September 2021
Supplement

TAWA Wellington COMMUNITY NEWS

This newsletter has been sent out monthly since 2005.
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SHOP LOCAL, LOVE LOCAL

The latest round of Tawa discount vouchers should be finding their way to your letterboxes to welcome in Spring and the move out of Lockdown. Over twenty local businesses throughout Tawa are offering discounts in their shops and venues. If you're looking for a present for a family member, a treat for a loved one or to splash out on something for yourself, remember to shop local and to love local. Tawa has some great offers.

Should you have a "no circulars" note on your letterbox, you can pick up a voucher from the community centre, library or a number of businesses throughout Tawa.

USE THESE DISCOUNT VOUCHERS TO
TREAT YOURSELF IN
TAWA
AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES
PLUS don't miss out on
SPRING INTO TAWA
Saturday 30th October

CIVIC AWARDS CEREMONY POSTPONED

The Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony had been scheduled for this week. The reality is we need to be in Covid Alert Level 1 before we can go ahead because there are likely to be more than 100 people in attendance, including friends and families. That is more than the number allowed in the Tawa Community Centre hall under Level 2 restrictions. In addition, there would be masks and social distancing requirements under Level 2!

We're postponing the ceremony until Thursday 28 October. Hopefully we will be in Level 1 again by then!

CÈILIDH DANCING POSTPONED

The evening of Cèilidh Dancing was originally scheduled for the end of this week. Because of uncertainty over Covid, it has been postponed till June or July next year when (all going well) it will be safe to gather with 100+ indoors.

PASSING OF PIETER BRAUN

As seen on the Redwood School Facebook page on Tuesday 14 September:

"Kia ora Redwood whānau

It is with sadness that I am informing you that Pieter Braun, former Principal of Redwood School, passed away this morning after a very short battle with cancer.

Pieter was Principal of Redwood School from 1991 until 2011, and his tenure at Redwood saw an incredible amount of change, both in the school and in wider education too. Many of our long serving staff worked under Pieter's principalship, and he was a close mentor to Sue Goodin, his Deputy Principal and successor. He was the second of the four principals who have had the privilege of leading Redwood School.

Pieter was a considerable presence in the local education community; having served as Deputy Principal at Tawa Intermediate, and as a very active member of WRPPA (Wellington Regional Primary Principals' Association), including being President of this association. These contributions to education earned Pieter a Queen's Service Medal in 2012.

Pieter will be remembered, not only for his length of service to Redwood, but his love of a good yarn, his keen memory for people, events and details, and his passion for learning across the curriculum, as demonstrated by his enthusiastic support for Tawa Goes To Town. I know that many of you in our parent community will remember Pieter from his time at both Redwood and Tawa Intermediate, and possibly were taught by him. Pieter's huge personality and love of education had an effect on everyone who met him.

In accordance with Pieter's wishes there will be a celebration of his life when New Zealand returns to Level 1.

Our thoughts are with Cathie, his wife, and his extended family and friends, especially those in the close community of Kuratau, where Pieter and Cathie settled after his retirement.

Ngā mihi

Zac Mills
Tumuaki / Principal

I [Ed.] posted this personal tribute on that page: "Very sad indeed! Pieter was a great guy and a superb principal, our introduction to Tawa when we arrived in 1996. He really made everyone "feel at home" in their connection with Redwood School, and was a great supporter of CRE (Religious Education) back in the day. Condolences to Cathie and family."

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR TAWA COLLEGE

As seen on Tawa College's Facebook page:

