

MARTINBOROUGH COMMUNITY BOARD

5 JUNE 2019

CHAIR'S CB CONFERENCE REPORT

Purpose of Report

To share information from the CB conference 2019.

Recommendations

That the Martinborough Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

1. Executive Summary

A few Key themes:

Effective engagement with Youth

Building lasting relationships with Māori

Trust

Localism

Values based relationships

Action taken by the CB Chairs to seek funding for Sarah Colcord and Shay Wright to run workshops locally for Councillors, Community Boards and Staff.

CB Chairs are also keen to organise a youth meeting (maybe at Circus) to see if there is interest in setting up a Youth Council or Youth Voice Group for the South Wairarapa.

2. Session Notes

Encouraging Youth and Talent (in a changing world), Darren Pratley

- Drivers of change: Sustainability, Technology, Population change
- We need to engage our youth and re-engage our aging talent
- We need to create Trust: Credibility, Reliability, Intimacy (feeling discussions “how do you feel about...”)
- Millennials want to make a difference – Locally, Nationally, Internationally, we need to give young people Access to opportunity, mentors, resources and talent development
- Our population is aging but still involved, connected, active and travelling

Engaging with the Maori Community – Puna Wano-Bryant and Wharehoka Wano – Te Kahui o Taranaki Iwi

- Relationships should not be issues driven or motivated by outcomes, they need to be maintained over time and values based
- Values Based – Trust, Connection, a want to have rather than a need to have. Inclusivity, Integrity, Understanding, Respect and Compassion
- Understand the layers of connection
- Build Trust and Credibility, the relationship comes first
- Be driven by the relationship not by an issue – if you Go in for the Quick Grab, you’ll get a Quick Slap
- We’re all looking for genuine, enduring engagement
- Values are key – values based MOUs set the tone for the relationship
- Know and understand the stories of the land – these set the baseline for protecting our natural resources
- Te Reo – it is an official language we all need to do better

Taranaki Mounga Project – Sean Zeiltjes (Project Manager)

- Landscape scale ecological restoration project 700,000 hectares
- Values Based decision making
- In a world of H&S how do we remove barriers to let people have a go?
- Outcomes – increased biodiversity, community connectivity, health and economic benefits from predator control, normalises restoration behaviour
- Values: Authority, Forward Looking, Reciprocity, Collaboration, Transparency, Transformational, Business-like and Effective – 10 year time frame

The Important Role of Youth Voice Groups – locally and regionally. Sarah Colcord, co-founder of Auckland youth voice

- Youth voice groups age range is 12 to 24 (20% of NZers)
- A group of young people that provides representation or a voice for youth in the community
- Can develop and present submissions
- Provide for personal and professional growth
- Organise and participate in community events to engage the young people and the local community
- They are safe spaces for personal development and provide opportunities to influence and contribute positively to their local community
- Not about tokenism and lip service
- Young people want to have the resources and support to contribute to decision-making
- Young people (like people of all ages) are incredibly diverse

LGNZ Localism Project – Malcolm Alexander (LGNZ CEO)

- Local democracy powering local and national success
- The current model is slow, costly and depowers communities
- Central Govt's share of public expenditure – OECD average is 46%, NZ is 88% - the funding model is broken and our government is very centralised

Address from Dave Cull, Dunedin Mayor and President of LGNZ

- Localism – enabling and empowering communities
- There are a number of government policies that will centralise more powers
- Where possible we need to drive responsibility down to community level – one size fits all isn't working

Setting the Foundation for Community Development – Shay Wright, a Maori Social Entrepreneur

- Young people today have an ethical bottom line
- Enterprises need to prioritise people and planet alongside profit
- We need to ask "Who's voices are we not hearing?"
- We need to help build capability, enable young people to be involved in decision making and provide a safe space for them to operate
- Create pathways for young people to upskill

The implications of our ageing population – Dr Natalie Jackson (Demographer)

- There are regional variations in age structures – one size doesn't fit all
- European population is already naturally decreasing
- Decreasing populations = less available funding

Empowering, Developing and Activating Local Youth Voice – Group Workshop notes

Q. What are the skills/values/contributions that young people bring

- Energy
- Diversity
- Futuristic
- Innovative
- Flexibility
- Networking
- They think Big
- Multi Cultural
- Ethical bottom line
- Different perspective
- Naturally encouraging
- Questioning Approach
- Open to new possibilities
- Experts on social media
- Use technology for good
- Challenging the status quo
- Will not be micro managed
- Educated on a wide range of issues
- Less restricted about past limitations

Q What are the barriers preventing you from engaging better with our young people?

- Ageism
- Attitudes
- Perceptions
- Closed doors
- Disconnection
- Invisible voices
- Stuck in our ways
- Lack of leadership
- We lack inclusivity
- Our preconceived ideas

- Lack of roles/ vacancies
- We do not seek out their ideas
- No encouragement or mentorship
- We dont give them permission to lead
- Need to create a nuturing environment
- Bureaucracy/ Process to follow/ Red tape
- We think we know it all including what youth want!

Q How could your Community Board create better or more opportunities for Young people to participate in decision making?

- Remove barriers
- Mentor
- Motivate
- Open doors
- Hold space
- Spark interest
- Create channels
- Better attitudes
- Create networks
- Change in culture
- Organise meetings
- Start Conversations
- Welcome into the fold
- Reveal 'secret society'
- Unite in mutual respect
- Shoulder tap individuals
- Invite voice and involvement
- Youth development agencies
- Approach individuals on topics
- Place an importance on their views

Suggested korero - what do you love about your community?