



PROJECT MARTHA UPDATE

The *Project Martha Update* is a regular newsletter that will be delivered to residents adjacent to the Martha North Wall and those people above or next to the proposed Rex mine.

We also post the newsletter on our website www.waihigold.co.nz in the *Project Martha* section that can be accessed from the home page. In each issue we will provide information as it comes to hand, and also answer questions from residents. In the first issue we have featured a possible consenting timeline.

- April 2018:** As they become available, OceanaGold will make the technical reports available on www.waihigold.co.nz and in hardcopy.
- May 2018:** Consents will be lodged with regulators. They will read the technical reports, and request additional information if required.
- August 2018:** The application will be publicly notified.
- September 2018:** Council's report will be available.
- October 2018:** Council hearing. You can make a written submission. You can also ask to speak at the hearing as long as you have made a written submission.
- November 2018:** Council's decision
- May 2019:** Environment Court hearing (if required)
- October 2019:** Environment Court decision (if required)



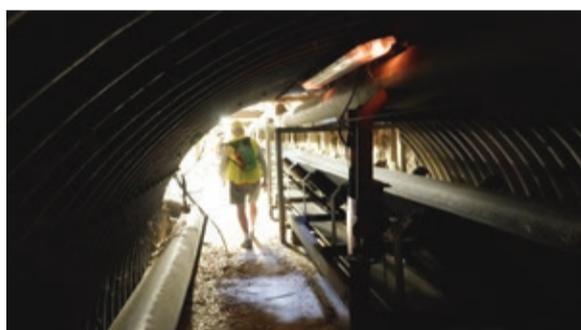
FIREFIGHTER Sky Tower Stair Challenge

Most people take the lift when they want to get up to the top of Auckland's 328 metre Sky Tower. On May 19 six men from OceanaGold Waihi's Mines Rescue Team will be doing it the hard way while carrying 25 kilogrammes of equipment. 51 flights. 1,103 steps.

Staff from Waihi and the company's Macraes mine in Otago will take part in the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge, an annual fundraiser for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC). Each year firefighters from around New Zealand and international competitors from Australia, the US, Chile and Germany fundraise and compete in this event at Auckland's Sky Tower.

You can participate too, not by climbing, but with the fundraising. If you see the team on the street (they'll be hard to miss) we invite you to contribute.

Find out more here.
firefightersclimb.org.nz
www.leukaemia.org.nz/get-involved/our-events



ECHO Walking Festival

Two groups of people recently took the opportunity to walk along the conveyor from the Martha open pit to Union Hill, before exploring the historic foundations on the hill and ending up at the Tunnellers' Memorial at Gilmour Reserve. The conveyor belt section of the walk is made possible because the conveyor is not operating while there is no mining in the open pit. Promoted as a 'walk through present and past', the guides explain modern mining, some of the history of the area, and the story of the Waihi tunnellers in World War One.

Left: Inside the conveyor tunnel and on Union Hill.

Below: OceanaGold General Manager Bernie O'Leary presents the AED to Mark Ryan from the Waihi Rugby Club.

Have a HEART

While we are not working in the Martha open pit, the guardhouse at Kenny Street has been closed, and the Automatic External Defibrillator unit (often called an AED or a defib) moved on site for any staff working in that area. That meant the unit was no longer available to the public. We have addressed that issue by recently donating a new defib unit to the Waihi Rugby Club. There is also a unit available during office hours at our Admin. Office at 43 Moresby Avenue, and another at the Gold Discovery Centre. Over 6,000 AED locations are mapped on this website <https://aedlocations.co.nz> You can download an app for your Apple or Android mobile phone which provides location information.