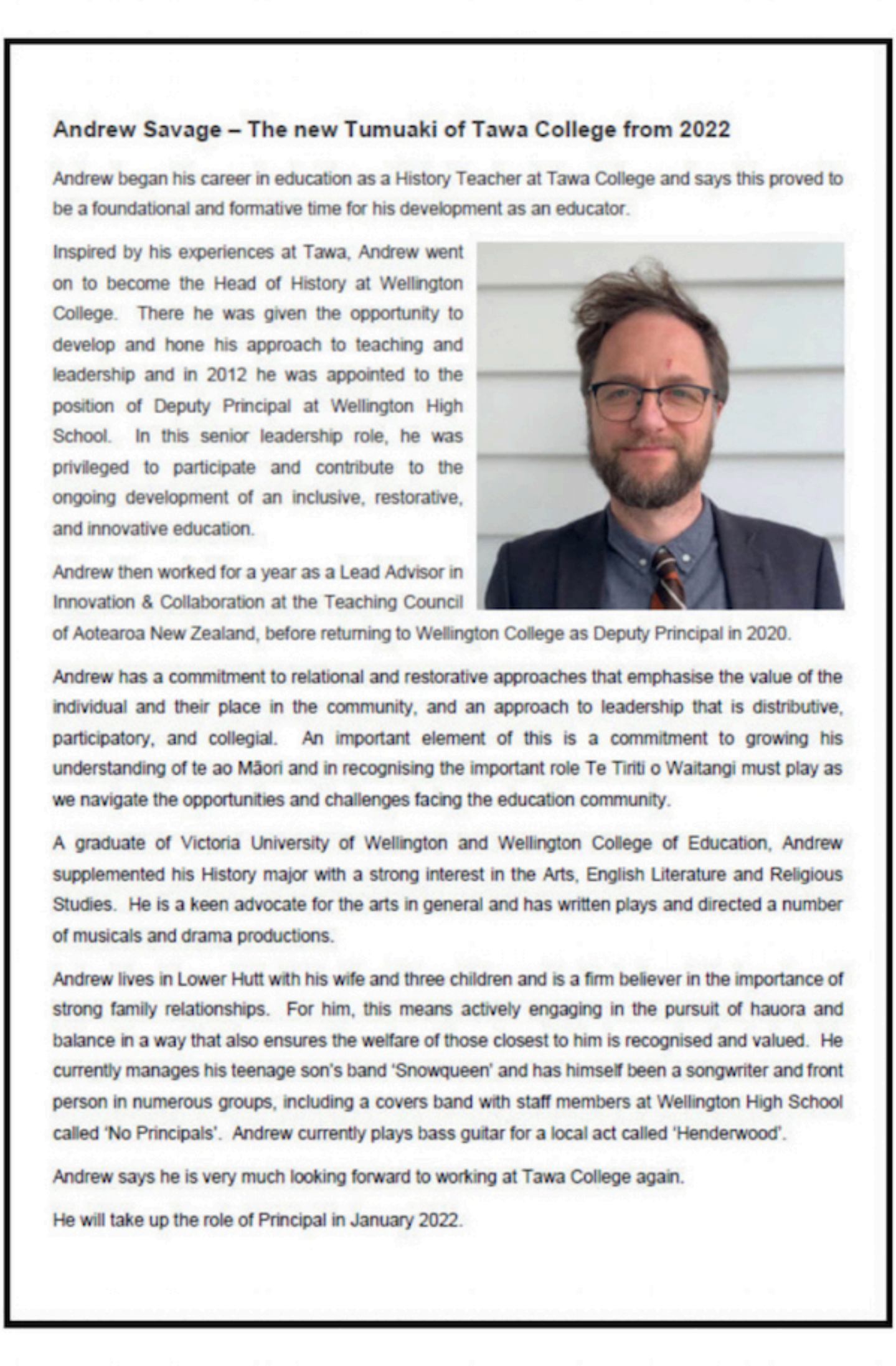
"The Board is now pleased to announce we have appointed Andrew Savage as the new Tumuaki of Tawa College to start at the end of January 2022.

Andrew is currently a Deputy Principal at Wellington College. Further information about Andrew is attached.

We are excited at Andrew's appointment and look forward to welcoming him to Tawa College."

Ngā mihi nui

Tawa College Board



Andrew Savage – The new Tumuaki of Tawa College from 2022

Andrew began his career in education as a History Teacher at Tawa College and says this proved to be a foundational and formative time for his development as an educator.

