



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 11th September 2025
VENUE:	Oceana Gold
TIME START:	4:00pm
TIME FINISH:	5:30pm
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, HDC Terri Casey, HDC Joel Stott
FILE REF:	WCFA2025-09-11

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Paul Anderson, Ernani de Ocampo, Rangi Honey

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 07-08–2025, ref #WCFMOM2025-08-07
BB and BR confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

4. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

4.1 WCF and Media

- Tear drop banner update - estimate \$200 per banner - discuss what is required on each at next meeting
- Leaflet update

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

4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

- Hub update

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1. Bicycles offered by Police for community distribution

Discuss possibility of recovered bikes being given out to community members.

ACTION: BB talk to Nigel Sanderson about bikes

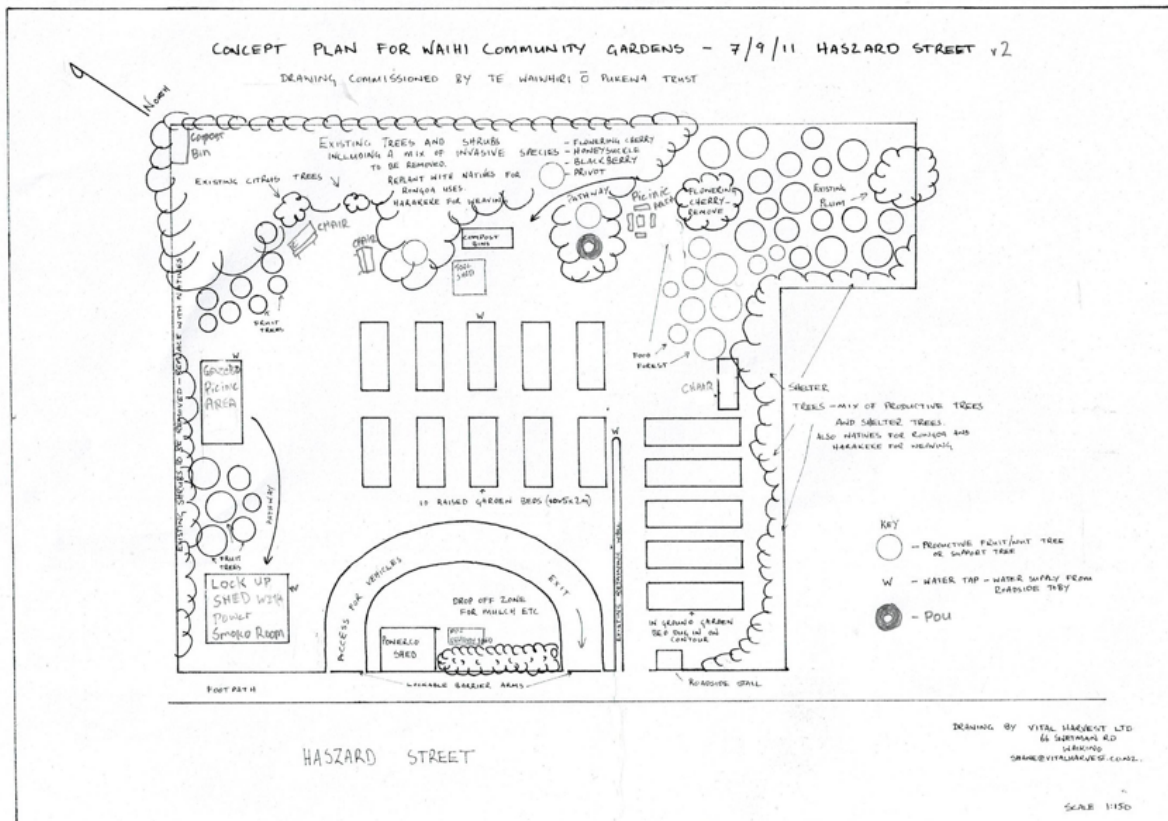
5.3. OceanaGold Update

Exciting news for Te Waiwhiri o Pukewa Trust

The Trust has now received all the necessary consents to establish a community garden on OceanaGold owned land on Haszard Street – just in time for spring planting.

