

## Latest News

### Pit Rim Walkway

Work continues on spreading new gravel on the Pit Rim Walkway. The work will be done in sections and as the weather allows. Different sections of the track will be closed for short periods of time. There will be signs advising of the temporary closure of each section. Take care if you are running or cycling on the new gravel. Sometimes the surface can take a while to 'bed in'.

### Correnso Community Meeting



The six-monthly Correnso Community Meeting was held 20 September at the Education Centre. Eighteen members of the public attended. As promised, jam and scones were served. The next meeting will be in March next year.

### Project Martha Hearings

Project Martha submissions closed on 14 September. Hauraki District Council has advised that hearings will be held in the week starting 12 November. The venue has yet to be determined, but it will be in Waihi. These hearings are open to the public, although only those people who have put in a submission and indicated that they wish to be heard by the independent commissioners are allowed to speak.

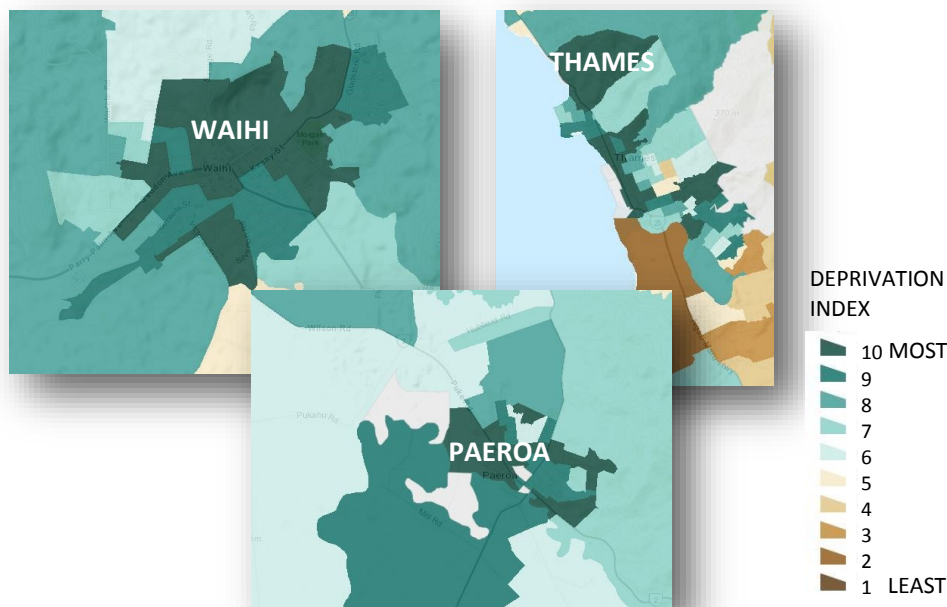
## How does Waihi measure up?

*It is sometimes suggested that gold mining doesn't do anything for its host communities like Waihi. Critics point to the Deprivation Index (NZDep) as evidence. Just what is the Deprivation Index? How was it developed? What does it measure, and how is it used – and misused?*

### What is NZDep?

NZDep was developed by health researchers as an index of socioeconomic deprivation for use in planning the provision of health services. The information is based on the 2013 census data from Statistics NZ.

A low score means 'less deprived' while a score closer to the maximum of 10 indicates a 'more deprived' area. NZDep was not meant for use outside the health area, and was originally designed for resource allocation, for example as a funding component in the provision of primary health care. It was never designed to compare one area with another. It cannot be used to say 'Town or suburb 'a' is a 7 and town or suburb 'b' is an 8, so 'b' is 'more deprived'. The index is prone to widespread misuse for comparative purposes and promoted by some groups as a supposed valid indicator of a wide range of variables that are well outside its original function.



The Deprivation Index is a tool for resource allocation and funding in the health sector. It is not a comparative tool capable of measuring or reporting on the broad range of socioeconomic factors between towns or regions.

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What does NZDep measure?

The Deprivation Index measures nine variables. They include such things as whether you own your own home, what qualifications you have, whether you have a job, or have been on any sort of benefit over the last year, how many people in each bedroom in your house and if you have a car or access to the internet.

How do we measure up?

Waihi has a high deprivation index score of 8.8 as measured by data obtained at the 2013 census. Many areas in the middle of the town score between 9 and 10.

