

MAYORS TASKFORCE *for* JOBS

working towards the "zero waste" of New Zealanders

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This year has been an exciting one for the Taskforce having increased our membership to 57 Mayors (77% of all Mayors), from large cities to small rural communities. All of us have committed to ensuring the young people in our communities know they are valued, wanted and that there are opportunities for them when they are ready to undertake the transition from education to work.

We have re-negotiated our Memorandum of Understanding with the Government in which the Taskforce and the Government agreed to work on the shared goal that:

By 2007, all 15-19 year olds will be engaged in appropriate education, training, work, or other options which will lead to long term economic independence and well being.

As a direct result of this agreement \$56million was allocated to youth transitions in the current budget.

Our relationships with government departments have continued to improve and all major departments now work well with the Taskforce.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Council of Trade Unions, which will ensure closer working relations on issues, which affect workers.

The launching of a Youth Employment Guide by the New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development was a great event and signals the willingness of business to take up the Mayors goals and work collaboratively to ensure our young people continue to develop skills and remain in our communities.

There is still much to do. We have one in six young people (aged 15-19) unemployed, severe skill shortages in many parts of the country and inadequate data collection.

The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs is a vibrant, effective network of leaders who are passionate about their communities and totally committed to working towards the zero waste of New Zealanders.



Garry Moore
Mayor of Christchurch
Chair — Mayors Taskforce *for* Jobs

GOALS

The Taskforce remains committed to its goals and a major achievement this year was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Government which saw the government committing to a youth goal that:

By 2007, all 15-19 year olds will be engaged in appropriate education, training, work, or other options which will lead to long term economic independence and well being.

In addition the government allocated \$56million in the 2003-04 budget towards achieving this goal.

The partnership with the Ministry of Social Development has continued to result in a large number of projects focusing on young people. For information on projects see.

www.jobsletter.org.nz/mtfjobs.htm

Measuring the progress of local communities has continued to be a challenge and in the next year the Taskforce and the Ministry of Social Development will be working on indicators which can measure progress more effectively.

The government estimates that up to 45,000 young people between 15 and 19 years of age are not in education or training, and The Jobs Letter estimates (based on Household Labour Force data) that there are around 75,000 young people under the age of 25 unemployed.

The Taskforce has highlighted the lack of data in this area.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Taskforce continues to grow with 12 Mayors joining this financial year, taking the number of Mayors to 57 (77% of all Mayors).

The increasing numbers of Mayors taking a stand on the issues of work and livelihood in their communities has been a key factor in obtaining increased resources at the local level, the commitment by the government to a youth goal and the increase in budget allocation to the transition from education to work.

TASKFORCE STRUCTURE

The Taskforce works with a small administration group of Mayors for day to day running: Garry Moore – Taskforce Chair (Christchurch), Sukhi Turner - Taskforce Deputy Chair (Dunedin), Tim Shadbolt (Invercargill), Jenny Brash (Porirua), Graeme Ramsey (Kaipara), Executive Officer Jan Francis, Executive Assistant Mo Pettit and Community Adviser Vivian Hutchinson. A further core group of Mayors provide strategic advice and focus on the nationwide projects – Pat O’Dea (Buller), Yvonne Sharp (Far North), Basil Morrison (Hauraki), Graeme Ramsey (Kaipara) and Frana Cardno (Southland). Bob Harvey (Waitakere), Peter Tennent (New Plymouth), Maureen Reynolds (Tararua), Grahame Hall (Rotorua) and Paul Matheson (Nelson) joined the core group this year.

At a core group meeting in February it was agreed that Mayors would work on a portfolio basis in the coming year, taking responsibility for the various partnerships negotiated by the Taskforce.

WEBSITE

The Mayors Taskforce website at www.jobsletter.org.nz/mtfjobs.htm is maintained by the Jobs Research Trust. All meetings, conferences, membership, interesting links and papers, and some local activities, are posted on the website which is constantly monitored to ensure it is kept up to date. Photos and copies of strategies, agreements and Memorandum of Understandings are also available on the website. In addition, participating Mayors in the Taskforce are linked with each other over the Internet using email-networking groups.