Over the past year, OceanaGold has been working with the Trust to find the perfect spot for the garden, and this milestone marks a big step forward. Next up: installing a boundary fence, getting water to site, and setting up vehicle access and signage.

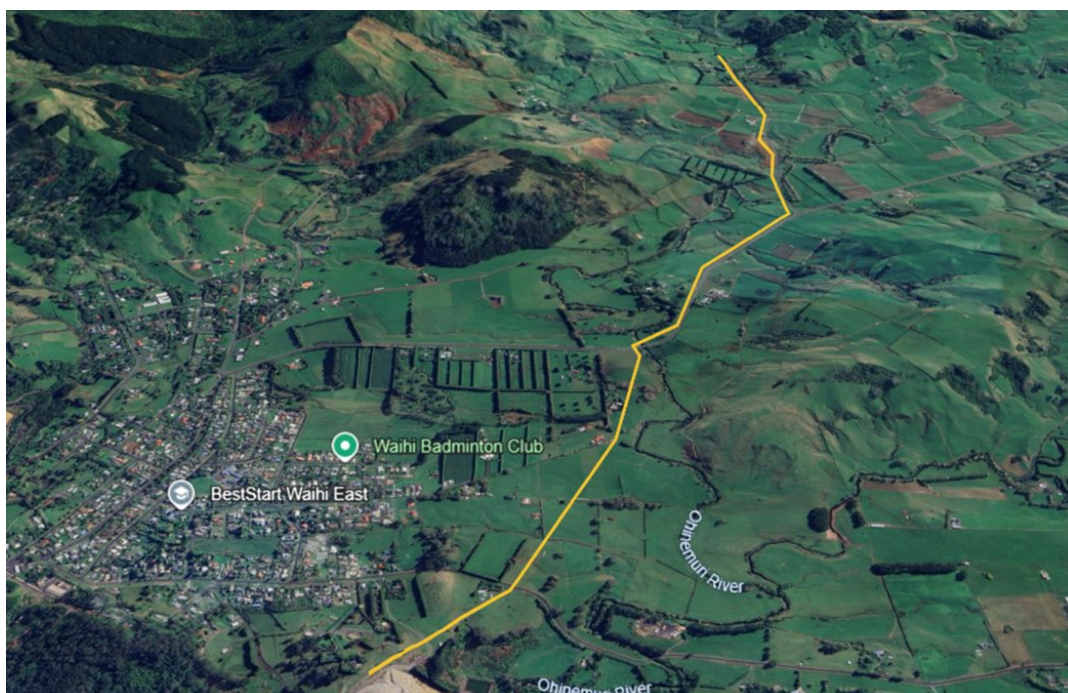
As the landowner, OceanaGold is proud to support this initiative and continues to lend a hand wherever it can.



Waihi North Project update

The public commenting period on the Waihi North Project Fast-track application has now closed, and all comments are available to view on the Fast-track website.

Comments could only be invited by the Expert Panel, appointed by the Environmental Protection Authority. As the applicant, OceanaGold didn't have a role in determining who was invited to comment.



To support those invited, we engaged an independent planning consultant to be a *Friend of the Commenter* and help guide people through the process. They were available at the Waihi Memorial Hall Supper Room on Friday 15 August to assist with:

- Understanding the Fast-track process
- Identifying relevant parts of the application
- Clarifying technical reports
- Preparing clear and effective comments

The session drew 11 individual visitors. While attendance was modest, feedback from the consultant was that the conversations were meaningful with most visitors staying for over 30 minutes to discuss detailed queries.

The Waihi Community Forum, as an invited commenter, also attended the session and played an important role in supporting residents – especially those who weren't formally invited – by helping them engage with the process and have their voices heard.



Services Trench Project Update

We're installing infrastructure to carry water, power and fibre optic cable between our Waihi Processing Plant at Baxter Road and company owned property at the end of Willows Road, just north of Waihi.

We've appointed Fulton Hogan as our construction partner to install the trench. Groundworks began early this month, starting at the Baxter Road end of the trench. Residents and motorists may notice some activity on Golden Valley Road, just before the one-way Ohinemuri River bridge, as Fulton Hogan sets up site entrances and environmental and sediment controls in the roadside and adjacent paddocks. There will also be some activity on SH25 near the Ohinemuri River Bridge and on Willows Road.