Inspired by his experiences at Tawa, Andrew went on to become the Head of History at Wellington College. There he was given the opportunity to develop and hone his approach to teaching and leadership and in 2012 he was appointed to the position of Deputy Principal at Wellington High School. In this senior leadership role, he was privileged to participate and contribute to the ongoing development of an inclusive, restorative, and innovative education.

Andrew then worked for a year as a Lead Advisor in Innovation & Collaboration at the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand, before returning to Wellington College as Deputy Principal in 2020.

Andrew has a commitment to relational and restorative approaches that emphasise the value of the individual and their place in the community, and an approach to leadership that is distributive, participatory, and collegial. An important element of this is a commitment to growing his understanding of te ao Māori and in recognising the important role Te Tiriti o Waitangi must play as we navigate the opportunities and challenges facing the education community.

A graduate of Victoria University of Wellington and Wellington College of Education, Andrew supplemented his History major with a strong interest in the Arts, English Literature and Religious Studies. He is a keen advocate for the arts in general and has written plays and directed a number of musicals and drama productions.

Andrew lives in Lower Hutt with his wife and three children and is a firm believer in the importance of strong family relationships. For him, this means actively engaging in the pursuit of hauora and balance in a way that also ensures the welfare of those closest to him is recognised and valued. He currently manages his teenage son's band 'Snowqueen' and has himself been a songwriter and front person in numerous groups, including a covers band with staff members at Wellington High School called 'No Principals'. Andrew currently plays bass guitar for a local act called 'Henderwood'.

Andrew says he is very much looking forward to working at Tawa College again.

He will take up the role of Principal in January 2022.

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Enjoy helping in the community?

The Redwood Club in Tawa is looking for volunteers to help in a number of ways on a weekday between the hours of 9.30am and 4pm. From as little as an hour a week, your time will be appreciated. Contact Vanessa on 022 680 3695 for more information.

For more details see: https://www.redwoodclub.net/about

LOCAL FIXED TERM ROLE

A part-time fixed term role through to June 2022 is available as the "Community Centre Connector" at the Linden Community Centre. Applications close on Sunday 26 September. For more information see: https://careers.wellington.govt.nz/jobdetails/ajid/q7Cd8/Community-Centre-Connector-Linden-Fixed-term-

