

OceanaGold Update

13th October 2026



Barry Road subdivision approved

We've received approval from Hauraki District Council to proceed with our Barry Road subdivision and housing development. The development will help provide additional housing to support anticipated workforce growth associated with the Waihi North Project.

At this stage, we expect site works to get underway in late October or early November, with completion expected around April 2027, weather and other factors permitting.

About the subdivision

The subdivision will feature 12 new homes (and one existing house) with two, three, and four-bedroom designs that complement Waihi's existing character. Eleven new titles will be created, including two with self-contained studio units. (i.e., granny flats).

Access will be from Barry Road via a new road named Mascotte Street (pronounced Mascot), named after the historic Mascotte shaft on nearby Motumanawa (Union Hill).

The homes will be built off-site and transported to Barry Road for installation, reducing construction time and disruption. Nine small trees and saplings along Barry Road will need to be removed to allow for construction

activities, with replacement planting to occur after construction.

Looking to the future

Close to town and within walking distance of local shops, services, and schools, the subdivision offers well-connected housing within easy walking distance of Waihi's shops, services and schools.

The approved design and permanent nature of the housing demonstrates OceanaGold's long-term commitment to Waihi. These homes are not temporary or cabin-style accommodation.

Beyond meeting anticipated housing needs for our workforce, the subdivision will contribute to Waihi's long-term housing stock, supporting wider community needs as the town continues to grow.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our community engagement team on 0800 934 444, visit our project information office at 86 Seddon Street, or email waihi.info@oceanagold.com

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we carry out this work.



Looking beneath the surface: Acoustic Imaging Survey coming to Waihi

OceanaGold Waihi has engaged Fleet Space Technologies to undertake an acoustic imaging survey across the Waihi area, including areas associated with the Waihi North Project. This first-of-its-kind survey for Waihi will help us better understand local geology and support future planning, without the need for digging or drilling.

What is Acoustic Imaging?

A useful way to think about acoustic imaging is as an ultrasound scan for the earth. Instead of using sound waves to look inside the human body, this survey uses controlled vibrations to help us understand what lies beneath the surface.

Controlled vibrations are sent into the ground using a portable electronic vibrator (eVibe). As the vibrations travel through rock layers, small wireless sensors called geophones record the returning signals. This information is then processed to build a detailed picture of the geology beneath the surface.

What can residents expect and when?

Work is scheduled to start in late October. The first thing you may notice is survey crews working around local streets and road reserves. They'll be marking locations along the survey route using spray paint or biodegradable flagging tape before equipment is installed.



An installed geophone.

From mid-November, small sensors called geophones will be placed at regular intervals along the survey path. Once these are in place, the eVibe unit will be used along sections of road reserve to create controlled vibrations that help build a picture of the geology beneath the area.

The survey will move progressively through the area and take about a week to complete, with the overall programme expected to finish by late November, weather dependent.

On company-owned land, such as inside the Martha Pit, a different method will be used, with a weight dropped onto a metal plate to generate the required vibrations.

Traffic management will be in place whenever crews are working in the road reserve to help keep everyone safe.



The eVibe unit in operation.

You may notice surveyors, vehicles, sensors and other equipment around local streets during this time. However, it's unlikely you'll hear or feel the survey activity. While we anticipate minimal noise or vibration effects from these works, monitoring will still take place throughout the programme to ensure compliance with all relevant limits.

After the survey

Once the survey is complete, all sensors and equipment will be removed. The information collected will be combined with existing geophysical and drilling data to improve our understanding of local geological, hydrogeological, and geotechnical conditions.

At this stage, the survey is intended solely to improve our understanding of the area beneath Waihi and support future planning and decision-making. The results will not necessarily lead to additional drilling or mine development.

Want to know more?

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:

Community Engagement Line:
0800 924 444



Project Information Office:
86 Seddon St., Waihi

To find out more about Acoustic Imaging, scan the QR code:

Investing in our host community

Sponsorships and donations approved in September

Paeroa College	Life jackets for water activities	\$1,145
Clear as Mud	New plinths for displays at shows	\$2,500
Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust	Contribution towards an adaptive cycle for wheelchair users	\$8,000
Whangamata Youth Trust	Purchase of a shared community transport van	\$8,000
Royal NZ Plunket Society	Heat pump for Paeroa venue	\$2,102
Katikati Concert Band	Support of concert band event	\$450
TOTAL		\$22,197

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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.