We're working closely with Fulton Hogan's Stakeholder Manager to keep people informed and updated. People can also sign up to our project newsletter to stay in the loop.

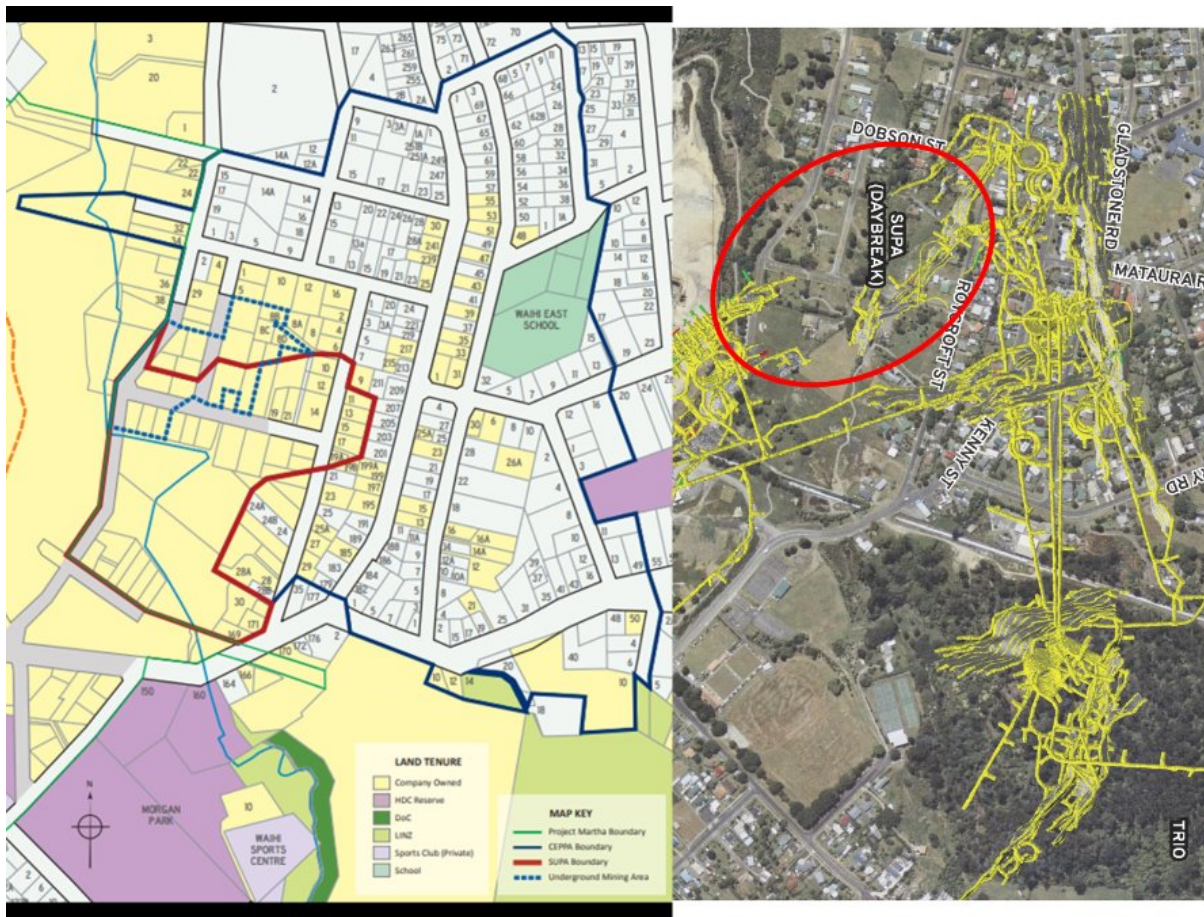
Amenity Effects Programme (AEP) payments update

A total of 187 properties qualified for an AEP payment for the six-month period ending in June, with payments amounting to \$75,000. Most of the qualifying properties were located in the Project Martha area, while around 24 were in the Correnso area.

