

# OceanaGold UPDATE

1st May 2025



## ENHANCING PREDATOR CONTROL AT WHAREKIRAUPONGA

Located north of Waihi, the Wharekirauponga area is home to a range of native species, as well as several pest populations. To support local biodiversity, OceanaGold Waihi has undertaken predator control initiatives in the area, including the implementation of AT220 pest control traps.

The AT220 is an automatic, self-resetting, and self-luring trap designed to humanely manage pests such as possums, rats, mice, feral cats, and mustelids like stoats and ferrets.

Our Environmental Advisor (Projects), led the assembly of the first AT220 trial in Wharekirauponga in April 2023. Following the trial's success, the Sustainability team has installed four additional automated traps around a site in Wharekirauponga to further support pest management efforts. Sensors in these four traps have recorded that a collective total of 107 pests have been humanely dispatched since December 2023.

These traps significantly reduce the need for manual interactions, allowing for more efficient, continuous pest control. They are installed on trees above ground level, reducing the risk of interaction with ground-dwelling native species.

Compared to traditional traps, these automated systems have a much higher success rate, as they reset almost immediately after dispatching a pest. These factors make automated traps particularly suited to remote locations where access can be difficult or weather dependant, or for covering a large area where walking trap lines frequently can be the limiting factor in the total number of pests caught. These traps allow for more frequent pest control, which leads to better outcomes. We're also looking at implementing more of these traps in other remote areas.

This initiative is part of our broader commitment to New Zealand's Pest Free 2050 goal and reflects our ongoing efforts to protect native wildlife through effective predator control around our areas of operation.

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## ASK THE EXPERTS ABOUT; Noise Effects – Waihi North Project

As part of the Waihi North Project, there are a number of activities that may generate noise, for example; construction activities, helicopter movements, drilling and blasting operations, excavation, conveying, and the transport of rock and ore.

We have engaged Marshall Day Acoustics to complete an independent Noise Assessment to determine the project's effects. This assessment uses recognised New Zealand experts to identify the best measures to effectively monitor and manage noise impacts.

The assessment indicates that with appropriate noise management measures being applied; the construction and operational noise levels would comply with parameters set out in the Hauraki District Plan.

On the 22nd of May between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Steve Peakall from Marshall Day Acoustics will be available in our Project Information Office to answer any questions you might have about the noise effects of the Waihi North Project.

### A NUMBER OF TIMES ARE AVAILABLE, BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Bookings can be made via 0800 924 444, [waihi.info@oceanagold.com](mailto:waihi.info@oceanagold.com) or by visiting the Project Information Office, 86 Seddon Street, Waihi. For further information, visit [www.waihinorth.info](http://www.waihinorth.info)



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## INVESTING IN OUR HOST COMMUNITY



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### SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS APPROVED IN MARCH

Bowtown Boating & Sports Fishing Club	Support for junior fishing tournament	\$500.00
Tu Slow Netball Club	Club uniforms	\$2,035.50
Waihi Tennis Club	Cleaning products	\$1,580.00
St. John Waihi	Backup power supply genset	\$15,000.00
Waihi Floral Art Club	Area Day event; hall hire and expenses	\$630.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,745.50</b>



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

Community Engagement Line: 0800 924 444 | Project Information Office: 86 Seddon St., Waihi.

Email us via our website: [www.waihigold.co.nz](http://www.waihigold.co.nz)

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CHANGES TO THIS WILL BE NOTIFIED.