

# OceanaGold UPDATE

21 December 2023



Welcome to the final  
OceanaGold Update  
for 2023

## KAURI DIE-BACK & OCEANAGOLD WAIHI

Back in July, a number of Department of Conservation (DOC) tracks were closed in the nearby Kaimai Mamaku Ranges due to provisional positive tests for *Phytophthora agathidicida* (PA) – the pathogen responsible for kauri disease. This is a fungus-like pathogen which damages the root system of the kauri tree and has a devastating

OceanaGold is dedicated to maintaining operations in a socially and environmentally responsible manner, including doing our part to prevent the spread of kauri die-back disease.

We developed a Kauri die-back Management Plan which has been approved by DOC, and it contains strict protocols for when our staff enter the bush for testing, surveys, or exploration activities. We disinfect all equipment, including what is brought in by helicopter.

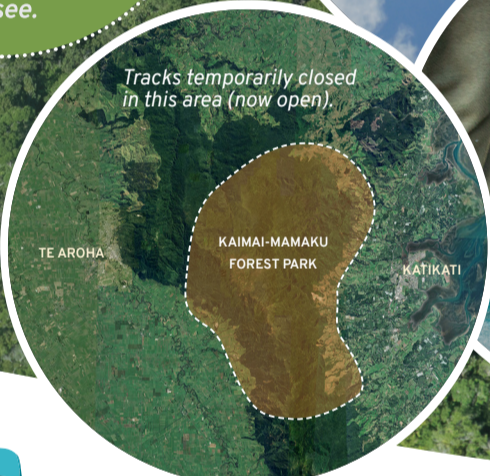
At our Wharekurauponga exploration areas, additional boot-wash stations are placed at multiple approved locations where boots must be cleaned and disinfected by any staff passing through that area. These stations are also made available to members of the public. It only takes a minuscule amount of pathogenic soil transfer – just a pinhead sized quantity would be enough – to spread the disease and infect more kauri, which is why it is so vital for anyone entering bush areas to be taking these precautions.

Kauri die-back disease has proven to be highly detrimental to Aotearoa New Zealand's unique populations of kauri. If you're planning on heading into the bush this summer, it's important to respect the environment and comply with any directions regarding disease prevention.

*Taking a moment to clean your gear when you enter and exit a forest makes all the difference, and keeping on the tracks and away from kauri roots helps to ensure those same kauri can remain standing for future generations to see.*



One of the helicopters OceanaGold has used to fly people and equipment – all of which are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected – in and out of more remote areas.



Tracks temporarily closed in this area (now open).



A boot-wash station in use.



## Season's Greetings

*From everyone here at the OceanaGold Waihi operation, we wish you a safe and happy holidays.*

### Holiday Period Closures and Availability

Our Project Information Office at 86 Seddon Street and Admin Office at 43 Moresby Ave. will be closed from Friday the 22nd of December, reopening Monday the 8th of January.

There will be no blasting of any type on Sundays or public holidays.

Our Community Engagement line will still be active throughout the holidays for any queries or concerns, so please feel free to get in touch on 0800 924 444.

## INVESTING IN OUR HOST COMMUNITY

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM [www.waihigold.co.nz/sponsorship-donations](http://www.waihigold.co.nz/sponsorship-donations)

### SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS APPROVED IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH

Waihi Central School	Specialist staff and playboard learning	\$54,000
Society of St Vincent de Paul Waihi	Food hampers for Christmas	\$2,000
Te Waitangi-o-Hinemuri	In support of a teaching role	\$14,000
<b>TOTAL = \$70,000</b>		



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT US.  
Community Engagement Line: 0800 924 444 | Email us via our website: [www.waihigold.co.nz](http://www.waihigold.co.nz)  
Project Information Office: 86 Seddon St., Waihi.

NOTE: WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY BLASTING IN THE MARTHA OPEN PIT. CHANGES TO THIS WILL BE NOTIFIED.