Correnso and SUPA consents – what's next

OceanaGold currently holds consents from Hauraki District Council for underground mining in the Correnso and SUPA areas. These consents are set to expire on 20 December this year. While mining under these consents will come to an end on that date, rehabilitation work will continue within the existing, consented tunnels inside the project boundary.

Due to the way the projects have evolved, mining in the SUPA area (a small area of OceanaGold owned land) won't be completed before the current consent expires. For this reason, OceanaGold is applying for a new consent, which if approved, would allow underground mining to be completed in the SUPA area.



Complaints & Concerns for August

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

Topic	Number of Concerns	Number of stakeholders who raised Concerns
Gas & Odour	1	1
TOTAL	1	1

Sponsorships & Donations for August

Who	Amount	What
Waihi A&P Show	\$500	Funding for voucher prizes
Waihi Contract Bridge Club	\$1,199	Purchase of new dish washer for clubrooms
Whangamata Croquet Club	\$1,577.73	New hot water cylinder for clubrooms
Katikati concert band	\$100	Hall hire for music workshop
Waikino ARRA	\$2,010	Advertising of event and catering – Art Waikino

Waihi Bowling Club	\$3,000	30 weeks of catering for tournaments
Waihi Beach Community Events & Promotions	\$2,500	Band performance at event
Waihi Budget Services	\$1,000	Community event costs
Waihi Athletic Junior Rugby	\$3,930	Uniforms for tournament
Total approved \$15,817.28		

6. **STREETS AHEAD**

6.1 Bank balance \$16,017.19 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$2,592.36 Waihi Herb Society for planting
- Charities Services Annual Reporting is required. Due by 30 September 2025.
- Westpac is processing refund of resident withholding tax as per charity status.

ACTION: BR to arrange Annual Report for Charities Services

6.2. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- Timber benches for pump track update - Terri HDC confirmed council funds have been approved
- Postpone BBQ installation
- Pump track signage update - Terri HDC confirmed council funds have been approved
- Pump track entry points, painted arrows on the asphalt - waiting for digital lap item from Velo, as that may solve the problem of entry arrows.
- Fencing - Terri HDC confirmed council funds have been approved
- Playground revitalisation - Terri waiting from update from Paul HDC Asset Manager re funding.
- HDC waiting for resource consent for toilets, new power connection required.
- Iwi communication is required for stage 2 of the hub guided by the HDC Iwi Liaison Officer. DF put forward that the OG iwi liaison group that can also be involved in this.
- Terri will update the existing MOU appropriate to the next stage of the hub project.
- Terri and Joel offered two approaches to hub progression, and the WCF opted to move forward with Approach 2, elements in the following order
 1. Geotech - Terri to find out if Adrian has enough to get geotech done.
 2. Design - Joel will contact Acid to discuss skatepark design.
 3. Preload the skatepark site - preload must be of high quality as some will stay to accommodate the "bowl" heights.

AMS left meeting at 4.45pm

Terri Casey and Joel Stott (HDC) left the meeting at 5pm

ACTION: Paula T and Donna F will investigate the logistics of preloading the Skatepark site

7. **AOB**

- None

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

8.1 Apologies - MH moved apologies be accepted, seconded by BB

8.3 Trustee Resignation

- Rangi Honey tendered her resignation 16 August 2025. She expects her final meeting attendance to be the October meeting. (Appendix 1)

Dates for future meetings

Next Meeting: Thursday 9 October 2025, 5pm

Future Meeting: Thursday 5 November 2025, 5pm

APPENDIX 1.

From: Rangi Honey <rangipehihoney@gmail.com>

Sent: 16 August 2025 11:06

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Subject: Resigning from the Forum

Kia ora Waihi Community Forum members

I am emailing to formally stand down from my position as a forum member in October which will be my last hui in attendance.

It has been a privilege to contribute to the kaupapa and vision of the Forum, and I want to express my gratitude for the space to share, learn, and serve alongside such dedicated people. The work the Forum is doing in our community is truly inspiring, and I acknowledge the time, energy, and commitment that goes into making such a positive impact.

I am happy to remain as a signatory and trustee, until the necessary changes can be made to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to be part of this important mahi. I wish the Forum continued success in all that you do for our community with the heart of gold.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rangi