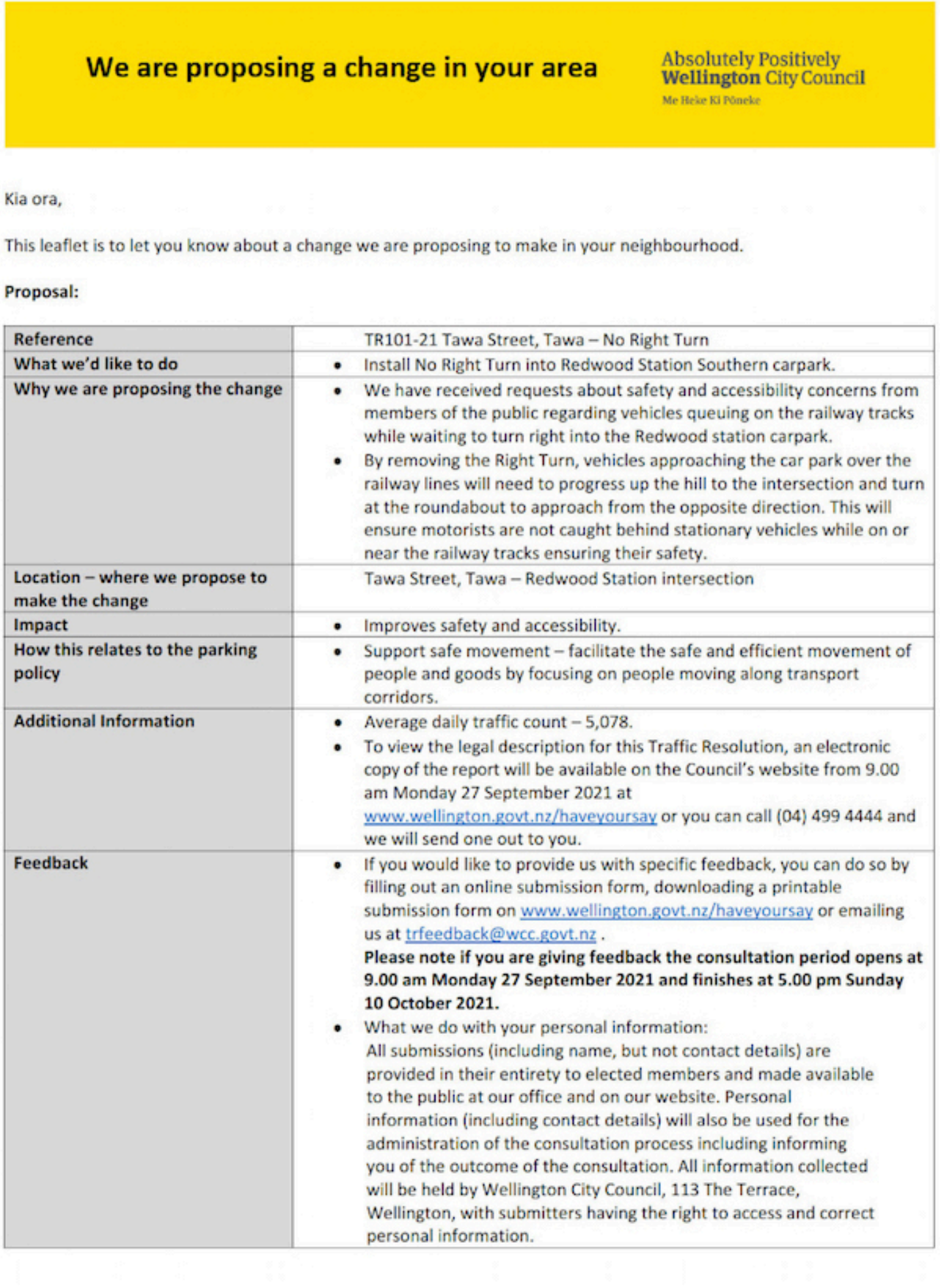
TURNING INTO REDWOOD STATION (SOUTH) CARPARK

Council is proposing removing the right turn from Tawa Street into the Redwood Station (southern) carpark. This is because when vehicles are waiting to turn right into that carpark, following vehicles sometimes land up backed up on the railway tracks.

The proposed restrictions will be advertised in The Dominion Post on Monday 27 September 2021. Affected parties have 14 days to provide feedback, with consultation officially closing at 5.00pm Sunday 10 October 2021.

You are welcome to provide feedback on this proposal. After 9.00am on Monday 27 September you can go to www.wellington.govt.nz/have your say to obtain a copy of the report and subsequently "have your say".

Council expects the report will be presented to the Regulatory Processes Committee on Wednesday 10 November 2021 for approval, and the restrictions will be implemented in the following three months if approved.



We are proposing a change in your area

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Kia ora,

This leaflet is to let you know about a change we are proposing to make in your neighbourhood.

Proposal:

Reference	TR101-21 Tawa Street, Tawa – No Right Turn
What we'd like to do	• Install No Right Turn into Redwood Station Southern carpark.
Why we are proposing the change	• We have received requests about safety and accessibility concerns from members of the public regarding vehicles queuing on the railway tracks while waiting to turn right into the Redwood station carpark. • By removing the Right Turn, vehicles approaching the car park over the railway lines will need to progress up the hill to the intersection and turn at the roundabout to approach from the opposite direction. This will ensure motorists are not caught behind stationary vehicles while on or near the railway tracks ensuring their safety.
Location – where we propose to make the change	Tawa Street, Tawa – Redwood Station intersection
Impact	• Improves safety and accessibility.
How this relates to the parking policy	• Support safe movement – facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods by focusing on people moving along transport corridors.
Additional Information	• Average daily traffic count – 5,078. • To view the legal description for this Traffic Resolution, an electronic copy of the report will be available on the Council's website from 9.00 am Monday 27 September 2021 at www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay or you can call (04) 499 4444 and we will send one out to you.
Feedback	• If you would like to provide us with specific feedback, you can do so by filling out an online submission form, downloading a printable submission form on www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay or emailing us at trfeedback@wcc.govt.nz . **Please note if you are giving feedback the consultation period opens at 9.00 am Monday 27 September 2021 and finishes at 5.00 pm Sunday 10 October 2021.** • What we do with your personal information: All submissions (including name, but not contact details) are provided in their entirety to elected members and made available to the public at our office and on our website. Personal information (including contact details) will also be used for the administration of the consultation process including informing you of the outcome of the consultation. All information collected will be held by Wellington City Council, 113 The Terrace, Wellington, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