Vivian Hutchinson reports that the Jobs Research Trust website receives between 600-1,000 hits per day and the Mayors Taskforce link is always in the top 10 of pages accessed. The Taskforce therefore is getting a very good profile over the Internet.

THE JOBS LETTER

The Mayors Taskforce has continued its partnership with the Jobs Research Trust which has enabled the Jobs Letter to be electronically distributed free of charge to individuals, community groups, local authorities and government departments throughout New Zealand. It is used as the major communication tool for the Mayors Taskforce to ensure Mayors are kept up to date with current issues around work and livelihood.

The Jobs Letter is widely read and well respected:

“The Jobs Letter is an invaluable source of up-to-date information on the New Zealand labour market and the multitude of issues relating to employment and unemployment.” (Chris Trotter writing in The Independent)

FUNDING

In addition to Mayors contributions, the Taskforce has been successful in obtaining funding from the Ministry of Social Development, Community Employment Group, Ministry of Economic Development and Local Government New Zealand which has enabled the Taskforce to contract an Executive Officer and Assistant, contribute towards the Jobs Letter and retain the services of a Community Adviser. The Community Employment Group has funded a person to work with the Mayors and fieldworkers to further develop that relationship and the Ministry of Social Development has assigned a senior official to work with the Taskforce on the relationship with staff at the local level. The Ministry of Social Development has provided funding at the local level for Mayors projects, as has the Tindall Foundation.

MAYORS MEETINGS

A number of regional and national meetings were held during the year. Major Taskforce meetings occurred in Rotorua in July in conjunction with the Local

Government New Zealand Conference. 15 Mayors attended two Taskforce meetings and participated in the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs workshop at the conference. It was agreed to hold an AGM of the Taskforce at future LGNZ Conferences.

Eleven Mayors met with the Council of Trade Unions in October 2002 to discuss common issues. Also in October, 15 Mayors met with officials in the Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Economic Development and the Community Employment Group to discuss progress on the Taskforce goals and further develop the relationship with these key departments.

On 2nd of October, 26 Mayors met in the Cabinet room of the Beehive to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the government. Apart from the youth goal in the Memorandum, the Mayors and Government agree to work together to “*facilitate community development initiatives, and develop and support community entrepreneurs*”. The Mayors will participate in regional/local action groups, which will develop long-term strategies for employment creation and community development in their areas.

In November Mayors Sukhi Turner and Jenny Brash met with the Economic Development Agencies of New Zealand’s Board to discuss closer working relationships. There are 68 members of EDANZ with most in, or substantially funded by Councils. It was a very productive meeting with agreement that economic development agencies could work with their Mayors in a variety of situations and that it was important that they were aware of the Taskforce activities.

The Annual Seminar meeting was held in Christchurch on 6th & 7th March attended by 15 Mayors. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Council of Trade Unions at the meeting and Paul Goulter (Secretary of CTU) talked about the role for unions in the government structure through industry training. The CTU take an active interest and are also liaising with local universities as to how they can add value. Paul noted that in order to encourage regional economic development there is a need to be non-prescriptive and that bringing new employees in does not necessarily mean others have to be moved out. Apprenticeships are non-threatening and helps get over that fear of older workers losing their jobs. Unions are interested in training schemes, particularly those aiming for sustainable jobs.

Other highlights of the seminar were keynote speeches by Vivian Hutchinson (Community Adviser to the Taskforce), Geoff Chapple (Te Araroa Trust), the panels of the Taskforce key partners and the speech from the Minister of Economic Development – Hon Jim Anderton.

Vivian Hutchinson gave an inspirational talk putting the Taskforce’s work in the wider context. He gave useful labour market and youth employment information and urged Mayors to look behind the figures and investigate what was really happening in their communities. He spoke of the need for connection in our communities and of the importance of the Taskforce and Mayors leadership and governance roles.

