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**REPORT 6**  
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## **RURAL BROADBAND SYMPOSIUM, 8-9 NOVEMBER 2011, BAYVIEW WAIRAKEI RESORT, TAUPO**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

This report provides information on the 2011 Rural Broadband Symposium, to be held in Taupo from 8-9 November 2011, and to seek approval for one Community Board member to attend the symposium.

### **2. Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of one Community Board member to attend the 2011 Rural Broadband Symposium to be held in Taupo from 8-9 November 2011.*
5. *Note that a report back on the symposium will be presented to the Makara / Ohariu Community Board in accordance with Council policy.*

### **3. Background**

The theme of the fifth annual TUANZ Rural Broadband Symposium is “*Rural New Zealand: Building a place where talent wants to live*”. To be held in Taupo from 8-9 November 2011, the symposium will bring together the rural businesses and communities, central and local government and technology providers. Attendees will be able to debate the challenges and opportunities provided by the rural broadband initiative. In particular, the symposium will provide a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between broadband providers and rural users and to explore opportunities for collaboration.

Guest speakers include:

- **Paul Brislen**, Chief Executive, TUANZ
- **Hon Steven Joyce**, Minister for Communications and Information Technology
- **Graeme Milne**, Chair, Rural Broadband Initiative National Advisory Committee
- **Craig Young**, Head of Business Development, Chorus
- **Liz Evans**, Chair, Rural Women New Zealand
- **Richard Fitzgerald**, Chief Executive Officer, New Zealand Young Farmers
- **Antony Royal**, Nga Pu Waea, National Maori Broadband Working Group
- **Emma Humphrey**, Development and Marketing, Rural Women New Zealand
- **Jon Brewer**, Director, Telco2
- **Annette Main**, Mayor, Whanganui District Council
- **Marianne Archibald**, Senior Policy Advisor, Whanganui District Council
- **Dr Murray Milner**, Chair, National Health IT Board
- **Marg McLeod**, Acting Group Manager – Schooling, Ministry of Education
- **Cros Spooner**, Chief Operating Officer and **Dr Richard Li**, Information Systems manager, Beef and Lamb New Zealand
- **Rosemary Scoular**, Campaign Manager, Gen-i
- **Yvonne Blanch**, Chief Executive Officer, 3P Learning
- **Dr Tim Williams**
- **Steve Rieger**, General Manager Wholesale and Business Development, Vodafone
- **Warren Chaisatien**, Strategic Marketing Manager, ANZA, Ericsson Communications
- **Colin McFadzean**, Chief Executive Officer, Ag-Hub
- **Dr C Kay Weaver**, Pro Vice-Chancellor Postgraduate and **Dr Margaret Richardson**, Research Fellow, Department of management Communication, The University of Waikato
- **Craig Jordan**, Head of Marketplace, Trade Me
- **Dr Sandi Shillington**, Manawatu Campus Registrar, Massey University
- **Carol Moffatt**, QSO, MNZM, Project Director, Greater Christchurch Schools Network

The draft programme for the symposium is attached as Appendix One.

#### 4. Considerations

When deciding whether a community board member should attend this symposium, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget

The cost of attendance per delegate is detailed as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (excluding GST)</b>
Registration	\$1,250.00 <sup>1</sup>
Return Airfares	\$460.00
Accommodation	\$600.00 <sup>2</sup>
Incidentals	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,410.00</b>

The total cost of attendance for two elected members to attend the conference would be \$5,090.00 and the impact on the budget would be as follows:

	2011/12 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, travel and accommodation	<b>\$37,500.00</b>	\$9,751.99	\$27,748.01
Impact of sending <b>one</b> community board member to the symposium	\$2,410.00	\$12,161.99	\$25,338.01

The costs incurred will be met from the elected members' conference budget (GVEM01).

#### 4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Makara / Ohariu Community Board should approve the attendance of one community board member at the 2011 Rural Broadband Symposium to be held in Taupo on 8-9 November 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> Non-TUANZ member registration.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated at a maximum of \$200 per night for 3 nights.

## **Supporting Information**

### **1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

*This project supports long-term outcome 7.2.2 – “Wellington will operate an open and honest decision-making process that generates confidence and trust in the democratic system”.*

### **2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

*Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process.*

### **3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

*There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications.*

### **4) Decision-Making**

*This is not a significant decision.*

### **5) Consultation**

#### **a) General Consultation**

*Not required.*

#### **b) Consultation with Maori**

*Not required.*

### **6) Legal Implications**

*Nil*

### **7) Consistency with existing policy**

*This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy*