

OceanaGold Update

17th April 2026



Water Treatment Plant upgrade and on-site water processing



As part of early works for the Waihi North Project, the Water Treatment Plant is being upgraded to manage additional water from the Wharekirauponga Underground Mine.

Aquatic life protected

Approximately four million cubic metres of treated water is discharged by our Waihi Operation each year, with independent analysis confirming the water meets strict quality limit standards before release. These limits are designed to protect aquatic life and downstream users and are based on recognised international guidelines and form part of consent conditions issued by Waikato Regional Council. Water quality and aquatic life in the Ohinemuri River and its tributaries have been monitored since 1981, prior to the commencement of modern mining operations.



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As part of the WNP consenting process, an independent Freshwater Ecological Assessment was produced by Boffa Miskell.

The report was provided to review the effects of the proposed WNP on wetland and freshwater ecological values, drawing from existing long-term monitoring data, from a range of sources including the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), Waikato Regional Council, the Ministry for the Environment, and the Department of Conservation, among others.

Extract from the Waihi North Project Freshwater Ecological Assessment

“ Annual monitoring of the Ohinemuri River downstream of the mining operations water treatment plant shows that ecological values have remained stable and persistent since operations at OceanaGold Waihi commenced...

There is no evidence that the discharge from the OceanaGold Waihi water treatment plant (WTP) to the Ohinemuri River has caused any detrimental effects to the ecological values of the Ohinemuri River, and the ecological values have been maintained as anticipated by the criteria as set out in the consent conditions. ”

Ian Boothroyd
Senior Principal Ecologist, Boffa Miskell Limited.

New Barry Road subdivision

OceanaGold is planning a new residential subdivision on our Barry Road property in anticipation of increased workforce requirements linked to the Waihi North Project. The subdivision is currently progressing through the planning and consenting phase.



Example render of the proposed housing.

Located close to town and within walking distance of local shops, services and schools, the subdivision will offer a convenient and well-connected place to live. New residents contribute to the vibrancy of Waihi by supporting local retailers, hospitality businesses, tradies, and service providers.

If approved, the proposed subdivision will include 10 permanent homes, each on its own title, and designed to fit within the existing character of the town. Three of the sections will also include a self-contained

granny flat. These homes are not temporary or cabin-style accommodation, their quality design reflects OceanaGold's long-term investment in Waihi and its community.

While the development will help meet future housing needs for OceanaGold's workforce, its benefits extend beyond the company. The homes will add to Waihi's long-term housing stock, supporting wider community needs as the town continues to grow.

Investing in our host community

Sponsorships and donations approved in March

Auckland Rescue Helicopter	Purchase new stretchers	\$10,000.00
Waihi Community Resource Centre	Funding after-school care programme	\$5,636.27
Trees for Survival	Potting mix and plant seeds for schools	\$3,241.90
Waihi Lions Art & Street Festival	Event advertising costs	\$560.00
Philips Search & Rescue Trust	Mindray portable ultrasound	\$10,000.00
Aerocool Rescue Helicopter	Mindray portable ultrasound	\$10,000.00
Karangahake Softball	Purchase of club equipment	\$3,341.36
	TOTAL	\$42,779.53



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.