

## Latest News

*This month's edition of the East Ender is a few days late as we have dealt with the issues surrounding the tragic death on site of one of our colleagues. Apologies for any inconvenience this delay may have caused to residents.*

### AEP payments



AEP payments are currently being processed and will be delivered soon. In this round 742 residences were evaluated, with 356 receiving payments. By now you should have received a letter advising of the details. The total amount disbursed is around \$300,000.

### Correnso Community Meeting: Wednesday 7 September

The next Correnso Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 September at the Education Centre, corner of Moresby Avenue and Savage Road. As mentioned in the April edition of the *East Ender*, recent early evening meetings have attracted very few members of the public (14 attended the March afternoon meeting, four were present at the evening session). We have decided just to hold one meeting at 3.00pm. As usual written copies of the minutes and audio recordings on disc will be available approximately two weeks after the meeting.

## Another vibration workshop?



*Above: Last year's Vibration Workshop*

In the first half of last year we held a Vibration Workshop at which independent expert presenters explained the practical science behind vibration and its effects. Our underground manager also worked through what we are doing underground and how we do it.

Since that time we have had a number of people move into the area, and there were also people who were unable to attend the workshop who expressed an interest in attending any subsequent presentations.

We are happy to arrange another workshop for a weekday afternoon in late September or early October, but before we do, we would like an indication of how many people would be interested in attending. Please email Jeannine Wiki [Jeannine.wiki@oceanagold.com](mailto:Jeannine.wiki@oceanagold.com) or phone us on 0800 WAIHIGOLD (0800 924 444) if you wish to register your interest. If there are enough people who wish to attend we will contact the presenters and arrange a date.

## Monthly Gold FM radio sessions

For the last 18 months we have been running monthly radio sessions on Gold FM. Each month listeners send in their questions the day before and we seek advice and help from staff on site before providing the answers on air.

Over the last several months many of the questions have become increasingly technical, meaning that providing a succinct answer on air in the time available has proved to be a bit of a problem. To address this, we have decided that it would be best if these questions were answered at Correnso meetings such as the one coming up next month. That will allow us more time, and will also mean we can use images and graphs of data when required to provide more detailed answers.

We will still be running the monthly radio sessions, but we will be using the time to provide information on a range of issues we consider will be of interest to the wider Gold FM audience.

### Contact us:

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## Thanks, Waihi

*In the early evening of Thursday 28 July, underground boggler operator Tipiwai Stainton lost his life. Everything that can be said in words has been said, and the East Ender is not the place to repeat it. We would, however, like to say thank you to the many Waihi people who have offered us help and assistance during a very difficult time. Your words of comfort, reassurance and support have been a great help as we all come to terms with this event.*

*This month's edition of the East Ender is a few days late as we have taken time on site to refocus and reset before returning to work.*



## Three days with an orca named Bob

As staff gathered around the portal last Wednesday morning for the underground karakia and blessing following Tipiwai's death, the call went out for help. A young orca calf which had been separated from its pod had been swimming in the harbour for almost three weeks. Orca expert Ingrid Visser and the Department of Conservation decided that an intervention was necessary, but they needed help.

A group of staff immediately volunteered and were soon on their way to the harbour's edge. Their first task was to stabilise the portable swimming pool as it was buffeted by the rotor downwash of the helicopter operating the monsoon bucket. Once there was sufficient water in the pool for it to no longer require it to be held down the team headed out with the Mines Rescue stretcher to carry in the calf from the rescue boat and transfer it to the pool.

Their job didn't end there. They organised the pumping system to get twelve-hourly flushes of the pool at each high tide, and then on Thursday morning had to perform emergency repairs on the pool as one side sank into the soft ground and the metal frame started to buckle under the load.

Mine staff manned the pump at each tide, arranged a system to syphon water from the pool, and set up a vacuum system to suck up debris on the pool floor. Several mine staff also put on their wetsuits and spent time in the pool as part of a 24-hour roster.