Interestingly, most of the blocks facing Port Road in Whangamata score 8 or 9, and those around Queen, Pollen and Mackay Streets in Thames also score 8 and 9. The hill blocks along the bypass route above Whangamata score 4, One new subdivision at Kopu south of Thames scores 2.

Four out of the eight HDC Census areas score between 6-7 while the remaining four areas all have scores of 8-10.

It is not possible to look at these scores and use them to compare one location or town with another. If it was, we would be asking why a tourist town like Whangamata has such high scores and why the tourism industry has not ‘contributed more’ or why the centre of Thames has a high deprivation index even though the local hospital, high school and local government offices with all their employment opportunities are so close.

It obviously is not this simple, yet, as we have seen, the deprivation index scores for Waihi are regularly cited by some commentators as ‘evidence’ that gold mining is not doing anything positive for the community.

Where to from here?

Should we be reducing our assistance to local organisations and sponsorship of events, and instead target our funding towards activities which would improve the rating? Would it be better for the town as a whole? If we assist other communities on the peninsula should we only target initiatives that will decrease their deprivation score?

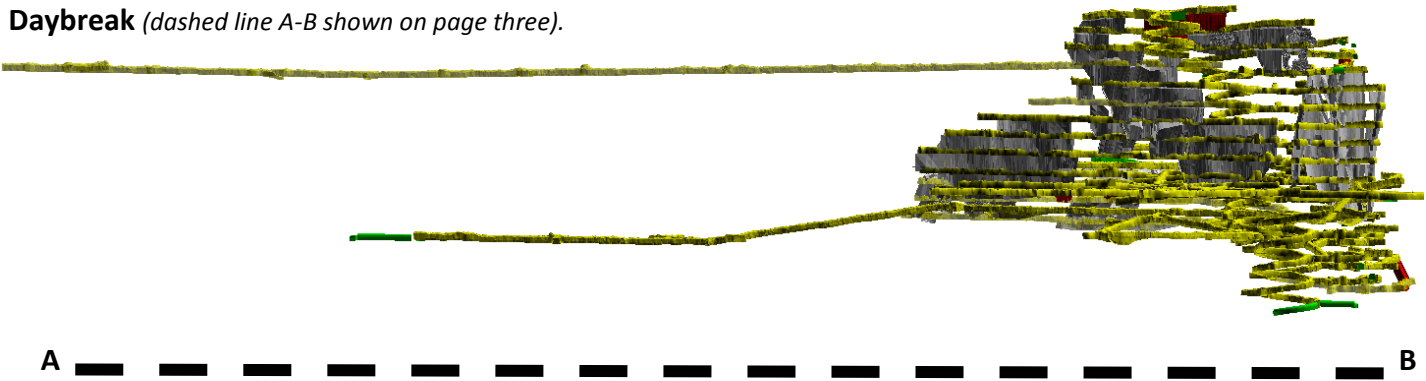
Some indicators of social deprivation have much broader causes. Benefit levels are heavily influenced by government policy. Home ownership and bedroom occupancy by the affordability of housing. Waihi’s aging population also contributes to a high deprivation index, as it does in many rural towns.

There will always be different views on how a major employer such as OceanaGold can best partner its community. That’s useful. What is not useful – and is just plain wrong – is the assertion that 30 years of mining has done nothing for Waihi and that this is illustrated by the high ‘level of deprivation’ in the town.

