



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 1st June 2023
VENUE:	OceanaGold
TIME START:	10.30am
TIME FINISH:	12.15pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welten
INVITED:	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2023-06-01

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Rangi Honey, Paul Anderson, Ernani do Ocampo, Mike Hayden

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 11-5-2023, ref #WCFMOM2023-05-11

BB and BH confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 WCF Terms of Reference

Amendments required to existing Terms of Reference

Action: AMS, BB, NDeO, PA, MH have advised their amendments. BR and RH to do their changes on existing Word doc then send to Paula for formatting.

4.2 OceanaGold update

Waihi North Project Update

Work on the Waihi North Project is ongoing.

Ask the Expert Session – Air Quality

If the Waihi North Project is approved, we expect to monitor and manage air quality in accordance with an Air Quality Management Plan that would need to be approved by Waikato Regional Council. The Waihi Operation has been effectively monitoring inhalable gasses or particulates to meet strict air quality consent limits in the vicinity of Waihi operations since 1982.

On Thursday the 25th of May, Richard Chilton from Tonkin and Taylor was available in our Project Information Office, to answer any questions residents might have on air quality relating to the Waihi North Project.

Richard is an air quality scientist and Certified Air Quality Professional with over 20 years of experience assessing environmental impacts of air discharges in New Zealand, Fiji, Australia, and the United Kingdom. He has been extensively involved in assessing

the discharges to air from industrial and transport related projects, undertaken science related projects for regional councils, as well as regional air quality policy reviews for industrial and council clients.

Richard holds a MSc. (Hons) in Environmental Science, is a CASANZ member, and a Certified Air Quality Professional (CAQP).

Only one resident took the opportunity to speak with Richard.

Waihi Gold Mine Tours for Waihi Residents

Free Gold mine tours (11 tours over 3 weekends) were offered to Waihi residents in May, an opportunity for Waihi people to get behind the fence to have a close look at our operations.

137 people took up the opportunity, all tours were funded by OceanaGold.

Sponsorships

Empowering Students through Engineering: The EPro8 Challenge

The EPro8 Challenge is an annual STEM-based 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.

With the support of the Ministry of Education and various private companies, such as OceanaGold, the EPro8 Challenge runs as a nation-wide, team-based competition encouraging and challenging students to tackle a diverse range of practical engineering problems using their resourcefulness.

This year, OceanaGold sponsored four different events, including the Year 5-6 semi-finals, held at Tauranga Girls' College. Students were tasked with creating their own playable take on one of three well-known video games; Pacman, Space Invaders, or Dance Dance Revolution. Working in teams of four, students harnessed their resourcefulness and utilised an impressive array of materials, including switches, motors, cabling, framing, lights, pulleys, and sensors, to design and construct their solutions.

OceanaGold has been a proud supporter of the program for several years. The calibre and complexity of the creations made by children as young as 10 is truly impressive.

Through our involvement and sponsorship of the EPro8 Challenge, we aim to inspire a new generation of problem solvers and engineers, nurturing innovation and interest in STEM from an early stage.

You can find out more about EPro8 at: <https://epro8challenge.co.nz/>

Sky Tower Challenge 2023

Well done to all teams who competed in the Sky Tower Stair Challenge on Saturday.

The challenge requires firefighters to climb 51 flights of stairs to a height of 328 metres, all while wearing 25 kg of kit. Each team raises money in their community for blood and leukaemia research before travelling to Auckland for the event. So, the challenge is threefold: find time to train, find sponsors to support you and your team, and then climb up 1,103 steps in full gear on the day.

Once again, teams from both our Macraes and Waihi Operations took up the challenge, joining teams from around the country in Auckland.

Special congratulations go to Jed Moriarty and Paul Sharfe of the Waihi Gold Mines Rescue team. In the race to the top Jed Moriarty came second in the Open Men's category, while Paul Sharfe gained third place in the Men's Masters section.

The Macraes team was joined by members of New Zealand Mines Rescue and gained first place in the 10+ brigade members fundraising category, raising \$35,515. Waihi came second in the 6-9 members category, having raised \$33,613. Collectively all participants in the event raised just over \$1.5 million dollars for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand.

Waihi also took home the Taiaha Award. A taiaha is a traditional Māori staff which used to be used as a weapon. Now it is more often seen on marae during the ritual challenge to visitors. Taiaha are hugely symbolic. The carving on them can represent an area or a particular tribe, or a part of their history.

The organisers describe this as 'a very special award' which is presented to a team for community spirit and community contribution. If there is no suitable recipient that year, it can also be withheld. The recipient team receives a taiaha from the previous winners.

They keep that and must then design and arrange for the carving of a new taiaha from

their area, to present next year. The Waihi team must now continue to demonstrate the attributes and behaviours which saw them receive this prestigious award, and also work with their community to create a new taiaha to be presented in 2024.

The Nugget Multisport Festival 2023

Once again OceanaGold were proud to sponsor this event in May.

OceanaGold Sustainability Report

We've released our 2022 Sustainability Report.

Sustainability remains central to our strategy and Company performance goals. It matters to our investors who rely on sustainability performance in their investment decisions, to our employees who want to work for a purpose-driven organisation, and to all stakeholders who expect us to manage the impacts associated with our operations. This means striving to protect the environment and to create opportunities to generate long-term value, consistent with our Purpose of mining gold for a better future.

To read the full report or access the interactive ESG data centre, visit <https://oceanagold.com/sustainability/sustainability-report/>



5. STREETS AHEAD

Bank balance, approximately \$57,168.25 (Bank account is being created and actual amount will be forthcoming when this happens)

5.1 Outdoor Recreation Hub

- Seed funding has been requested from Waihi Ward.
- Requirements for funding application have been requested from Hauraki District Council. Forum agreed working title for project is "Outdoor Recreation Hub Waihi". Ruth Vivian will be the project manager. Katie McLaren will be the Community Development Officer.
- Quotes received for wheelchair swing, pump track, kids track/wheelchair track.
- Offers of letters of Support from Paeroa BMX Club, Waihi East School. Other support letters are anticipated.
- The Lottery Community Facilities Fund 2023/2024 opens 19 July 2023 and closes 6 September 2023. Waihi Community Forum intends to apply for funding from this round. Moved by BB Seconded by AMS

5.2 Bench seats around the pit rim.

The forum has organised five bench seats to be built that would be able to be moved in the future if needed. The Menz Shed are happy to do the work and the sites are now chosen, but they confirm that the intended timber is not suitable. Mike met with MenzShed and they will arrange a quote for a longer seat and a shorter seat to be fixed by bolts onto concrete supports suitable for moving in the future should they need to be.

Action: Waiting for response from MenzShed

5.3 WCF to manage community donations and sponsorship

The forum would like to assist with managing these for OceanaGold, Waihi.

Action: Kyle to update regarding the Position Description for a Community Development Officer and review what tasks could be suitable for the WCF Administrator/Funding role.

5.4 WCF Bank account

A bank account held by the WCF charity is in the process of being opened.

6. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

- Website and Facebook post ideas.

7. **DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: 13 July 2023

Future Meeting: 10 August 2023