Geoff Chapple gave an interesting and informative talk on the progress of the Te Araroa Trail and what he hoped would be the next steps for the Trust. He spoke of

the value of Mayors and local authority support to the trail and his hope of engaging more Mayors in popularising the trail in their regions.

The Minister of Economic Development (Jim Anderton) spoke of the need to lift economic performance and ensure all people and communities were participating in the current vibrant environment. One challenge is to ensure we are giving young Maori and Pacific people the opportunity to make a contribution to our economy. If we harness the potential that these young people have then we will have a much stronger future. He also noted that we need to investigate what is actually driving the success in a variety of regions and what is hampering growth.

CORE GROUP

The core group held six meetings over the year and the administration group has met (largely by telephone conference) bi-monthly, or when required. The core group has developed the 2003-2004 strategy and worked on budgets and relationships at the national level, meeting quarterly with Ministers and Senior Officials.

All reports and papers, including Vivian Hutchinson's "Economy of Connection" are available on the website at www.jobslatter.org.nz/mtfjobs.htm

PARTNERSHIPS

The Taskforce has maintained partnerships with nine key government agencies and is in the process of developing three more. The partnerships have resulted in the agencies working on the Taskforce goals and endeavouring to involve local authorities more in their work. A number of co-ordinating groups function around the country with Mayors taking leadership and facilitation roles. There is a real willingness to work on whole of government solutions to complex social issues and increasingly, an awareness of the need for a whole of community approach.

The Taskforce has also maintained partnerships with five non-government agencies and the New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development. These partnerships have brought a wider perspective to the Taskforce work, enabling many community groups to also get alongside the Mayors goals and work collaboratively with other agencies in their communities.

All partnerships have given considerable leverage to local resources and ensured the issue of employment and particularly youth employment are kept to the forefront of local decision-making.

JOINT PROJECTS

The Taskforce has worked on a number of joint projects with key partners.

CAREER SERVICES / TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

The destinations and tracking project with Career Services and the Tertiary Education Commission is in its second year. The report for the first year was published in June 2002 and is available on the Career Services website at www.careers.govt.nz

This project involved an initial survey of school leavers, prior to them leaving school, in order to identify their aspirations and intentions plus a second survey, early in the following year, in order to identify their actual destinations, modelled on the existing UK Activity Survey. The project is being carried out in Christchurch and Porirua.

Perhaps the most important finding from the first year of the pilot was that 18% of students had changed their stated aspiration. This proportion represents a large absolute number of students who might benefit from appropriate careers advice. Importantly, year 13 students were more likely to have changed their aspiration (35% compared to 18% overall).

THE JOBS RESEARCH TRUST

The Jobs Research Trust partnership has seen the website maintained and continually updated and the participation by Trust member Rodger Smith in the annual seminar forum in Christchurch. Vivian Hutchinson (The Jobs Letter Editor and Community Adviser to the Taskforce) also addressed the Mayors forum in March and subsequently produced a paper based on the speech – “An Economy of Connection” – some thoughts after a Knowledge Wave.

The Mayors Taskforce and the Jobs Research Trust also administer Tindall Foundation funding through the Employment Catalyst Fund, for Mayor’s projects at the local level.

NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The NZBCSD launched its *‘Business Guide to Youth Employment - Making a Difference for a Sustainable New Zealand’* in Auckland in March 2003. The launch was well attended with presentations from key stakeholders including Stephen Tindall (Chair - NZBCSD), Garry Moore, (Chair – Mayors Taskforce for Jobs), Hon Steve Maharey (Minister of Social Services and Employment), Hon John Tamihere (Minister of Youth Affairs) and Richard Lauder (CEO - City Care).

The guide is an excellent publication with examples of how business can support the Mayors goals and provide employment opportunities for young people. In his message as Chair, Stephen Tindall calls on all businesses to be part of the initiative: “*I challenge all NZ businesses to think about their own opportunities for enabling the education and employment of young people – the wins could be huge.*”

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND

Local Government New Zealand has continued to support the Taskforce and the Taskforce has supplied information on employment and economic development to a number of forums. Local Government New Zealand provides the administrative umbrella for the Taskforce, and this year through its seminars on the new Local Government Act has shown how the Mayors Taskforce can be a valuable contributor to the long term Council Community Plans.

