

OceanaGold Update

6th March 2026



Services Trench update and State Highway 25 interruptions



Work to install infrastructure to carry water, power, and fibre optic cable between our Waihi Processing Plant at Baxter Road and company owned property at the end of Willows road, is now about 80% complete.

We're installing infrastructure to carry water, power, and fibre optic cable between our Waihi Processing Plant at Baxter Road and company owned property at the end of Willows Road, just north of Waihi.

These services will support the surface infrastructure for the Wharekirauponga Underground Mine.

The final bridge structure, which will run alongside the existing SH25 Ohinemuri River bridge, is scheduled to be lifted into place overnight on 16th and 17th of March.

This will require traffic interruptions between 6.00 pm and 6.00 am on both nights. A long stop will be in place in both directions, meaning vehicles can still travel through, but delays of 20-45 minutes are expected.

Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles if required.

We thank you for your patience while we get this work done.



For updates and more details on the Services Trench Project, visit:



www.waihinorth.info/services-trench.html

And for live SH-2 travel times and conditions, visit:



www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz

Works to begin near Gladstone Hill tracks

From early March, work will begin adjacent to Gladstone Hill to install an additional water diffuser in the Ohinemuri River, alongside our existing treated water discharge system.

Once the diffuser is in place, crews will excavate a trench and lay a new pipe connecting to our Water Treatment Plant. The work will take place in stages over several weeks, depending on weather conditions.

Due to the proximity of these activities to public tracks across OceanaGold land, we may need to temporarily manage access to the area to ensure public safety. Signs will advise of any diversions or short-term closures.

All tracks affected by the works will be reinstated once construction is complete, and there will be no ongoing access restrictions.

We encourage you to pay attention to the signage at track entrances and follow any posted diversions. We understand this is a popular recreation area and we will make every effort to complete the works as quickly as possible.

What is a diffuser, and why do we use them?

A diffuser is essentially a pipe installed in a river, with smaller openings along it that release treated water. The openings point upwards and away from riverbanks, and the pipe does not cross the full width of the river as a precaution against impacting fish migration.

Diffusers are used because they spread out treated water as it enters the river, allowing the water to mix quickly and safely with the river flow.

We have monitored water quality and aquatic life in the Ohinemuri River and its tributaries since 1981, several years before modern mining began.

Monitoring continues today at nine sites around Waihi, both upstream and downstream of our operations, including the Ratarua, Mataura, and Waitete streams and the Ohinemuri River.

More than 30 years of monitoring shows that water released from the WTP has not harmed the river's ecological health.

Investing in our host community

Sponsorships and donations approved in January

Bowentown Boating Club	Junior fishing tournament prizes	\$1,000.00
Firewood (in-kind)	Firewood for residents in need	\$6,837.68
Karangahake Public Hall Assoc.	Civil defence emergency safety equipment	\$3,400.00
Paeroa RSA & Citizens Club	Heritage building seismic strengthening	\$3,500.00
VeloSolutions	BMX comp. first aid and sound equipment	\$4,132.72
Waihi AFC	Gazebo shelter	\$3,281.26
Waihi Warriors Rugby League Club	New Junior player uniforms	\$4,000.00
	TOTAL	\$26,151.66



Sponsorship application form
www.waihigold.co.nz/sponsorship-donations



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us

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Email us via our website: www.waihigold.co.nz

Please note: We are not currently blasting in the Martha Open Pit. Any changes to this will be notified.