

REEFTON GOLDFIELDS PROJECT UPDATE

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About Rua Gold

Rua Gold is a minerals company at the forefront of the mining industry, specializing in gold exploration and discovery.

Historical mining in the Reefton Goldfield started in 1872, and by its close, had produced 2 million ounces of gold from high-grade underground operations in orogenic quartz vein systems.

Rua Gold holds 95% of the tenements in this district and is currently drilling multiple targets across the land package.

Rua Gold officially graduated from the TSX-V to the TSX this month. The uplisting marks a significant milestone that is expected to enhance visibility among institutional and retail investors.

News

Update on Fast Track Referral Application

The Auld Creek Project Fast Track application is making progress through the multiple reviews conducted by NZ regulatory authorities.

As we await a decision on our application into the Fast Track process, we are continuing our environmental investigations and assessments. This information will contribute to the Fast Track Substantive application, which is planned for submission later this year, we can also pursue the regular RMA process if needed. The Rua team has been out and about in the community with over 500 stakeholder engagements since November 2025.

Social Impact Assessment

During June, our independent advisors, EMM Consulting, visited Reefton to conduct interviews with local residents, business owners, community members, and council representatives. This valuable information will be incorporated into the Social Impact Assessment, which will be included in our Fast Track Substantive Application if we successfully obtain consent to proceed with the Fast Track process.

A sincere thank you to everyone who took the time out of their day to participate in the assessment.

Drilling Update

Drilling continues high in the hills above Reefton where Rua Gold now has 6 rigs drilling at various locations. This valuable drilling sures up the data we have with regard to the location and size of the ore body at Auld Creek and within our other exploration permits around the Reefton area.

This month, a total of 3211 metres were drilled to date.

Our drilling partners, Alton Drilling are actively seeking candidates for various roles. For more information, please follow the below link:

<https://www.altondrilling.co.nz/careers>

Reefton Volunteer Awards

Rua Gold is extremely pleased to be able to sponsor the Reefton Volunteer Awards held in June. This event showcases the dedicated individuals who graciously dedicate their time to their local community. Our Vice President, Simon Delander had the pleasure of presenting some of the awards to the winning community members. Congratulations to Tara Papworth who was awarded Volunteer of the Year for 2026.



Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA)

Many months of effort culminated in the successful completion of Rua Gold's Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) for the Auld Creek Project. This important milestone signifies the conclusion of the PEA process, as the teams now shift their focus to the Pre Feasibility Assessment. This is in preparation for the submission of a Fast Track Substantive application, contingent upon the success of Rua Gold's Referral Assessment.

For further details about the PEA, please visit the link below to the Rua Gold website:
<https://ruagold.com/rua-gold-announces-positive-pea-for-the-auld-creek-gold-antimony-project-in-reefton-new-zealand/>

Community Meeting – July 2026

A community meeting will be held at Dawson's Hotel on Tuesday 14th July at 6:30pm. We invite all community members to attend as we provide an update on our progress, our future plans and our Fast Track application.

To RSVP for the event, please send your details to info@ruagold.com

A reminder that our Town Office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Drop by and visit Mel who will be happy to discuss the project with you



Buller District Council Councillors & Executive Visit

The Rua Gold team had the pleasure of welcoming the Deputy Mayor, Councillors & Executives on-site in June to enhance their understanding of the project. The group first visited the proposed infrastructure sites, followed by a trip to the Reefton Engineering and Terra Firma Mining workshop, where they observed some of the mining equipment that will be utilised in the operations. Finally, the group took to the skies for an aerial view of the proposed portal location.



Employee Profile

Meet our CEO – Robert Eckford

Operating from Rua Gold's headquarters in Canada, Robert leads the executive team while actively pursuing business development opportunities and staying updated on daily activities in New Zealand.

Robert plays a significant role in the PEA and PFS studies and frequently visits our New Zealand operations. Some community members may have even enjoyed a round of golf with him earlier this year!

With his exceptional leadership skills, Rua Gold is well-positioned to advance the Auld Creek Project in the months and years ahead.

Water Monitoring

The Rua Gold team conducts weekly surface water monitoring and measures waterway flow. These results are essential for informing water assessments and will create a baseline data set that can help define potential consent limits for proposed mining operations.



Regulatory Liaison Group

Rua Gold has established a monthly regulator liaison group call as we step through the next phase of our permitting process. The purpose is to provide a brief update to our key regulators once per month as a group and discuss any common items in that forum. This group is not intended to replace direct consultation obligations with each individual agencies, more to ensure the broader group of agencies & Iwi are across common themes or emerging issues. The following agencies and organisations are invited to the monthly meeting Department of Conservation, NZPM, West Coast Regional Council, Buller District Council, WorkSafe NZ, Fish & Game NZ and Iwi.

Ecology Investigations

This month, we are welcoming a significant team of ecologists for several weeks to conduct crucial field investigations focused on land and waterway-based ecological values. The team will observe various vegetation types, waterways, aquatic life, and animal species. This initial work will be complemented by a follow-up visit later in the year. An intriguing element of these investigations is the deployment of monitoring devices in the field to capture environmental DNA (eDNA) from animal life, enhancing our understanding of the ecosystem.