TE ARAROA TRUST

The Trust’s mission is to get a New Zealand-long foot trail in place, as an acknowledged route, by the end of 2005. The Mayors Taskforce supports the concept and a number of Councils have worked with the Trust to establish the route in

their areas. Trust CEO (Geoff Chapple) has presented the vision to Mayors and it is hoped that a collaborative effort will see the trail established throughout the country.

The Prime Minister, Helen Clark opened the Herikino Trail - a major section of Te Araroa's Ocean-to-Ocean track, in the Far North in April 2003. The Far North District Council and the Mayor Yvonne Sharp have supported this trail.

In addition to these nation-wide projects, many Mayors have worked on joint projects in their areas — for example, Council cadet programmes, projects with the community sector and collaborations with the private sector. A best practice report detailing 10 projects is available on the website.

SUMMARY

In conclusion, the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs has continued to bring the issues of work and livelihood, particularly for young people, to the attention of policy makers and front-line workers.

The Taskforce has modelled collaborative working and has worked hard to develop real partnerships where the partners genuinely work towards common goals in a co-operative manner.

Mayors involved in the Taskforce remain committed to governance which sustains the vision of healthy communities where all citizens have the opportunity to participate and where quality of life is continually improved.

The progress of the Taskforce has shown that political leadership from the top on these issues, can make a difference.

Jan Francis
Executive Officer
Mayors Taskforce for Jobs
June 2003

EMPLOYMENT CATALYST FUND

The Employment Catalyst fund is project funding (\$500,000) for initiatives from the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs. The money is from the Tindall Foundation and is administered by the Jobs Research Trust, which is acting as a funding manager, for projects with a special focus on employment.

The fund was negotiated by Vivian Hutchinson and in acknowledging the partnership with the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs; the Jobs Research Trust has allocated funding for projects supported by Taskforce Mayors in the regions (not available to Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch).

Funding is being allocated to projects focusing on the youth goal, which catalyse job creation for young people and have long term strategies for local social, economic and environmental sustainability.

Up to \$50,000 is available per year, with the requirement of matching funds, and if the project continues and requires on-going funding this may be considered. To encourage private philanthropy, funds can be matched 2-1 if raised from individuals.

The projects are assessed, approved and monitored by the Jobs Research Trust and the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs.

The fund is now in its second year and the following projects have been funded to date.

1. Te Araroa Trust

The project will see the formation and development of an "Ocean to Ocean Trail" from Ahipara to Kerikeri in Northland. It will create employment both in the building of the trail and in servicing the tourism facilities engendered by the trail. The 15-kilometer Herikino Forest section of the trail was completed in March 2003 after work by a Taskforce Green Team, (6 young men – all long-term unemployed) the Far North Conservation Corps (10 young people) and some final grooming by a two-man team. The Prime Minister, Helen Clark opened the new trail on April 5. Ministers blessed the poupou (Maori totem) and the incantation, carved on a totara slab, for Orowhana the mountain, Rangiheke the River, Manukau the people. The Minister of Conservation, Hon. Chris Carter, unveiled the joint DOC - Te Araroa sign, which gave trail distances and included a map.

Of the Taskforce Green Team, 3 of the 6 went into full-time employment, 1 started his own business and 1 became a building apprentice.

The Mayor of the Far North, Yvonne Sharp supports the project. The funding approved is \$50,000.

Walking local trails is a growing tourist activity and Te Araroa has the potential to revitalise small communities and increase employment and business opportunities. Te Araroa Trust has been allocated a further \$50,000 for new trail work in locations throughout the country.

2. Taranaki Employment Foundation Trust

The project "Youthworks" has provided 46 full time paid jobs in the not-for-profit sector for currently unemployed young people for six months. At the end of the first year all participants who completed the placements went on to either full time work or training. The project has made an important contribution to the well being of the local community. The project has the support of Mayor Peter Tennent, the Department of Work and Income, Career Services and the Tertiary Education Commission. The project was allocated \$50,000 in the first year and a subsequent \$50,000 has been approved for the current year.

3. Employment Scholarship Trust

The Trust is based in Christchurch but also operates in Wellington, Nelson and Tauranga, Rotorua and Dunedin. The project has placed over 50 school leavers in paid "on-the-job" training positions within an office environment. The vision is "to provide a new model of employment brokerage providing school leavers with a supported pathway in the vital one year transition from school to work." There has been a 100% success rate from graduates, with all moving into permanent full-time employment or full-time tertiary study. In 2002 all the previous year's participating employers offered scholarship placements for another year.

The scheme is based on the successful project piloted in Christchurch by Simon Mortlock (Law Firm) and is supported by the Mayor of Christchurch, Garry Moore. The project was allocated \$50,000 in the first year and a subsequent \$50,000 has been approved for the current year.

4. Malcam Charitable Trust

The 4 TRADES project in Dunedin is a "modern apprenticeship scheme - responding to the present need for more skilled labour in the trades sector". The trust has worked with the Department of Work and Income, and PS Training Company Ltd (with NZQA accreditation and an established track record) to provide young people with the necessary training and support. The project will find 40 new apprenticeships for young people. Currently 17 young people have been placed into this apprenticeship scheme.

In September 2002 Clutha Mayor Juno Hayes launched the programme in Balclutha and the Trust is also looking at extending 4Trades into the greater Otago and South Canterbury regions. The project has the support of the Mayor of Dunedin, Sukhi Turner. The project was allocated \$45,000 in the first year and a subsequent \$45,000 has been approved for the current year

5. Buller District Council – Youthworks Project

The Buller Youthworks Centre in Westport opened in October 2002. The Centre works with young people to secure employment or training and give job search assistance. It also provides an information and referral service for employers. To date 104 young people have used the Centre – 29 have been placed in full time work, 12 in apprenticeships, 15 are engaged in work experience and/or after school jobs and others are receiving career and education and training information. Meetings have been held with local businesses to meet with representatives from Youthworks, Work and Income, Recruit West Coast and the Buller District Council Economic Development Office.

The Centre is still working on encouraging local employers to employ young people and looking at ways to reduce compliance costs for first time employers. The project has the support of Buller Mayor, Pat O'Dea. The project was allocated \$50,000 in the first year and a subsequent \$50,000 has been approved for the current year

6. Kaipara District Development Trust

This project has constructed a public wharf in Dargaville, using long-term unemployed people and local business people. The building team has learnt new skills and is enthusiastic about the project. The whole community has been involved in fundraising and local schools are participating in a competition to draw the completed wharf. This promotion is designed to increase awareness of the wharf project. The wharf has become a popular meeting place and seats are to be installed shortly. There are plans to upgrade the Tikinui wharf and relocate a public boat ramp, to give quality access to the Kaipara Harbour. Jobs have been provided in the initial construction and are expected long-term in the tourism, agriculture and fishing industries. The project has the support of the Mayor of Kaipara, Graeme Ramsey. The funding approved is \$50,000.00.

7. Innovative Waste Kaikoura Ltd

This project has employed and trained 4 young people with a history of vandalism in the district. In addition to the waste collection and sorting, Innovative Waste has a workshop with welding, carpentry and mechanical facilities to train the young people in these skills during the process of waste recovery. They are starting a nursery for native trees, intending to sell seedlings (with personal certificates) for planting on public land. The young people have increased their skill levels; one gained an HT license and others restricted licenses. All have had experience at tractor and truck driving and a variety of other experiences. Actual employment while learning new skills has been a key to success - grins on payday showing how much! The project has the support of the Mayor of Kaikoura, Jim Abernethy. The funding approved is \$50,000.00.

8. Westland District Council

The GO Westland project is a business development competition targeted at 16-25 year olds, aiming to create small business projects out of the West Coast employment environment. The project aims to reverse the youth exodus to the cities by helping and supporting young people to develop new opportunities in their own community. The competition attracted fewer entries than anticipated but 3 new businesses have started and it is hoped to run the competition again this year. The successful participants will be mentored into starting their own businesses. The project has the support of the Mayor of Westland, John Drylie. The funding approved is \$25,000.00.

9. Waimakariri Community Development Trust

This project has helped to employ two youth workers in the district to focus on co-ordinating a range of training and employment options for young people and investigate possible employment initiatives that young people may work on collectively. The project has begun to capture information on young school leavers and to contact them at set intervals to ensure they are settled in employment and training. This is an attempt to ensure young people remain connected into the local community once they leave school. The project has worked closely with the Department of Work and Income with referrals made for all young people receiving

the Independent Youth Benefit or other support. This partnership is seen as essential for the successful operation of the scheme. The two youth workers have had an annual caseload of over 50 young people and all have been connected in some way to positive experiences within the community. The project has the support of the Mayor of Waimakariri District, Jim Gerard. The funding approved is \$14,000.

10. Otara Work Co-operative

The key idea behind the Otara Work Co-operative is that people can solve their own employment problems while helping others solve theirs. The co-op will help members find employment and also involve them in creating and managing new business and not-for-profit enterprises, which create new employment opportunities. It is a project of the Otara Partnership for Jobs in conjunction with the Manukau City Council. To date a project management team has been set up to establish structures and systems and to transfer skills to the people who will ultimately own and operate the co-op. The project has the support of the Mayor of Manukau City, Sir Barry Curtis. The funding approved is \$50,000.

11. Te Rakau Hua O Te Wao Tapu Trust

Te Rakau targeted young people in Porirua who are unemployed or “at risk”. Te Rakau Charitable Trust ran a twelve-week community-based “Theatre Marae — Theatre for Wellness” under the direction of leading NZ writer, director, and actor Jim Moriarty. Moriarty’s methods blend Maori tikanga (customs), wairua (spirituality), conventional drama, addiction recovery techniques and psychiatry to create a theatre of change and possible “resurrection”. The objectives of this programme for unemployed people is to motivate the participants to become more work-ready and employment focused, place them in an environment where they will learn about time management, taking direction from others and working as part of a team. It will give them the experience of taking a project through to completion and intervene in cycles of violence, poverty or abuse by “standing up, taking stock and owning one’s past”. At the end of the course 100% of participants had increased confidence, had an aftercare/work plan developed with them and 20% continued with Te Rakau. Of these, 9 remained with Te Rakau, are now at trainee facilitator level, and are currently undertaking a 10-week tour of the South Island. The project has the support of the Mayor of Porirua, Jenny Brash. The funding approved is \$20,000.

12. Whangarei Coastal Walkway

The Whangarei District Council began work this summer (02/03) on a Mt Aubrey track, en route to Whangarei Heads. The track will be part of Te Araroa, whose blueprint for a national trail suggests that walkers walk between Whangarei City to the heads, cross the harbour by water taxi, and continue the Te Araroa Trail along the Coast. Four long-term unemployed people have been working on the project and all were exceeding all expectations, meeting targets and really enjoying the work. The work is being carried out under the overall supervision of a contracting company. It is also expected that this walking track will provide longer-term economic benefits to the Whangarei Heads area through guiding and portering, providing accommodation and hospitality, and selling of local arts and crafts to the visiting walkers. The project has the support of the Mayor of Whangarei, Craig Brown. The funding approved was \$50,000.

13. Indigenous Trust – Tauranga

This project is a community initiative involving a whole of government approach with not-for-profit and non-government organisations. The target group is young people who haven't had the opportunity to gain employment, additional education or make best use of their skills and knowledge. The scheme is based on the Young Enterprise Scheme, which will see the young participants being involved in a real business based around a product/service of their choosing. It will involve working as a group on a business idea as well as individual assignments and responsibilities. Each group will be assigned a skilled, experienced business mentor. The project is in the beginning stages. The project has the support of the Mayor of Tauranga, Jan Beange. The funding approved is \$34,500.