TAWA BUSINESS BREAKFAST

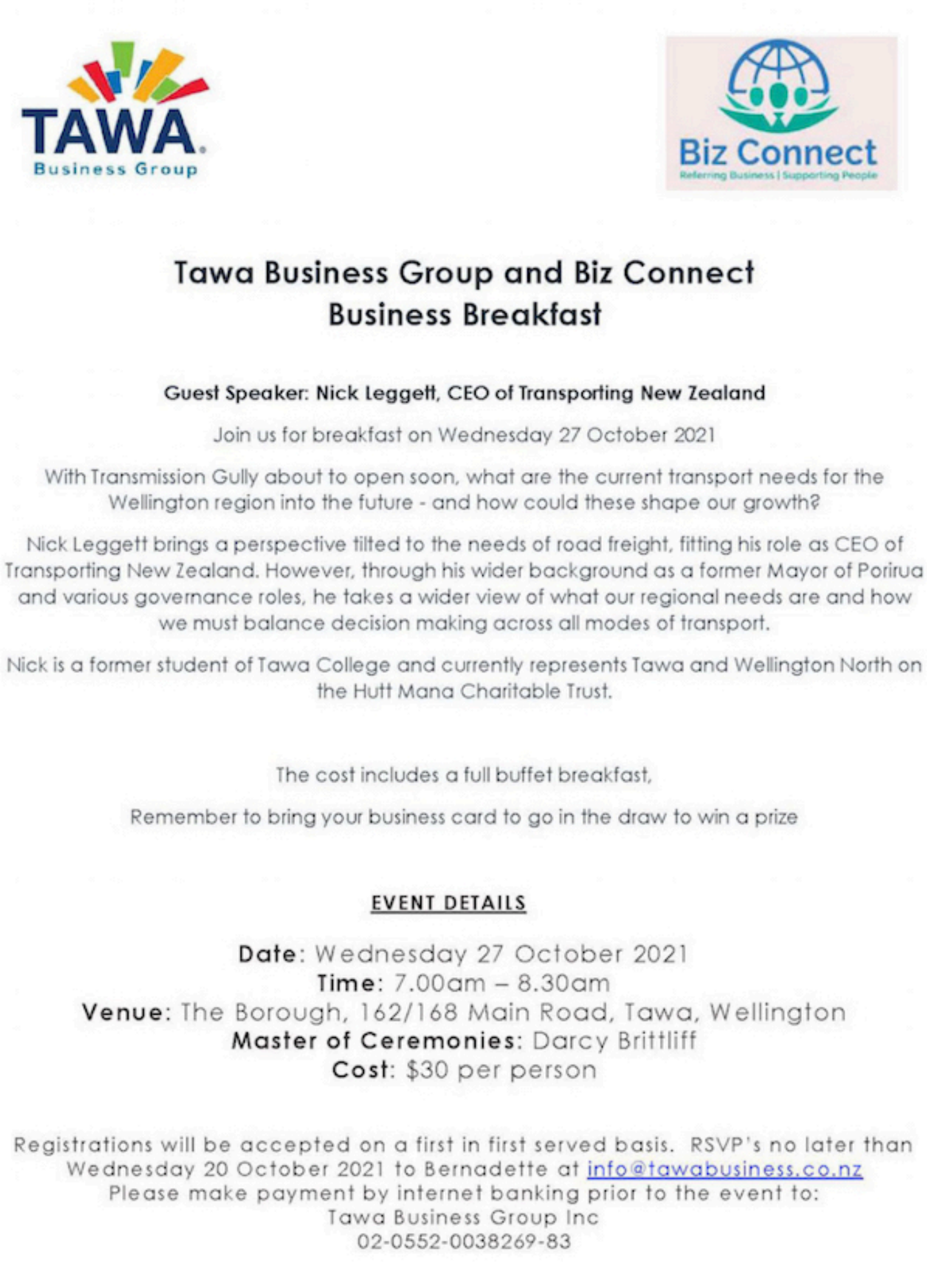
From the Tawa Business Group:

