



MINUTES

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| MEETING OF THE: | Waihi Community Forum |
| MEETING DATE: | Thursday 6th November 2025 |
| VENUE: | Oceana Gold |
| TIME START: | 5:00pm |
| TIME FINISH: | 7:50pm |
| MEMBERS: | Belinda Burke, Mike Hayden, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Paula Trubshaw, Paul Anderson |
| INVITED: | Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator, Karolina Kirova - HDC |
| FILE REF: | WCFMOM2025-11-06 |

WAIHI COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Mike Hayden, Donna Fisher

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 09-10-2025, ref #WCFMOM2025-10-09
BB and AMS confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Notice period given by PB as Forum Administrator - replacement required. Appendix A

4. MEDIA & WEBSITE

4.1 WCF and Media

- Tear drop banner update from Paula T - awaiting proposal from designer
- Leaflet update

ACTION: AMS to forward leaflet content to Paula T to organise finalising

ACTION : Paula T to organise flag banners one of each

4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.

Advertise for a new community member

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1. Bicycles offered by Police for community distribution

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

ACTION: DF to investigate further - put Nigel Sanderson in touch with Logan Principal of Central School

5.2. Change in members

- Bhavesh Ranchhod chose to not stand for Councillor in the latest elections for Hauraki District Council. Therefore, as council elections are now complete, his role on the Waihi Community Forum has come to an end.
- Discuss future members of the Forum - Advertise on Facebook and Valley Profile

ACTION: PB put ad together to email to the WCF members

5.3. Waihi North Project Fast Track Application Comments

- Proposed 18 November meeting for draft conditions for comment - 10am to 2pm at Supper Room and Memorial Hall, AMS and BB will attend to support the community with any questions. This date is TBC.

5.4. OceanaGold Update**Waihi North Project Update**

Our fast-track application for the Waihi North Project is continuing to move through the process, with the next step being a draft decision. If the draft decision is that the project be approved, it will include proposed consent conditions. At that point, invited stakeholders will have a chance to provide their comment on these conditions. The timing for releasing the draft decision and any comment period will be set by the Expert Panel.

In preparation, we're organising another 'Friend of the Commenter' session, where an independent consultant planner will be available to provide free, neutral support to those invited to provide comment, this time on the draft conditions.

As with the previous session, there is also an opportunity for the Waihi Community Forum to attend and collate feedback from those not directly invited to comment, so that these thoughts can be included in their own submission.

Community Survey

Each year we appoint an independent survey company to ask people living in the Waihi area how they think OceanaGold is doing, what we can improve on, and how things are in Waihi in general. The surveyors aim to get a representative sampling of the area, in a similar proportion to the actual demographic make-up of Waihi.

This year's survey includes some questions about the Waihi Community Forum and how the community would like to engage with us in general.

The survey, which is anonymous, is running from now through until the end of the year. Results from the survey form part of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP), which is required as part of our consent conditions.

Complaints and Concerns for October

| | Number of Complaints | Number of Complainants |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Projects | 1 | 1 |
| Property | 1 | 1 |
| Vibration | 1 | 1 |
| Noise from Blasting | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 3 |

| Topic | Number of Concerns | Number of stakeholders who raised Concerns |
|--------------|--------------------|--|
| Vibration | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 1 |

Sponsorships & Donations for October

| Who | Amount | What |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| CANSURF | \$2,000 | Food supplies for running the summer camp. |
| Waikino School | \$14,000 | Kitchen upgrade |
| Waihi East School | \$14,000 | Camp costs for year 5 & 6 & sports equipment |
| Total approved = \$30,000 | | |

6. STREETS AHEAD**6.1 Bank balance \$18,221.06 CR**

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$2,592.36 Waihi Herb Society for planting

6.2. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- Pump track entry points - discussed asphalt stencils along with HDC and WCF logos
- Awaiting quote from Acid/Strata for next skatepark design stages.
- MOU between HDC and WCF draft, amendments discussed
- Pump track fencing, playground funding, toilet installation, seating are in process.
- Draft Pump Track Rules Sign - Appendix C - amendments discussed
- Update on Hauraki Rail Trail with Karolina Kirova HDC - Karolina left meeting at 5:13pm

ACTION: PB chase Strata for quote**ACTION: AMS contact Terri with amendments to MOU as discussed****ACTION: AMS contact Terri with amendments as discussed.****6.3. Pump Track Event**

- AMS has put Velo in contact with Lou Beer (HDC Event and Business Support Coordinator) to arrange the event.

