

OceanaGold UPDATE

30 November 2023



TAIAHA BLESSING AT WAIHI

Each year Mines Rescue Teams from the Macraes and Waihi Operations travel to Auckland to climb the Sky Tower as part of a nation-wide fundraising effort for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. The teams from both sites have an enviable record for both fundraising and climbing times.

As well as winning recognition for their fundraising efforts, in May of this year the Waihi Mines Rescue Team was presented with the Taiaha Award for community participation and service. As part of this award, they are now required to commission and have carved a new taiaha which they will present to next year's recipients at the 2024 event.

A taiaha is a traditional Māori weapon which was originally used for striking or stabbing in close-quarter combat. Nowadays it is often used as a ceremonial

piece, usually seen during official welcomes onto marae.

In November the Mines Rescue Team was joined by their colleagues from emergency and rescue services and members of the Waihi Community Marae where the taiaha the team received in May was blessed along with the wood they have selected to be used to carve the new piece. Once this taiaha is carved it will be blessed again, before being taken by the team to the Sky Tower Stair Challenge in May 2024 and presented to next year's recipients.



Above: Members of the OceanaGold Waihi Mines Rescue Team were joined by their colleagues from emergency and rescue services and members of the Waihi Community Marae to bless the taiaha they were awarded at the Sky Tower Challenge.



**Did You
Know?**

OVER 25%
OF OUR STAFF
ATTENDED WAIHI
COLLEGE

With modern mining kicking off in the late 80s, the operation has been able to provide good, well-paying employment opportunities for many years now.

It also means people can choose to stay in the community they grew up in, contribute to the area, and raise their families here too.

INVESTING IN OUR HOST COMMUNITY

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM
www.waihigold.co.nz/sponsorship-donations



SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS APPROVED IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH

The Salvation Army Waihi	Purchase of food and gifts for Christmas hampers	\$7,000.00
Waihi Bowling club	Upgrade of bowls equipment	\$1,920.00
Waihi Contract Bridge Club	Venue hire, advertising, and prizes	\$650.00
Waihi Heritage Vision	Tree and weed clearing costs	\$1,840.00
Waihi Playcentre	1st Aid course for members	\$1,200.00
St Joseph's School	Learning resources for school	\$14,000.00
Waihi East School	Teacher support costs	\$14,000.00
Waikino School	Teacher support costs	\$14,000.00
Waihi Beach School	Digital resources	\$14,000.00
Waimata School	Senior class camp costs	\$14,000.00

(Further school donations are being processed in December)

TOTAL = \$82,610.00



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.**