



## Regional Economic Development Weekly Report

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# Updates

## Opotiki Harbour Development update

The Opotiki Harbour development project is nearing the end of the design and tender stage. This outlines the best construction types for the infrastructure and likely costs. At the same time, the working group, led by Opotiki District Council are making the final inputs to the detailed business case, including:

- Economic modelling
- Staging of the aquaculture developments
- Negotiating user charges with Whakatohea Opotiki Mussels limited
- Agreeing the key risks, and
- Finalising the KPI status report.

The detailed business case will be provided along with the Cabinet Paper in early December.

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## Taranaki team talks shop with central government agencies

Members of the 'Tapaue Roa – Make Way for Taranaki' Lead Team made their way to Wellington last Monday to present on 8 action areas of its action plan. The action areas aim to help further grow economic development within the Taranaki region. A good mix of central government agencies were in attendance to listen, and give feedback on, action areas including the Visitor Sector, Future Foods, Energy Futures, Skills and Talent, Maori Economy, Liveability and Vibrancy, Investment, and Connectivity and Accessibility.

MBIE continues to work alongside the Taranaki Lead Team to help finalise the action plan, with a launch of the action plan estimated for the end of February 2018.

A draft Cabinet Paper and Briefing seeking endorsement of the action plan and central government investment towards key actions is expected to be with the Minister in December 2017.

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## The Great Southern Tourism Opportunity 29 November – 1 December 2017

Queenstown Lakes District Council, in partnership with the Ministry, is hosting The Great Southern Tourism Opportunity. The tourism focussed event will bring together regional and tourism sector leaders from the lower South Island to understand how each region is connected and how visitors move between regions, and explore a more united approach across the lower South Island to managing the opportunities and challenges presented by strong visitor growth. The Minister of Tourism is going to be the keynote speaker opening the event on the evening of 29 November.

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## Manea footprints of Kupe

The Manea project has been developed by the Te Hua o te Kawariki Trust (the Trust) to establish a Heritage Centre as a Tourism attraction in Opononi. This project is part of the visitor sector work stream of the Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan.

The Trust recently requested, and were approved, investment of up to \$50,000 from the Regional Growth Programmes, Senior Regional Official appropriation to support the final preparation of the project's business case to an "investment ready" state.

As a condition of receiving this investment, the Trust is required to secure non-central government investment to the same level. It has been confirmed by the local Economic Development Agency that the Trust was successful in its application to the Northland Regional Council on further investment of **Comme** towards this project. The Trust is awaiting confirmation from Far North Holding Limited on the final **Comme** investment application.

The Trust will now be able to finalise its business case in its bid to secure the **\$Commercial** required for the development of the Heritage Centre.

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## Te Tau Ihu stakeholders meeting with MBIE Officials

Top of the South stakeholders from Marlborough District Council and the Nelson Regional Development Agency met with MBIE officials on Friday 17th to discuss the approach to economic development in this region. Further consultation with iwi and industry leaders in partnership with MBIE and MPI will take place.

The region is keen to invite the Minister to visit and learn more about the region's aspirations and visit some enterprising industries and businesses.

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## Waitangi Museum

We are working with Ministry for Culture and Heritage to brief you late next week or early the week after on the Waitangi Museum.

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# Media and Communications Schedule

Timing	Events and Announcements	Proposed activity
Feb 18 - TBC	Waikato Regional Economic Development Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material
Feb 18 - TBC	Taranaki Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material

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# Briefings and Cabinet Papers

<b>Due Ministers Office</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sign Out Manager</b>
With office	Minister Jones Visit to Gisborne and Hawke's Bay, 22 November 2017	John Doorbar
With office	Meeting with Taranaki region officials	John Doorbar
11 Dec 17	Provincial Growth Fund: Principles, Criteria, Investment framework	John Doorbar
18 Dec 17	Investment in development of a harbour at Opotiki	Paul Stocks
Date TBC	Regional Growth Initiative MYA – Canterbury proposals for ministerial consideration	John Doorbar
Date TBC	Developing the He Poutama Rangatahi / Youth Employment Pathways Strategy	John Doorbar
Date TBC	Waitangi Museum	Karen Adair MCH & Iain Cossar

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# Departmental Official Information Act Requests

Requestor's Name	Tracking number and Request	Due to Minister	Due to Requestor	Status	Sign Out Manager
Privacy of t	1718-0509 Information regarding Wellington City Council's proposed "City Deal"	1 Dec 17	8 Dec 17	Gathering information	John Doorbar

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# Ministerial Correspondence

Requestor's Name	Tracking number and Request	Due to Minister	Sign Out Manager
Privacy of [REDACTED]	REDI1718-029 Ports of Auckland	With office	John Doorbar
Privacy of [REDACTED]	REDI1718-002	27 Nov	John Doorbar
Privacy of [REDACTED] natural	REDI1718-001 Letter of Congratulations	27 Nov	John Doorbar
Privacy of [REDACTED]	REDI1718-003 Letter of Congratulations	27 Nov	John Doorbar

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