



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018



US Ambassador to New Zealand Scott Brown and his wife Gail spent an afternoon with us in August.



OceanaGold is pleased to be the major sponsor of the Beach Hop Warm Up Party as well as having a team in the drag race. Competition was strong this year. We have already started training for 2019 ...



This year saw the site celebrate 30 years of modern mining and the production of three million ounces of gold. Staff commemorated this event with an onsite BBQ and a very large 'gold bar' cake.



In October staff travelled to Maraenui on the East Coast for the unveiling of Tipiwaitapu Stainton's headstone. Tip died on site as the result of an underground accident in 2016.

Waihi staff joined their Macraes colleagues to take part in the annual Sky Tower Stair Challenge to raise money for Leukemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. The team will participate again next year. They had to be in early. Registrations for 2019 are already full.



Kaumataua Tim Ainsley and kuia Tui Jack-Ainsley from Waihi Community Marae were on site several times this year to bless large mining equipment prior to it being used.



Newly appointed head of the Pike River Recovery Agency Dave Gawn visited site early January and was taken underground as part of his familiarisation with his new role.



As part of the 30-year celebrations the public were invited to a giant fireworks display over the Martha pit.

Project Martha was announced in late March and the application was lodged in May. The hearings took place in November and the project was approved last Friday. It is anticipated that work will start in the middle of 2019.



This year being the centennial of Armistice, in March Miners Reunion guests visited Khaki Miners.



Mental health advocate Mike King was on site for three days talking with staff. This involved some early starts and late finishes. He also generously gave up his one free evening to talk to a full Memorial Hall audience.