14. Patea Community Development Trust

This project is a community owned tourism business that will revitalise the community, generating income and profits for Patea. Patea River Pa will be an authentic interpretation of a fortified Maori Pa (before European contact) featuring exhibits and diorama of life as it was in a riverside village setting, depicting the culture and traditions of the Maori people. Visitors will experience a guided tour through the Pa viewing first hand the skilful methods used by Maori to repel invasion, with emphasis on depicting the traditions and rituals of warfare. The project will provide sustainable employment for local people in the tourism industry with skills training in hospitality and customer service. It will also encourage self-employment options and entrepreneurial opportunities as well as marketing and business development skills and training. There will be initial employment in the construction of the Pa. The project is in the beginning stages. The project has the support of the Mayor of South Taranaki, Mary Bourke. The funding approved is \$50,000.

All projects funded by the employment catalyst fund have attracted significant local support, often from the Ministry of Social Development and the Community Employment Group who are major partners of the Taskforce. The Tertiary Education Commission and local community Trusts have also provided considerable funds, resulting in a combined value from the projects of \$2.9million.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

CORE GROUP

Garry Moore (Mayor of Christchurch, Chair of the Taskforce)
Sukhi Turner (Mayor of Dunedin, Deputy Chair of the Taskforce)
Pat O'Dea (Mayor of Buller)
Yvonne Sharp (Mayor of Far North)
Basil Morrison (Mayor of Hauraki)
Tim Shadbolt (Mayor of Invercargill)
Graeme Ramsey (Mayor of Kaipara)
Paul Matheson (Mayor of Nelson)
Peter Tennent (Mayor of New Plymouth)
Jenny Brash (Mayor of Porirua)
Grahame Hall (Mayor of Rotorua)
Frana Cardno (Mayor of Southland)
Maureen Reynolds (Mayor of Tararua)
Bob Harvey (Mayor of Waitakere)

OTHER PARTICIPATING MAYORS

Murray Anderson (Mayor of Ashburton)
Bob Parker (Mayor of Banks Peninsula)
Malcolm Macpherson (Mayor of Central Otago)
Juno Hayes (Mayor of Clutha)
Owen O'Connor (Mayor of Gore)
Kevin Brown (Mayor of Grey)
Meng Foon (Mayor of Gisborne)
David Braithwaite (Mayor of Hamilton)
Tom Robinson (Mayor of Horowhenua)
Tony Arps (Mayor of Hurunui)
John Terris (Mayor of Hutt)
Jim Abernethy (Mayor of Kaikoura)
Alan Milne (Mayor of Kapiti)
Stan Scoringe (Mayor of Mackenzie)
Sir Barry Curtis (Mayor of Manukau)
Bob Francis (Mayor of Masterton)
George Wood (Mayor of North Shore)
John Forbes (Mayor of Opotiki)

Eric Tait (Mayor of Otorohanga)
Mark Bell-Booth (Mayor of Palmerston North)
David Buist (Mayor of Papakura)
Clive Geddes (Mayor of Queenstown-Lakes)
John Law (Mayor of Rodney)
Sue Morris (Mayor of Ruapehu)
Michael McEvedy (Mayor of Selwyn)
Mary Bourke (Mayor of South Taranaki)
Gordon Blake (Mayor of South Waikato)
Brian Jeffares (Mayor of Stratford)
John Hurley (Mayor of Tasman)
Clayton Stent (Mayor of Taupo)
Jan Beange (Mayor of Tauranga)
Chris Lux (Mayor of Thames-Coromandel)
Wynne Raymond (Mayor of Timaru)
Wayne Guppy (Mayor of Upper Hutt)
Jim Gerard (Mayor of Waimakariri)
David Owen (Mayor of Waimate)
Les Probert (Mayor of Wairoa)
Alan McLay (Mayor of Waitaki)
Chas Poynter (Mayor of Wanganui)
Kerry Prendergast (Mayor of Wellington)
John Drylie (Mayor of Westland)
Colin Hammond (Mayor of Whakatane)
Craig Brown (Mayor of Whangarei)

(57 participating Mayors as at June 2003)