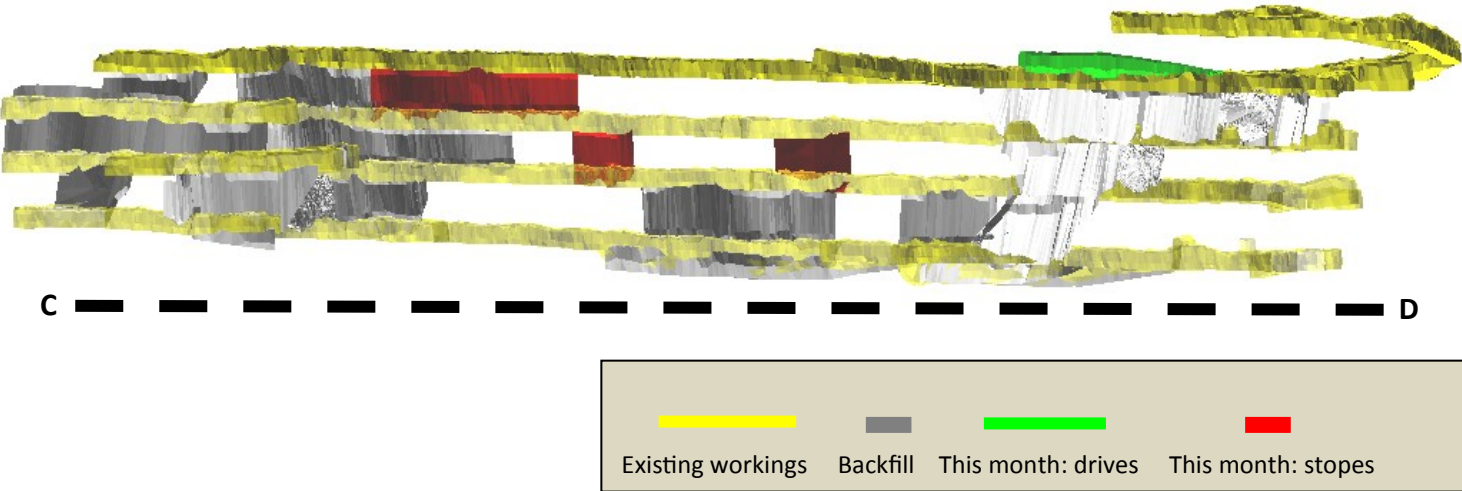
On the Web

You can check out the Deprivation Index score of your street here.  
<https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?layers=951e70e9a71e4e3a8d461ee516dfc5d1>

