

# OceanaGold UPDATE

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## 35 YEARS OF MODERN MINING IN WAIHI

In May, our Waihi operation celebrated 35 years since the first gold pour as a modern mine. During this time, we have been proud to be part of the Waihi and wider community. In this Update we take the opportunity to look back on some of the milestones and our achievements as we have worked together.

Establishment of the Gilmour Lake Reserve, with construction and lake development beginning in 1987. After maintaining the reserve for five years the land was gifted to the local council in 1993. Over the years since, Council and many other community groups have all contributed to make Gilmour Lake what it is today. Council has installed stone works by a local sculptor and students, a paved lakeside walkway, public toilets, picnic tables, and a wooden stage for community events and concerts. Waihi Rotary Club has also built a wetland boardwalk. A BBQ area was built in conjunction with Waihi Lions, Waihi Heritage Vision created the Tunnellers' Memorial and Miners' Reflective Area which includes the Pike River Memorial Walk. Forest and Bird has planted trees, a Cherry Blossom grove was planted by the Cherry Blossom Society, and in 2006 the Morgan Family donated a fountain in memory of former Waihi Mayor, Owen Morgan.



The Bridge-to-Bridge Riparian Planting Project was initiated in 1995. This was a 10-year development involving fencing and planting the riparian margins of the Ohine-muri River and its tributaries between the Golden Valley Road and Coronation (SH2) bridges. Five kilometres of river riparian margin were planted with 200,000 native plants. A walkway was also created, partly alongside the planted areas, to provide access to the Motukehu/Black Hill area as part of this project. Most native plants were sourced from the Waihi ecological area, and maintenance of these areas continues.

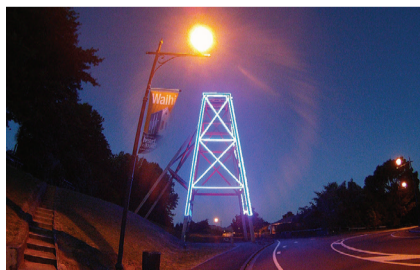


Major contribution to the Waihi Events Centre built in 1996.



Initiated and supported the Department of Conservation's 'Dotterel Watch' programme with a 20-year funding commitment beginning in 1995, providing annual funding to assist volunteers and a vehicle for DOC staff.

Constructed the 19 metre-high Poppet Head at the top of Seddon Street in conjunction with OtterGold and partners as part of the Streetscape Project in 2000.



Helped fund and establish the Gold Discovery Centre, providing a tourist attraction with a wide economic spin off for the area.

After starting life as the original Visitor Centre at the top of Seddon Street, the building was moved and the current enlarged Education Centre opened its doors in 2000, providing free, curriculum-linked educational programmes to teachers, and students from new entrants to tertiary institutions. Several thousand students from around the country pass through the Education Centre every year. The building is also used by community groups and also features the Khaki Miners display downstairs.



The Mines Rescue team has regularly assisted local emergency services, putting their specialised skills to use. This also included supporting the Waihi Salvation Army and local schools in the initial stages of the level 4 COVID-19 lockdowns in 2020 by distributing essential food supplies around Waihi, and from Karangahake to Bowentown.



The Waihi Community Forum was established in 2012 after the announcement of the proposed Golden Link Project, including the Correnso underground mine in the east of Waihi. The forum's projects to date have included home and street improvement grants for residents in Waihi East, new playground and BBQ facilities in Waihi East School, upgraded public sporting facilities, Cherry Blossom tree plantings in collaboration with the Cherry Blossom Society, murals around town, supporting the Gift Box Community Food Pantry, and most recently are working towards a proposed new outdoor Recreation Hub with Hauraki District Council.

