

# OceanaGold UPDATE

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## KING'S THEATRE WORKS

Over the next little while, you may notice scaffolding erected on the historic King's Theatre building on Hazzard Street. This building is owned by OceanaGold Waihi, and is home to local businesses including Maddcutz, Waihi Tattoo Studio, and Mountain Fresh.

The building has had a number of different uses over its long life, ranging from a theatre and dance hall, through to housing the AKRAD factories (later PYE). During that time, the building has been subjected to a battering of sun, rain, and wind. So much so that its façade is now looking very tired and is no longer weathertight – meaning that during rain events it is interrupting the business operations of the current tenants.

While we want to ensure that the theatre is kept in a great state, it is also a listed heritage building. As a result, we have had a heritage expert assess our proposed works to ensure we are maintaining the building's heritage values. From their advice, the look of the current façade will be maintained, with new cladding and detailing retaining the exact look and profile of what is currently fitted to the building.

The work is expected to take around two months, weather dependent. During this time there will be continued access to Maddcutz, Waihi Tattoo Studio, and Mountain Fresh.



*The King's Hall c1940s.  
The building was originally constructed in the late 1800s.*

## UPCOMING WORKS IN THE MARTHA OPEN PIT

Over the course of the next few weeks, you may notice some equipment and works occurring in the lower area of the Martha Open Pit.

The Martha Open Pit has several known interactions with historic stopes and fill areas from early mining activities. These parts of the pit are more prone to erosion and weathering, and recent high rain events have increased both the amount and speed of water passing over these areas, causing further erosion to occur, and an increase in material accumulating near the base of the pit.

Subsequently, we are planning to undertake remediation works to clear some of the debris from around our two portals (tunnel openings) on the south wall.

The erosion and deformation that has occurred over time is expected, and all of the monitoring we carry out, including via infrared prism, radar, and town settlement surveys show that there are no stability or safety issues with the

wall. The Pit Rim Walkway is unaffected, as are any other uses of the land around the Martha Open Pit.

The earthworks are weather dependent, and are likely to commence within the next week or so. The majority of the works will be confined to the lower levels of the open pit, and would take place under existing consent conditions for noise, dust, traffic, and other amenity considerations. Works would only take place between 7.00 am to 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, and 7.00 am to 12 midday on Saturday.

We will keep the community informed about the ongoing progress of works, as well as any changes or milestones encountered.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT US.**

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**NOTE: WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY**

**BLASTING IN THE MARTHA OPEN PIT.**

**CHANGES TO THIS WILL BE NOTIFIED.**