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# COMMITTED TO GROWING OUR REGION



## Welcome to the November edition of Growing our Region.

In this month's newsletter we are excited to announce the appointment of the Programme Director. The first full meeting of the Lead Team has also set the tone for an engaged and focused programme of activity, and we look closely at the valuable experience and skills the Lead Team members bring to the programme.

Things are really starting to gain momentum around the Regional Growth Study Action Plan programme, with a consortium of HenleyHutchings and Spearhead taking on the Programme Director role. HenleyHutchings worked with NZIER to compile the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Growth Study, the catalyst for this action plan programme. The HenleyHutchings team are therefore intimately familiar with the Study, and the region's numerous growth opportunities. Spearhead is a locally-based and nationally and internationally connected organisation working with many people and organisations within the region. Both HenleyHutchings and Spearhead are passionate the growth of the region, and are keen to see the findings of the Regional Growth Study come to successful fruition.

Minister for Primary Industries Nathan Guy recently spoke to mayors, chairs and elected members from across the region at a

mayors, chairs and elected members from across the region at a territorial authorities' forum in the Ruapehu District. His message was clear that what's good for local communities is good for the region and central government is committed to working closely with business, iwi, council and communities to help deliver on the Region's profitability. Between now and Christmas the prioritisation of projects – the eight 'opportunities' and three 'enablers' identified in the Growth Study – will be a major focus and Ministers are keen to return in the New Year to see how things are tracking.

Last month the Lead Team held its first full meeting. One of the things discussed at that meeting – which will be integral to the success of any efforts to grow jobs, investment and incomes – is the way we tell our regional story. This e-newsletter is a major part of looping all stakeholders into this process as we move through Action Plan development and into action. If you know of somebody who's not currently receiving it, please pass it on and encourage them to [register for updates](#). If you have any questions about the information or process, please email [regionalgrowth@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:regionalgrowth@horizons.govt.nz).

There will also be opportunities to hear more at public meetings and other communications initiatives as the programme progresses. However, if you do have any feedback to date, I encourage you to let us know.

**Michael McCartney**  
Lead Team Facilitator

# ONE REGION ONE TEAM

Last edition we introduced the Lead Team by name. This time around we thought we'd take the opportunity to tell you a little bit more about our business members.

## Mavis Mullins MNZM

*Ko Rangitane me Atihaunui a Paparangi oku Iwi, Mavis Mullins ahau. Tihei Mauriora.* Mavis has a variety of business and governance interests predominantly based around the primary and skills based sector.

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## Tim Myers

Tim Myers is the current CEO of CB Norwood Distributors Limited, and the Norwood Farm Machinery Centre network of agricultural retailers.

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## Michael Eden

Michael Eden founded GDM Group, a specialist manufacturer and exporter of retail systems in 1978. The Group of NZ and Australian Companies remain privately-owned and Michael leads a management team and staff of 60 at its Whanganui head office and factory.

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**Malcolm Inglis**

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Malcolm is a Chartered Accountant who spent the early part of his career in Palmerston North and Whanganui working in both industry and public practice. After a period in Wellington as a Management Consultant principally in the public sector, he has now returned to Whanganui.

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Our neighbours in the Bay of Plenty released their Economic Action Plan in Rotorua late last month. Find out more about how they're approaching regional growth.

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Around 70 cycle tourism operators attended the inaugural Cycle Tourism Summit at the Hotel Chateau Tongariro on 23 October as part of efforts to develop a shared vision and action plan for the next five years.

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Elected members from the region's city, district and regional councils came together in Ruapehu last month to discuss changing perceptions of the region.

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