Sadly, despite all the best efforts of everybody concerned, the orca calf died in the early hours of Saturday morning and was taken away by iwi later that day. At low tide a number of mine staff who had helped with the rescue and care of the baby we came to know as Bob joined with the local Ongare Point and Kauri Point community for a farewell tribute at the water's edge.



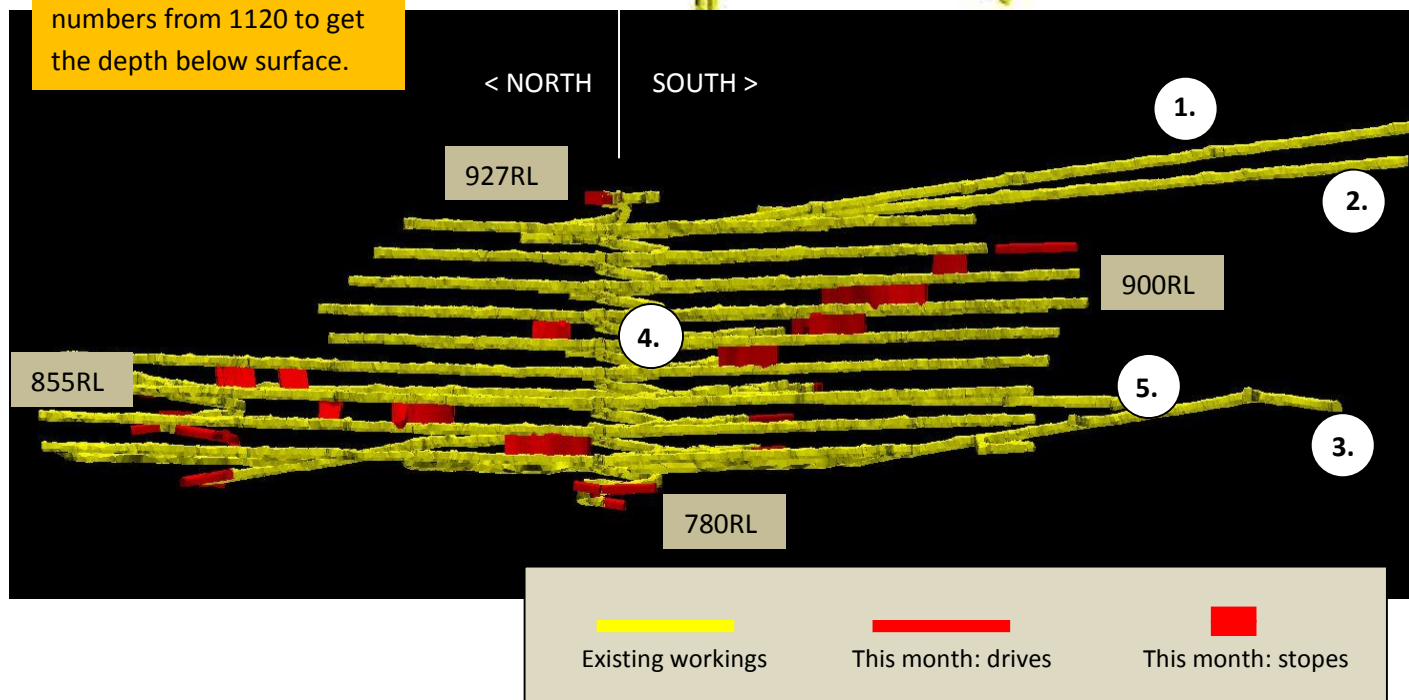


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Gladstone Road is 1120 RL, so subtract any of the RL numbers from 1120 to get the depth below surface.

*Sky Tower on the same scale*





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**KEY**

- CEPA Area
- Existing mining
- Planned mining for this month

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## Mine Development Plan

Published at the start of each month as required by Condition 22a of the Correnso Underground Conditions of Consent

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