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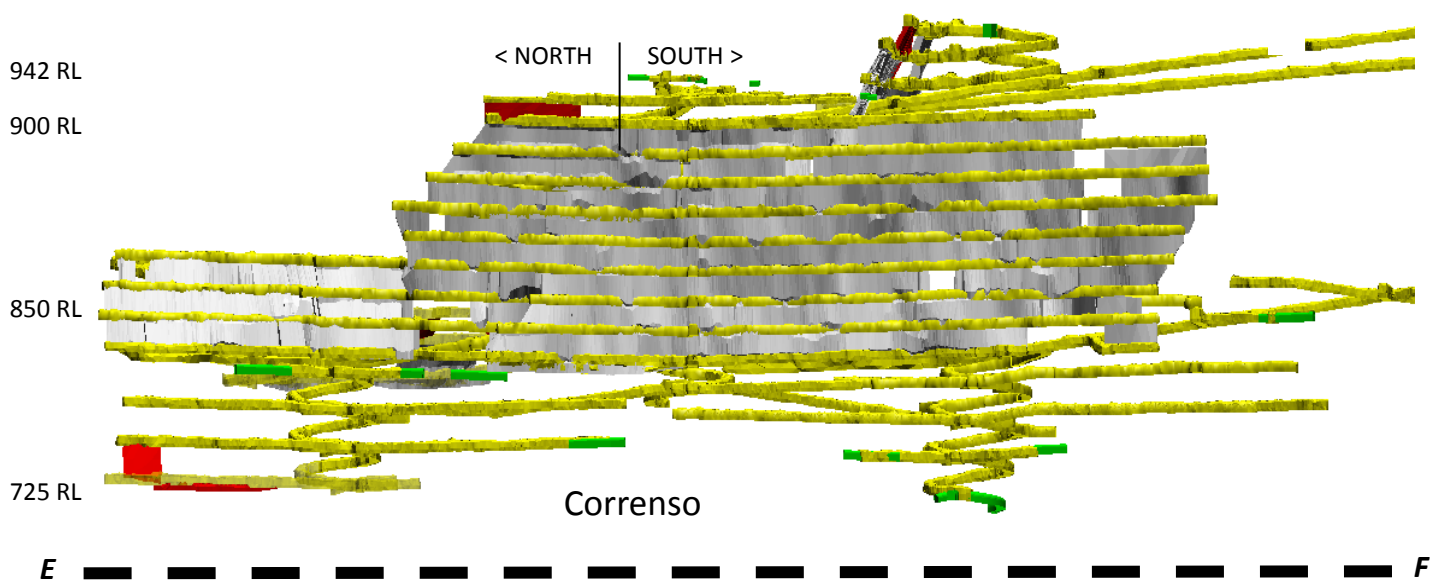
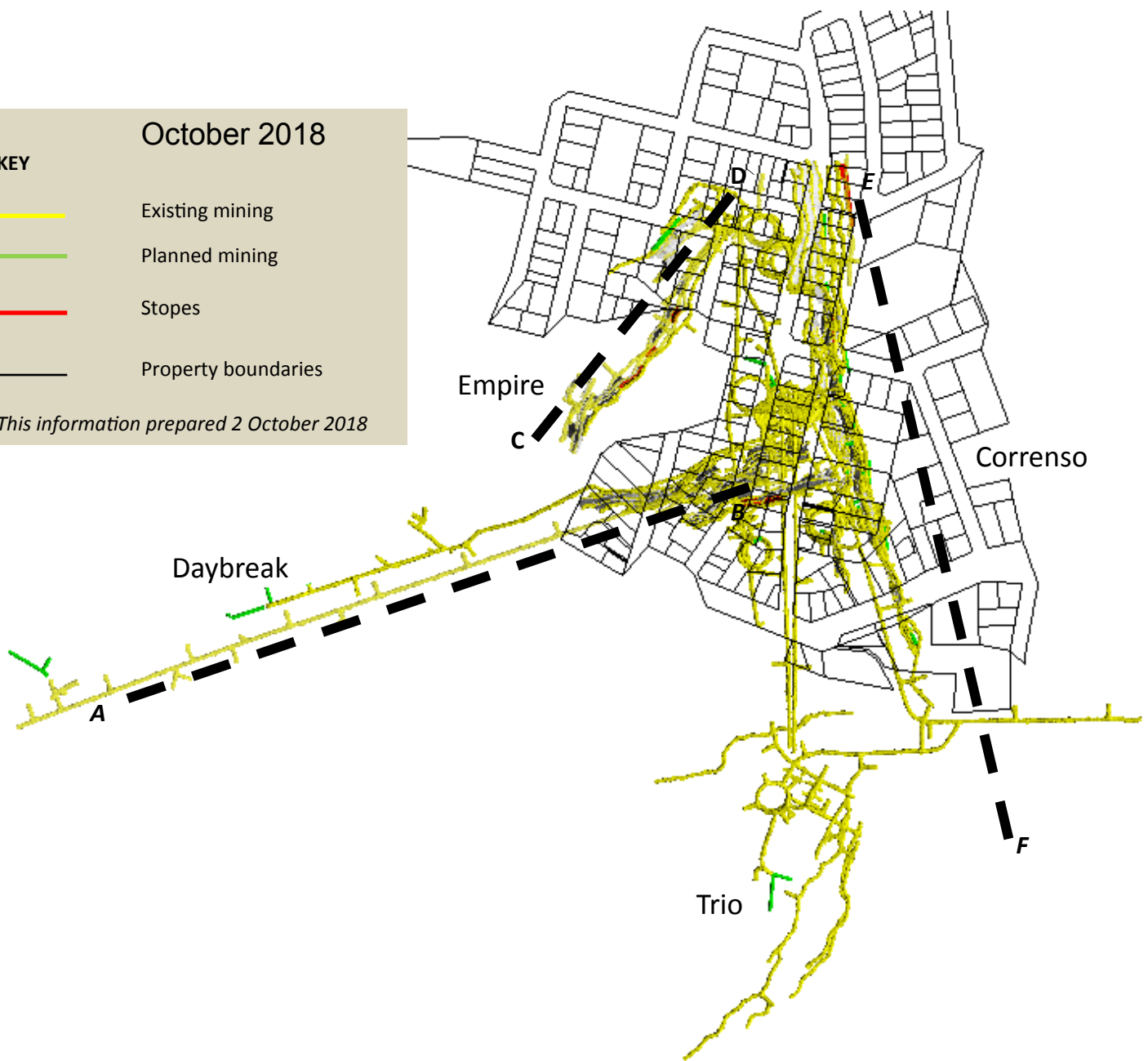
Planned mining

Stopes

Property boundaries

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The Favona portal on the surface is 1120 RL, so 942 RL is 178m below the portal and 725 RL is 395m below the portal.

Existing workings

Backfill

This month: drives

This month: stopes





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CORRENZO NORTH

CORRENZO SOUTH

BARRY RD

TRIO

GLADSTONE RD

MATAURA RD

ROYCROFT ST

KENNY ST

DOBSON ST

EMPIRE

SUPA  
(DAYBREAK)

CEPA & SUPA BOUNDARIES



— CEPA Area  
— SUPA Area

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## Mine Development Plan

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