

Work continues on **MARTHA NORTH WALL**

If you have been on the pit rim walkway you will have seen the material we have 'sidecasted' into the open pit.



Soon, instead of pushing the material down into the pit we will be trucking it to the ROM pad next to the crusher then transporting it to the Development Site on the conveyor.

Smaller road trucks will be used to move this material from the North Wall to the crusher via the southern perimeter road. If you are on the

walkway or at the Pumphouse viewing area you will see these trucks working.

This activity is covered by the current mining consent and must meet all of the current Martha Mine consent conditions with regard to noise, dust, and hours of work.

Exploration drill rigs

We are continuing to look for gold deposits to extend the life of the Martha mine and our underground operations. We are working to find any veins that the 'old timers' may have missed and also to assess the remnants they left behind.

As explained in the March Update, we have a number of drilling rigs operating both on the surface and underground. Most of the surface rigs are close to the pit rim. One of these has recently moved from the west of the pit to the south, so we now have two exploration drill rigs near the walkway between the pit and the rugby club.



Two exploration drill rigs are currently working near the pit rim next to the rugby club.

BEACH HOP

It was great to see so many hot rods in town last Wednesday and have such a huge number of visitors in town. We are pleased to be able to continue our sponsorship of the Beach Hop Warm Up Party, and equally pleased that our exploration team managed a creditable third placing in the drag race. They assure us they will be practising their hula hoop skills over winter in preparation for next year's event.



Dylan Purcell of the 'Waihi Gold Bed Rockers' helping his teammates Fergus McArthur and Bruce Wynyard to third placing in the drag race.

MINERS REUNION

The 29th annual Miners' Reunion

was held recently. Miners from pre 1952, and a few more recent staff, toured the site and visited the Tunnellers' Memorial at Gilmour Reserve before having lunch at the Education Centre and trying out the 'Underground Experience'. The visitors were joined at lunch by several Waihi Gold staff. Bruce Douglas brought along his framed reference from 1951 which is only five sentences long. Bruce was an 'oiler and assistant fireman at our No.5 installation'. The Mine Superintendent wrote 'During the whole of his time his services have been satisfactory. He is of sober habits, good character, and attentive to his duties'.



Waihi Gold general manager Bernie O'Leary presents the Miners' Choice award to Warwick Dawes for his stunning 1946 Chevrolet convertible.



Mock Tyson shares experiences of being a blacksmith at the original Martha Mine with Bernie O'Leary.

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Our new website is now live. The website address is the same, as is most of the content. Why the change? A move to the OceanaGold 'look' and the opportunity to refresh some of the functions. Members of the public who use the site to find blast times need only scroll down the home page to find this information with one click.