

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 recently welcomed Tristan Kingcott to the Board of Directors, in the role of Non-Executive Director. Tristan joins with extensive experience working with both private and public company boards in Canada, Bermuda, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

News

Update on Fast-track Referral Application

Rua Gold's Fast-track Referral application is making progress through the necessary checks and government reviews. The team is optimistic about receiving a decision regarding inclusion in the Fast-track process soon.

As the application moves forward, Rua Gold remains actively working on background studies, engaging with our local host community and welcomes any feedback as we conduct our studies in preparation for a positive outcome in the Fast-track process.

Reefton Community Meeting

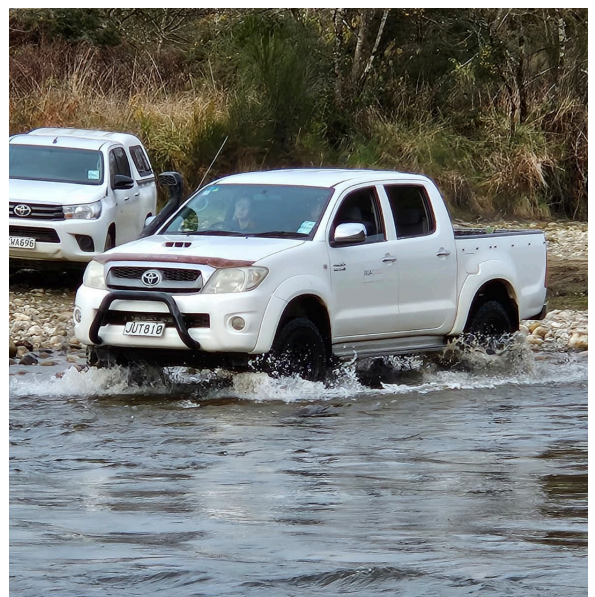
The Rua team was joined by 45 locals in July for our community meeting to update on the progress of the project and the Fast-track application. Vice President Simon Delander provided an overview of the environmental studies currently underway, including assessments of ecology, water resources, traffic, noise, dust, visual amenity, economics, and geochemistry. The meeting encouraged some useful dialogue from the local community, and we welcome any further feedback by email at info@ruagold.com or by dropping into our town office at 61A Broadway, Reefton. To view the slides presented at the event, please head to our website.



New Team Members & Training

Throughout June and July, the Reefton team proudly welcomed 6 new members to our exploration and field teams. These groups have been diligently working in the hills above Reefton on the exploration tenements, collecting samples, conducting tests, and relaying valuable information back to our Geologist team. This collaboration aids in defining the Auld Creek deposit as well as other deposits in the Reefton area, including Alexander and Big River.

Recently, we organised training sessions for our team members to improve their skills in the challenging terrain of the Reefton hills. The teams participated in First Aid training alongside sessions focused on 4WD driving skills.



Community Spend

A recent evaluation was conducted on the spend to date for 2026 for Rua Gold.

It was estimated that approx NZ\$6.4m spent in the local community in 2026.

Of that, approximately NZ\$750,000 was paid in government taxes, levies & fees.

Rua Gold has proudly supported the Reefton Netball Club this month with financial assistance to purchase new balls to assist the teams in training.

Processing Plant Ground Investigations

As we advance our environmental studies at the proposed site for our processing plant, the team has been conducting ground investigations on Soldiers Road throughout July. This effort aims to assess the suitability of the location for our processing facility and gather additional data necessary for the environmental reports.

Specialists from the Rua team, along with experts from Terra Firma Mining, Knight Piesold, and Hydrogeochem Group, have collaborated to carry out these assessments.

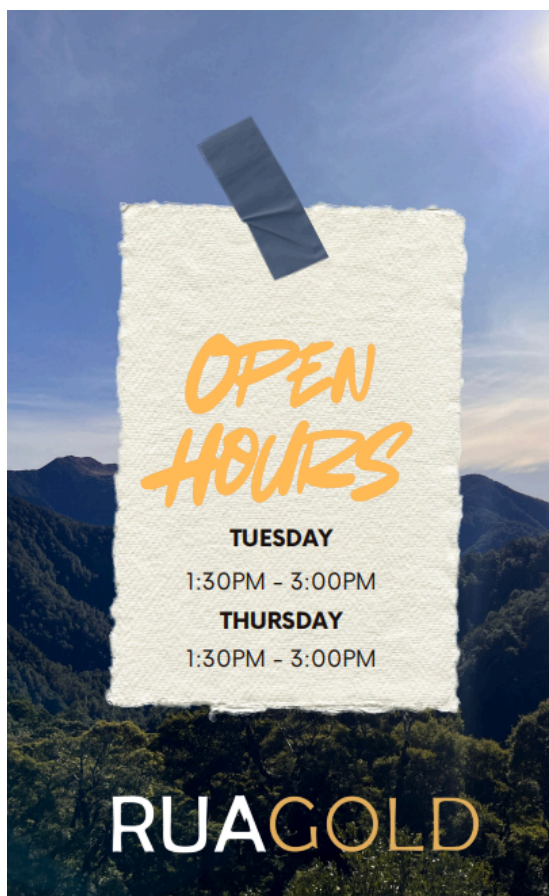


Social Impact Assessment Update

Preliminary findings from the Social Impact Assessment have returned with the full report to be completed as part of our Fast-track application.

Key points raised included:

- There appears to be a good level of support for the project from the interviews
- The community values the contributions to date and would like to see these continue into the future as the project progresses through the stages of mining
- There is a strong view for protection of the environment and surrounding areas to the mine site including tracks and trails used by recreational users
- There is desire for local jobs to be prioritised and involvement from local schools to educate youth locally and create jobs close to home
- Housing is of concern for the amount of workers needed for the project



Mine Rescue – New Chair – Simon Delander

The NZ Mine Rescue Service operates stations in Rapahoe on the South Island and Huntly on the North Island. Its primary function is to ensure emergency preparedness and capabilities for any crisis that may arise at mine sites throughout New Zealand.

This month, Rua Gold's Vice President, Simon Delander, was elected as the Chair of the Board for the Mine Rescue Service, succeeding long-time board member Joe Edwards.



Amenities Assessments

Any application for a mining permit must undergo stringent testing and compliance through environmental assessments.

Recently, our team conducted a geohazard assessment on-site to verify that the infrastructure and chemicals required for the processing plant can be stored safely. These evaluations are carried out well ahead of any operational activities and are an integral part of our submissions to the government.



Local Procurement Policy

Rua Gold has recently unveiled our Local Procurement Policy.

This Local Procurement Policy Statement outlines our dedication to fostering sustainable economic development in New Zealand. We aim to create fair and transparent opportunities for local businesses and vendors to engage in supplying goods and services for the Auld Creek project. Rua Gold acknowledges that building strong relationships with local suppliers plays a vital role in enhancing regional employment, developing capabilities, strengthening supply chains, and achieving positive long-term outcomes for Reefton and surrounding communities on the West Coast.

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Save The Date

A community meeting will be held in September as follows:

Tuesday 1st September
6:30pm

Dawson's Hotel, Reefton

The team look forward to seeing you there as we provide another update to our community.

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