



# MINUTES

<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	Waihi Community Forum
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	Thursday 13th June 2024
<b>VENUE:</b>	OceanaGold
<b>TIME START:</b>	10:30am
<b>TIME FINISH:</b>	12 noon
<b>MEMBERS:</b>	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welten, Paul Anderson
<b>INVITED:</b>	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator
<b>FILE REF:</b>	WCFMOM2024-06-13

## 1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Paula Blackman

## 2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 15-05-2024, ref #WCFMOM2024-05-15  
**BB and MH confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.**

## 3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

## 4. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

### 4.1. Get individual and group photos of all Forum members for website

- TBC

### 4.2. WCF and Media

- AMS has sent press release to Allan Williams at NZME

**ACTION: BR to ask Velo permission to use the social media pics to promote the hub project.**

### 4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

- AMS added FB post with new of the Lottery grant of \$200,000
- Oceana Gold will send photos for social media once pit rim seats have been installed

## 5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### 5.1. OceanaGold Update

### **Correnso Narrow Vein Mining**

Shortly, we are planning to recommence 'Narrow Vein' mining in our Correnso operations. As the name suggests, narrow vein mining is much smaller in scope than our standard underground operations. While the techniques used are the same, the

tunnels are half the size (typically 2.5m wide by 2.5m high), the cuts made by the drilling jumbos are smaller, and the stopes (the areas we blast and extract the ore from) are smaller too.

The AEP will continue to be paid to qualifying residents in the area, however, the narrow vein mining is planned to take place in the lower levels of the Correnso area and also utilises smaller charge weights when blasting, so blast vibrations are anticipated to be low at the surface.

As always however, residents are encouraged to contact us on 0800 924 444 if they have any concerns or queries.

### **Proposed Change to the Martha Mine Mineral Zone: Call for Further Submissions**

Public notification of the proposed change to the Martha Mineral Zone occurred on 15 February with the submission period running until 28 March 2024.

In total 78 submissions were received. The chart below shows where HDC are currently at with processing the application.



Council have now summarised the submissions, and put a public notice calling for further submissions; these were able to be made until 30 May 2024.

More information on the proposed plan change can be found here: <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies/hauraki-district-plan/dp-changes-6>

### **Ask the Experts: *The Amenity Effects Programme and Blast Vibration***

On Wednesday the 15th of May, Russell Squire from our Environment Team was available in our Project Information Office at 86 Seddon Street, Waihi, to answer any questions people might have had on the AEP and Blast Vibration.

Russell is a Senior Environmental Advisor at our Waihi Operation and holds a Bachelors of Science, he has over 20 years of experience in the mining industry, and is responsible for overseeing the AEP and the ongoing monitoring of Blast Vibration. Three community members took the opportunity to book in to talk with Russell and learn more.

### **Meet the General Manager: *Justin Johns***

On Wednesday the 19th of June, between 4:00pm and 6:00 pm, our General Manager Justin Johns will be available in our Project Information Office at 86 Seddon Street, Waihi, to meet the community and answer any general questions they may have about the Waihi operation. Justin Johns joined OceanaGold in 2010 and has worked at multiple sites within the company, including the Globe Progress Mine in Reefton (now known as the Reefton Restoration Project), the Macraes Operation in Otago, the Haile Gold Mine in South Carolina, and now here in Waihi.

Bookings are not required, just pop along and say hello.

### **OceanaGold Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team Site Visit**

Last week the Waihi Operation hosted the OceanaGold Board of Directors, and Executive Leadership Team. This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our operation and ethos here in Waihi. The Board noted during their visit how impressed they were with the tenure, and depth of knowledge displayed in the on-site team.

### **Empowering Students through Engineering: The EPro8 Challenge**

The EPro8 Challenge is an annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focused competition that offers primary, intermediate, and secondary students a unique platform to develop their problem-solving skills and explore their passion for science and technology. Every year over 25,000 students take part across the country.

This year, OceanaGold sponsored four different events, including the Year 5-6 semi-finals, held at Mount Maunganui Intermediate. Competitors were tasked with automating and improving existing household items, such as lawnmowers, toasters, curtains, and even the humble toilet!

Congratulations are also due to Waihi East School's year 5-6 team for making it to the semi-finals and finishing up in 7th place on the day.

You can find out more about EPro8 at: [www.epro8challenge.co.nz](http://www.epro8challenge.co.nz)

### **Sky Tower Challenge**

Racing up 1,103 steps, 328 metres, and 51 flights of stairs while wearing 25 kilograms of kit is how members from our Mines Rescue Teams spent their weekend.

The Mines Rescue Teams from the Macraes and Waihi operations climbed the Auckland Sky Tower as part of competing in the 20th anniversary of the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge, raising money for leukaemia and blood cancer research.

The Waihi Mines Rescue Team came in at fifth place for fundraising and the Macraes Operation placed fourth overall. Together the teams raised over \$110,000, which was over 5% of the \$1.9m raised in total by the event. As a national fundraiser and with almost 250 different brigades around New Zealand taking part, to end the event in two of the top five spots is a fantastic result. Members of the Waihi team also went home with five medals for their individual times in the climb.

### **Summary of Sponsorships and Donations from the Previous Month**

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM <a href="http://www.waihiGold.co.nz/sponsorship-donations">www.waihiGold.co.nz/sponsorship-donations</a>		INVESTING IN OUR HOST COMMUNITY	
SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS APPROVED IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH	AusIMM	Conference costs	\$5,000.00

### **Complaints Summary**

A summary of the Complaints received in May is provided below: Complaint by Topic	Number
Property Damage	2
Vibration	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>

## **6. STREETS AHEAD**

Bank balance \$216,725.73 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$205,000 (\$10k VO Trust, \$45k WCF, \$150k OG)
- Resident Withholding Tax Deduction Certificate received

**ACTION: BR to apply to the bank to cease deduction of resident withholding tax as per charity status.**

**ACTION: End of financial year, BR apply for return of deductions.**

**ACTION: BR to prepare financial statement for PB to add to Charities Services registration.**

#### 6.1. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- VeloSolutions has been booked to start work on the pump track after they complete their current Rotorua job. Council have been advised so they can have consents in place prior to work starting. Awaiting resource consent from HDC for the pump track build.
- Look for landscape designers to assist with designing stage 2 (community area)
- Look at options that allow local businesses or individuals to sponsor smaller projects
- The Lottery Grants Board have donated \$200,000 from the Lotteries Community Facilities Fund. To be in bank account by the end of June.
- Ruth Vivian (HDC) will apply to Lion Foundation for seed funding of \$30k for the hub . Application date TBC (decision made 8 weeks from application). HDC resolution has been granted in April 2024 HDC meeting).
- PB will apply to NZCT for \$100k before end of June.(Decision made 9 weeks from application).
- Ruth Vivian is finding out how to access the \$150k pledged by Waihi Ward Recreation Fund.
- AMS will ask Waihi Lions Club about accessing the \$10k they have pledged.

**ACTION: MH to invite Greg Clark from Lions Club Waihi to discuss future funding options via the different branches.**

**ACTION: KW looking into arranging road trip to Hamilton for Forum members to view VeloSolutions park Cambridge and Magical Bridge Playground Hamilton.**

#### 6.2. Bench seats around the pit rim.

- Update on sites chosen by OG - Concrete being laid on which to secure the seats.

#### **Dates for future meetings**

Next Meeting: Thursday 11 July 2024

Future Meeting: Thursday 15 August 2024