"We are delighted to announce that Nick Leggett, CEO of Transporting New Zealand, will join us for a Tawa Business Group Breakfast on Wednesday 27 October from 7am at The Borough. Under alert level 2 protocols, we will be limiting the number of members to 50 so please hurry to book a place.

Nick will be talking to us about the current transport needs for the Wellington region and how these shape the growth of local businesses.

The cost of breakfast is $30 per person and includes the presentation from Nick as well as the opportunity to network with local business owners. Bring along your business cards for the chance to win a prize.

Please email before Wednesday 20 October to book a place. Further details about the event, including payment details can be found on the flyer below."



TAWA Business Group

Biz Connect
Referring Business | Supporting People

Tawa Business Group and Biz Connect
Business Breakfast

Guest Speaker: Nick Leggett, CEO of Transporting New Zealand

Join us for breakfast on Wednesday 27 October 2021

With Transmission Gully about to open soon, what are the current transport needs for the Wellington region into the future - and how could these shape our growth?

Nick Leggett brings a perspective tilted to the needs of road freight, fitting his role as CEO of Transporting New Zealand. However, through his wider background as a former Mayor of Porirua and various governance roles, he takes a wider view of what our regional needs are and how we must balance decision making across all modes of transport.

Nick is a former student of Tawa College and currently represents Tawa and Wellington North on the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust.

The cost includes a full buffet breakfast.

Remember to bring your business card to go in the draw to win a prize

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday 27 October 2021
Time: 7.00am – 8.30am
Venue: The Borough, 162/168 Main Road, Tawa, Wellington
Master of Ceremonies: Darcy Brittliff
Cost: $30 per person

Registrations will be accepted on a first in first served basis. RSVP's no later than Wednesday 20 October 2021 to Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz
Please make payment by internet banking prior to the event to:
Tawa Business Group Inc
02-0552-0038269-83

BACK TO THE FUTURE

On Tuesday morning of last week (mid-September) an official invitation was sent to more than 80 people inviting them to a Council-organised event on 31 July 2021. Being scheduled for some six weeks earlier, the event had already taken place!

One clever wit responded: "Hmmm, let me see if my DeLorean is available. I'd offer someone a lift but the flux capacitor takes up most of the back seat. 😜"

I [Ed.] responded to that: "Good one! If your DeLorean happens to be available to travel forward to 2030, I'd like to check out the following:

