

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 15th May 2025
VENUE:	Oceana Gold
TIME START:	5:00pm
TIME FINISH:	7:00pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangipehi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Paula Trubshaw, Paul Anderson
INVITED:	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2025-05-15

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 10-04-2025, ref #WCFMOM2025-04-10

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

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Pacific Coast Institute requests funding of \$200 for a make up station at the NZ Youth Week Event at the Waihi Event Centre on Thursday 22 May. See Appendix 1. Funding discussed, another funder has come forward to cover this request.

4. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

4.1 WCF and Media

4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

- Do FB post for basketball lines being painted.

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1. OceanaGold Update

Waihi North Project Update

OceanaGold has received confirmation that its application for the Waihi North Project under the Fast-track approvals process has been accepted as complete by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The application now proceeds to the appointment of an independent expert panel. The original consent application under the Resource Management Act 1991 will now be withdrawn. The full Fast-track application will be publicly available on the [Fast-track website](#)



Ask the Experts About – Noise Effects, Waihi North Project

A session about noise effects continues our *Meet the Expert* series, which is designed to provide opportunities for people to speak directly with independent experts and ask questions on mining-related topics.

On 22 May between 10am and 2pm, Steve Peakall from Marshall Day Acoustics will be available in our Project Information Office to answer questions about the potential noise effects of the Waihi North Project including construction activities, helicopter movements, drilling and blasting operations, excavation, conveying and the transport of rock and ore.

Real Estate Agent meeting

On 30 April we held a meeting for the purpose of providing local real estate agents with an update on our operations and proposed projects. Twenty-six agents attended the session, with representation across all agencies that operate in the Waihi and surrounding areas.

Hauraki Employment and Training Advocacy Group

OceanaGold staff attended a Hauraki Employment and Training Advocacy Group meeting on 7 May. The group includes representatives from Gr8 Job Hauraki, MSD, and other relevant transitional industry training organisations. OceanaGold staff spoke to the group about the company's Community Skills Development and Training Programme, which includes driver training and mining skills development experience for Waihi College students considering a career in the mining industry. They also communicated the requirements and skills needed for those seeking potential future employment in the industry. Our Community Development Advisor will continue to work with the group on providing opportunities and pathways for local employment.

Sponsorships & Donations

Sponsorships and donations approved in the previous month:

Waimata Indoor Bowls	New bowls	\$2,740
Pacific Coast Technical Institute	Youth week costs	\$1,000
Whangamata Hospice and Cancer Trust	Palliative care bed	\$3,027
Whangamata Harbour Care	Lures and baits for trap lines	\$3,000
Waihi Badminton Club	New shuttlecocks	\$750
	Total	\$10,517

Complaints and Concerns for April

	Number of Complaints	Number of Complainants
Vibration	2	1
Noise	1	1
TOTAL	3	2

Topic	Number of Concerns	Number of stakeholders who raised Concerns
Vibration	1	1
Leaky building	1	1
TOTAL	2	2

6. STREETS AHEAD**6.1 Bank balance \$380,501.43 CR**

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$367,168.32 (of which \$145,970.96 Lotteries, \$36,105 WCF, \$10k VO Trust, \$150k OG, \$10k Lions Club, \$2,592.36 Waihi Herb Society, \$1000 Waihi Beach RSA, \$11,500 One Foundation)
- Waiting for Westpac to process refund of resident withholding tax as per charity status.

ACTION:BR to contact the bank to progress the resident withholding tax refund.

6.2. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- Awaiting confirmation from HDC project Manager regarding completion of pathway from carpark to pump track entry ramp. Could be 31 May.
- Pump track opening event - see comms draft from Paula T for actions. Do soft launch if appropriate on 31 May, hold celebration event on 7 June 1pm-3pm.
- HDC starting to prep concrete pathway on 19th, pour starts on the 21 May

7. WAIHI COMMUNITY FORUM CHARITABLE TRUST BUSINESS

7.1 Apologies - BB moved apologies be accepted, seconded by MH.

7.2 NZ Youth Week Funding - Funding denied, another funder has come forward to cover this request.

Dates for future meetings

Next Meeting: Thursday 12 June 2025, 5pm

Future Meeting: Thursday 11 or 17 July 2025, 5pm

APPENDIX 1

Email to WCFinformation@gmail.com

From: Belinda Heath

Tue, May 13, 11:54 AM (2 days ago)

To: me, Bhavesh, Anne, Donna, Mike, Rangi, Paul, Paula, Ernani

Hi all

I have just had a chat with Scott Spicer re the NZ Youth Week event that the Pacific Coast Institute is holding at the Waihi Events Center next Thursday 22 May.

They are looking at funding to have a make up station at the event and would like \$200 for this.

These guys are doing amazing work for youth in our community who require a helping hand and I think it sounds like a great afternoon and a way for us to give back on a smaller scale while we are waiting on the big projects to completed.

Can everyone please let me know today if you are happy / unhappy to proceed with this

Thanks

Bindy