



# MINUTES

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 10th July 2025
VENUE:	Oceana Gold
TIME START:	5:00pm
TIME FINISH:	6:40pm
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:	WCFMOM2025-07-10

## 1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Mike Hayden

## 2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 12-06-2025, ref #WCFMOM2025-06-12

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

## 3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

## 4. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

### 4.1 WCF and Media

- Discuss purchase of 2 x teardrop banners for future publicity at events
- Discuss leaflet for publicity at events

**ACTION: Paula T investigating prices for tear drop banner**

**ACTION: AMS to email template from Waihi Stationers, Paula T to organise finalising**

### 4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

## 5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### 5.1. OceanaGold Update

#### **New Asset Manager**



Michael van Anen is OceanaGold Waihi's new Asset Manager. He was born and raised on the northern beaches of Wollongong NSW. The towns he grew up in were historic coal mining towns that have many similarities to Waihi, especially in the it's rare to have mines located in such proximity to beautiful landscapes and beaches.

Michael has a double degree in Mining and Environmental Engineering, and has been fortunate to build a career in the resources industry that has taken him across the globe. He is excited to have taken on the role here at OceanaGold Waihi. This is the first residential-based position he has held since 2011, and both he and his wife Mel are looking forward to becoming part of a community again, together.

Having seen many mine sites around the world, he can honestly say Waihi is one of the most idyllic locations

he has come across in the mining industry. With its rich mining history and strong local identity, he feels genuinely privileged to lead the team through what he believes will be a very exciting chapter.

### **Waihi North Project Update**

With the application for the Waihi North Project now accepted as complete (under the Fast-Track approvals process), the members of the independent expert panel have been established, and will commence work on Monday 14 July. You can view the members of the panel by going to the Fast-Track website:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/Waihi-north>

### **Ask the Experts – Air Quality**

A session about air quality continued 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.

In June OceanaGold hosted sessions on air quality with Jenny Simpson. Jenny is the head quality engineer at Tonkin + Taylor and an RMA Hearings Commissioner. She is also one of New Zealand's leading air quality experts. Five people attended these sessions and found them very informative.

### **Ask the Experts – Water Management**

The next Ask the Experts session will be held on Thursday 31 July.

Chris Simpson from Williamson Water & Land Advisory will be available to answer any questions people may have on water management.

Chris is a Principal Hydrogeologist. HE holds an MSc (Hons) in economic geology from the University of Auckland and has 30 years of experience as a consultant and in the private sector. After an initial career in resource exploration and mining, he joined the environmental consulting industry working on projects related to geological engineering, contaminated land, and groundwater remediation. Stemming from that early experience, he has built a technical profile working on groundwater supply and wastewater disposal projects for domestic, commercial, and municipal clients. Chris is also experienced in the assessment of water-related environmental effects associated with mining, hydrocarbon and energy projects.

If anyone wishes to speak with Chris, they can make bookings at our Project Office (86 Seddon St), or by phoning us on the Community Engagement Line – 0800 924 444.

### **JumpStart Programme Update**

As we enter the second half of 2025, the JumpStart programme has hit some great milestones and is very close to achieving others.

Shortly we expect to complete 1,500 drives and have 150 successful graduates gain their restricted licences. With the semi-rural nature of Waihi, providing a pathway to be able to drive to work or further study options can open a lot of doors for participants.

Our thanks go to our dedicated Jumpstart Navigator volunteers, Waihi College, Waihi Police, and everyone involved with making the programme such a success.

### **Complaints and Concerns for June**

No complaints were received in June. However, two concerns were raised.

Topic	Number of Concerns	Number of stakeholders who raised Concerns
Noise	1	1
Property	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**Sponsorships & Donation for June**

Who	Amount	What
Whangamata Community Swimming Pool	\$1,316.48	Building material for safety entrance to pool
Waihi Swimming Club	\$3,220.00	Training for coaches
<b>Total Approved</b>	<b>\$4,536.48</b>	

**6. STREETS AHEAD****6.1 Bank balance \$68,128.73 CR**

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$46,703.89 (of which, \$36,105 WCF pledged, \$2,592.36 Waihi Herb Society for planting, \$8006.53 left from various seed funding)
- Charities Services Annual Reporting is required. Due by 30 September 2025.
- 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.**

**ACTION: BR to arrange Annual Report for Charities Services**

**6.2. Outdoor Recreation Hub**

- Sport Waikato have advised that NZCT have let them know there is some available funding left for the Hauraki District.
- Timber benches for pump track - HDC Adrian de Laborde suggests to meet with WCF reps on site to discuss benches and fencing off pump track from dog park (HDC organising and paying for both), and BBQs (WCF finding funding for BBQs and BBQ installation).
- PB apply to NZCT for double BBQ wheelchair.
- PB apply to Valder for BBQ installation.
- HDC invoice 44875 for \$207,643.18 received (\$163,531.64 paid 3 July 2025 - remainder \$44,111.54 to be paid).
- VeloSolutions Quote of \$400,580.42 has now been paid in full by WCF and accountability accepted by Lottery Community Facilities Fund.
- Feedback from riders - requested signage to direct learners/little ones to the small track as they are slow/stopping in the middle of the big track, going the wrong way, and creating a dangerous situation. Requested more directional arrows on the big track.

**ACTION: PB to contact VeloSolutions about other sites' signage and seating.**

**ACTION: Adrian (HDC) supplying quotes to install BBQ to enable funding applications.**

**7. WAIHI COMMUNITY FORUM CHARITABLE TRUST BUSINESS**

**7.1 Apologies** - PA moved apologies be accepted, seconded by EdO

**7.2 Invoice payments and Reimbursements**

- Hauraki District Council INV44875 - Updated final invoice for \$207,643.18 received, unpaid amount of \$44,111.54 passed for payment

**Dates for future meetings**

Next Meeting: Thursday 7 August 2025, 5pm

Future Meeting: Thursday 11 September 2025, 5pm



Invoice No.	44875
Debtor Acc.	4757.01
Date:	30/06/2025



**Account number:** 02-0396-0064018-004  
**Reference:** 44875  
**Code:** 4757.01