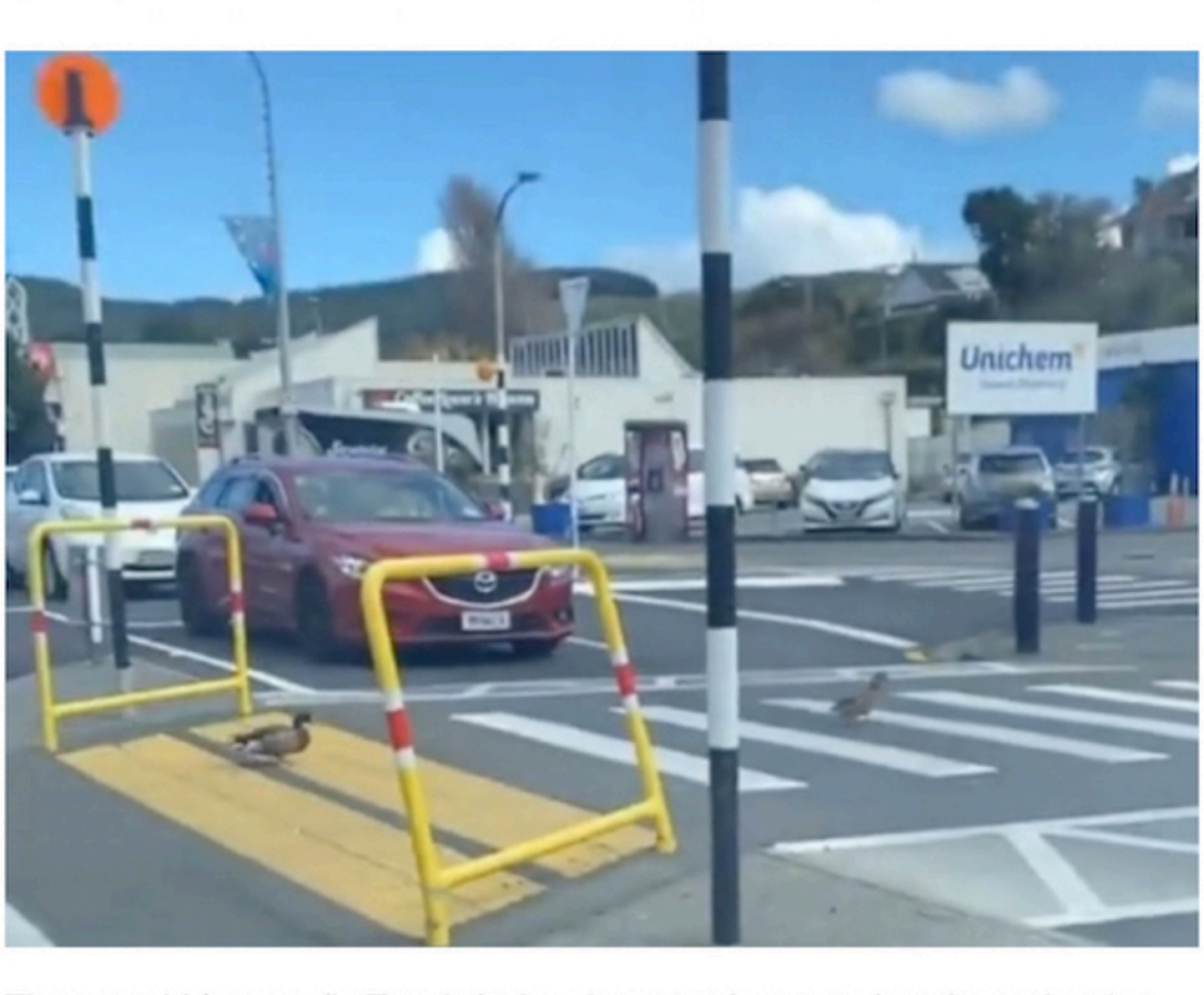
- whether we've got on top of Covid or whatever it's mutated to by then
- whether Transmission Gully is fully open"

So back to September 2021 ..... I checked the Waka Kotahi NZTA website yesterday afternoon. It was still saying: "The Transmission Gully motorway is scheduled to be open for traffic by 27 September 2021." That's just six days away!

It also states: "We know the Lockdown, and Alert Level restrictions, will have an impact on the opening date for Transmission Gully, however it is still too early to say exactly what that impact will be."

