferences has been very positive.
- 4 The previous two Community Board conferences were held in Wanaka in 2013 and the Bay of Islands in 2015. Attached, for information, is a report (see Appendix 1) by a member of the Waikanae Community Board sharing his experience from the 2015 Conference. This report was previously published in the Elected Members' Bulletin.
- 5 At previous conferences there have been workshops where elected members could share success stories and innovative planning initiatives illustrating the way that boards are successfully accepting the challenges that leadership in our communities demand.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 6 At the time of writing there is still limited information available about the Community Boards' Conference (which is held every two years).

Financial Considerations

- 7 In 2012 Council made the decision to delegate to Community Boards an amount of \$3,000 per annum to enable Boards to manage their own training and development programmes. For 2016/17 the total budget available is \$3,468. The costs of attendance per person are estimated to be the following:

Registration	\$ 745
Flights	\$ 108
Accommodation	\$ 260 (based on 2 nights @ \$130 per night)
Transfers	\$ 150
TOTAL	\$1,263 (excl GST)

- 8 Therefore the Board is invited to consider approving the attendance of one or two members at the Conference.

Legal Considerations

- 9 There are no legal considerations.

Publicity Considerations

- 10 The Board member/s attending the event will be expected to produce a written report in a timely fashion on their return and this will be published in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11 That the Waikanae Community Board approves the attendance of and at the New Zealand Community Board Conference in Methven on 12-13 May 2017.
- 12 That the Board Chair is authorised to appoint another delegate in the event that the original nominee cannot attend.
- 13 That the delegate/s will provide in a timely fashion written reports on their experience for publication in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

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ATTACHMENT

- Appendix 1 Report from a member of the Waikanae Community Board – May 2015

**NZ COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE 2015
INFLUENCING CHANGE**

**REPORT FROM JOCELYN PRVANOV
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD
MAY 2015**

This year's biennial conference was held in the Bay of Islands. The untimely weather bomb on the day we departed for the conference created some challenges but these were ably resolved by KCDC staff so we managed to get there on our scheduled flights.

Board conferences are very much about meeting elected members and others who are help shape their communities. Although this conference was in the very north, there were community board members from all over New Zealand, including Bluff.

The theme of this year's conference was "Influencing Change". The scene was perfectly set by the Deputy Mayor of the Far North District Council, Tania McInnes with her address entitled "Change agent or change inhibitor": making a conscience effort to make a change or to stand up and say no to change, rather than just dealing with a change. As change is evitable, we should take responsibility for it. In doing so it's very important to Listen, Talk and Listen, and lead by example.

During the conference we were provided with a number of examples of how positive change had been made in communities and in personal lives.

The locals at Paihia wanted to retain their village feel, so that started by removing a carpark and replacing it with a grassy park: <http://focuspaihia.org.nz>. There was a concern that removing this carpark would reduce retail purchasing, but it has done the opposite, because there is now more foot traffic. Lots of us walked the 25 minutes to see how cool this park was, and how popular it was.

The CEO of Thames Coromandel District Council spoke about their devolved service delivery model, where the community boards now have decision-making and budget delegations for all local services, with the net result of reducing rates by 6% and the greatest ever public satisfaction ratings.

Jacqui Dean, the Local Government Parliamentary Secretary talked about the commitment to get the red out of red tape.

Gerard Linstrom from Chorus talked about how small communities now have broadband, and the recently announced initiatives for further funding to extend Ultra-Fast Broadband and Rural Broadband, as well as a mobile black spots fund. <https://www.chorus.co.nz/extending-the-reach-of-ufb-rbi/we-can-assist/delivering-better-broadband-under-rbi-ufb>. As elected members we have received a number of emails and notifications about this too. Chorus is encouraging councils to submit to this process. Applications for this funding are due by 3 July 2015. From the Broadband capability maps it seems that large parts of the KCDC are not in any planned upgrade. He also talked about some of the reasons why people didn't have broadband: either they are not interested, or don't have the skills or confidence.

The concurrent workshops were on a mixture of on-the-ground work occurring in New Zealand communities and higher level stuff which could be used to do the ground work. Wendy McGuinness' workshop was on the higher level stuff exploring ways New Zealand might implement Sir Paul Callaghan's vision of creating a 'place where talent wants to live'. She discussed the differences between character, personality and practice; the concepts of hindsight, insight and foresight, and probable future, possible future and preferred future. And about the three components institutions, instruments and information that can bring about change and drive the system in which you operate.

It was very interesting to hear of some of the work Denise Bijoux is involved in in growing great neighbourhoods with socially lead change, i.e., in Opotiki, West Auckland, Lyttelton, and Waitara. The ones that flourished are the ones that made the decisions. Beforehand, people didn't know each other, but now they feel more connected and happier.

Deborah Travers-Morris spoke on creating child and youth friendly cities. She introduced us to **Map Your World**, a multi-platform project that puts the power of new technologies into the hands of young change agents, enabling them to map, track, and improve the health of their own communities – and then share their stories of change with each other and with the world. <http://revolutionaryoptimists.org/map-your-world>. And the World Peace Game http://www.ted.com/talks/john_hunter_on_the_world_peace_game Malcolm Alexander provided an update on the new public positioning of LGNZ.

The last event on the programme was to present the long service awards. Eric Gregory was acknowledged from his long service (15 years). His certificate should be in the post, if he has not already received it.

In all, this conference was very well worth attending both for the programme, in chatting with other community board members, and of course getting to know our own KCDC board members better who attended.