7. AOB

None

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WAIHI COMMUNITY FORUM CHARITABLE TRUST**1. Apologies Received**

Mike Hayden

BB moved apologies be accepted, **NdO** seconded.**2. Disbursements to be settled**

\$51.11 paid to Charities register for filing annual return - request for BB to be refunded from the WCF bank account - Appendix B

NdO moved refund be accepted, **PA** seconded.**Dates for future meetings**

- Next Meeting: Thursday, 11 December 2025, 5pm Flat White
- Future Meeting: Thursday, 12 February 2026, 5pm

Appendix A - Administrator Resignation Letter



Paula Blackman
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31 October 2025

To the members of the Waihi Community Forum,

I am writing to formally tender my resignation from my role as Administrator and Grants Coordinator with the Waihi Community Forum.

It has been a genuinely rewarding experience working with the Forum and contributing to the Waihi community with all of you. I've really enjoyed collaborating with people who enjoy and appreciate Waihi as much as I do, and I look forward to seeing the future Forum projects come to fruition.

My final official meeting will be in December, though I am very happy to support a smooth handover by showing my replacement everything they need to know. I am also happy to attend the February meeting alongside them to help with the transition.

Thank you all for the opportunity to be part of this wonderful group. I leave with gratitude and best wishes for the Forum's continued success.

Ngā mihi nui,

Paula Blackman

Appendix B - Charities Register Annual Return, Reimburse BB from WCF bank account.

Paula Blackman <wcfinformation@gmail.com>

Annual Return Payment Receipt

Charities Services Info <CharitiesService-Info@dia.govt.nz>
To: Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust <wcfinformation@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 20, 2025 at 7:24 AM

20 October 2025

Paula Blackman
Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust
[121 Barry Road](#)
Waihi 3610

Kia ora Paula

Annual return tax invoice/receipt
Charities Services GST number: 14-427-309

Thank you for paying the annual return filing fee for [Waihi](#) Community Forum Charitable Trust, Charity
Registration number CC61325 for the financial year that ended on 31/03/2025.

Here is a receipt for your records.

| Our reference | Description of goods and services | Amount paid | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Subtotal | 44.44 |
| | | GST | 6.67 |
| | | TOTAL | 51.11 |

Please note, we conduct a random check of a number of performance reports and financial statements to make sure that they meet the current reporting standards. We will be in touch again if we review your charity's return and find it does not meet the reporting standards or there are any areas that require further attention.

Ngā mihi,

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**Internal Affairs**
Te Tari Taiwhenua

Appendix C - Draft Pump Track Rules Sign

Nau mai here mai

Waihi Pump Track



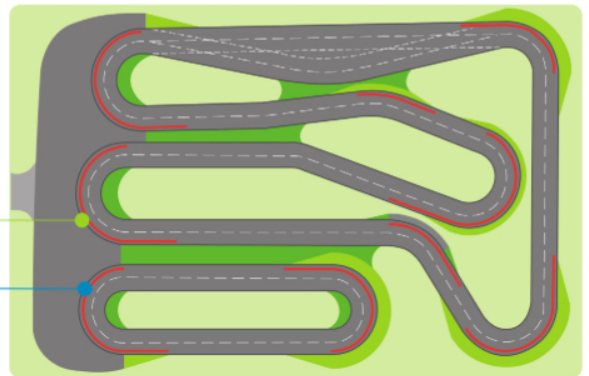
RULES

- Wear helmets, pads and shoes.
- Share the track, look out for the groms, and help each other.
- Follow the arrows.
- No drop-ins or snaking.
- Keep the track mint.
- Take your rubbish with you. Rubbish bin in carpark.
- Good vibes only. Be a legend.
- Ride safe, respect the space, keep Waihi rolling.

PICK YOUR TRACK - FOLLOW THE ARROWS

- *Experienced riders*
use large track -
drop-in here

- *Littlies and learners*
use small track -
drop-in here



Appendix D - Proposed Rail Trail and Fence Location