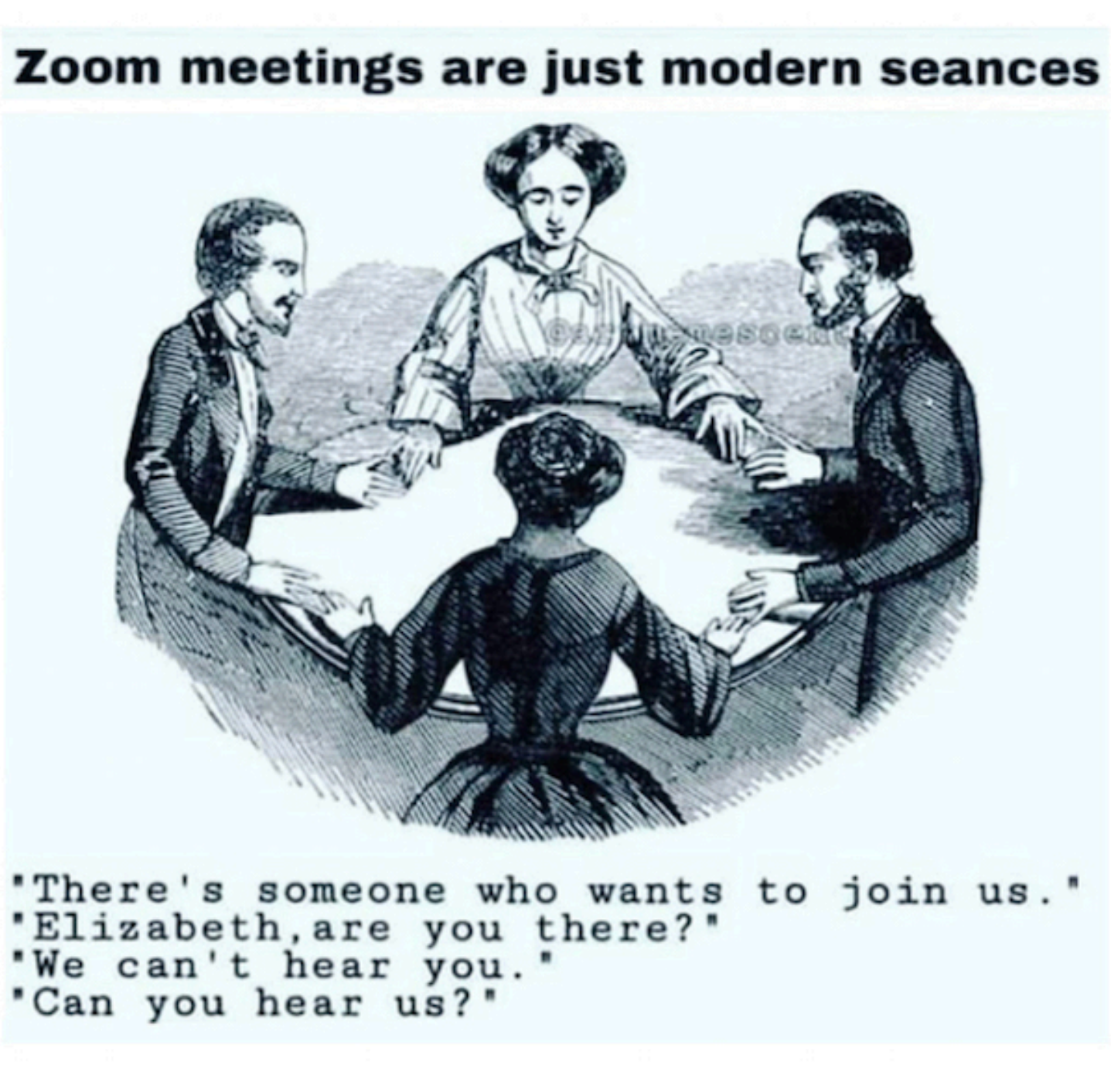
When will Transmission Gully actually be open? That's a question to which I'm not sure anyone has the answer right now. Hopefully before Christmas 2021!

MARTY, I'VE JUST GOT BACK
FROM THE YEAR 2099..
THEY STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED TRANSMISSION GULLY...



Those world famous (in Tawa) ducks who not only crossed on the pedestrian crossing to the Plaza, they walked back across the crossing later and were caught on camera, as seen above.

Kowhai trees in bloom in Tawa, mid-September 2021.


Zoom meetings are just modern seances
"There's someone who wants to join us."
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
"We can't hear you."
"Can you hear us?"

Ngā mihi

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