

21 October 2021

Ref: IRC-2356

Dear

RE: Communications between WCC and WOW.

Further to my email dated 7 October 2021 in respect of your request for *“...all correspondence between World of WearableArt organisers/management and Wellington City Council and/or the Mayor's office from the 10 days up to and including September 9 regarding the ongoing viability of the event this year. Please also include any details of the council's underwrite of the event.”*, please find attached copies of the correspondence between WOW and WCC from the 10 days up to and including Sept 9 regarding the decisions relating to the 2021 event.

As you will appreciate, the World of WearableArt Awards Show season is an event that can only take place under Level 1 Covid-19 Government restrictions (as they are currently defined). The decision made by WOW and supported by WCC, to cancel the 2021 show rather than postpone, was made after weighing up the risks posed by the ongoing Covid-19 Government restrictions (including the uncertainty surrounding how long they would last and what the rules would look like at a future postponement date), and not-withstanding the financial implications of continuing to run the show on a postponed date and possibly still not being in a Level 1 environment to deliver the show.

When faced with these decisions, the Board of WOW made the only responsible decision available to them, their valued customers, and to all those people and businesses working to deliver the Show.

Council are in the process of working through our Funding Agreement with WOW – the claim has yet to be finalised but is expected to be less than the provisions made under the agreement due to the prompt decision making by WOW.

Please note: Under section 7 (2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, some information has been redacted as it contains personal information about private individuals.

In addition, the document titled Postponement Discussion has been redacted under section 7 (2)(i) to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage. If you disagree with the decision to redact the documents, you can apply in writing to the Ombudsman to have the decision investigated and reviewed under section 27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Should you have any further questions please contact me.

Kind regards,  
Ian

**Ian Hunter**

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Fyi – messaging from WOW...

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Kia ora

Find attached the letter advising postponement of this year's Awards Show.

Nga mihi

David Tingey

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30/08/2021

Kia ora koutou,

With great sadness, the current COVID-19 outbreak in Aotearoa has forced us to make the difficult decision to postpone the 2021 World of WearableArt Awards Show which was due to be staged from 30 September to 17 October. We are currently working with our Strategic Partners, Wellington City Council and WellingtonNZ to find possible postponement dates and will provide a further update as soon as we can.

When the Government announced the level 4 lockdown on 17 August, the TSB Arena was a hive of activity with the stage being built, rehearsals underway, models being fitted into garments and character costumes being made. Since going into lockdown, the WOW team have worked determinedly to explore all possible options available to us. We readjusted schedules and timelines, took rehearsals online, started making costumes in bedrooms, we were determined to find a way to deliver the Show on time. However due to the ongoing alert level restrictions we no longer have the timeframe needed to rehearse a show on the scale of WOW to be ready to open on 30 September.

We would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to get us to this point, our Creative and Production teams, our partners and sponsors. And to our 2021 finalist designers who continue to be with us every step of the way as we navigate our way through this. We would also like to thank you, our audience, for your ongoing support, loyalty and enthusiasm. We know this news will bring huge disappointment but we thank you for all bearing with us while we work with WCC and WellingtonNZ to explore potential new dates for our 2021 Awards Show season.

If you are a 2021 ticketholder we ask that you wait until we have secured postponement dates at which time you will be contacted directly about a refund or transfer to the new dates. Please wait for us to contact you. As you can appreciate our ticketing team is fielding a large number of requests and will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

The WOW Team are all deeply disappointed we have had to postpone the 2021 World of WearableArt Awards Show and we truly appreciate your support and understanding as we chart our next steps.

Kia Kaha

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David Tingey  
Chief Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dame Suzie Moncrieff".

Dame Suzie Moncrieff  
WOW Founder

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**Importance:** High

Kia ora Mayor and Councillors

I am just wanting to give you an update on conversations that both WellingtonNZ and WCC have been having with WOW regarding their 2021 Awards Show season which will be impacted for the second year by Covid-19 restrictions.

The WOW Board met on Saturday and have agreed that they will message to ticket holders today that the WOW show season will be postponed, and that they are working with WellingtonNZ and the City to confirm alternative dates. This will also be on their website and channels and therefore public. Both WellingtonNZ and WCC media teams are working on appropriate media releases.

Postponement dates will align with venue availability, the time needed by WOW for rehearsal and performance, and a time we expect government restrictions will allow the show to proceed. We expect dates to be confirmed by the end of the week. It is in all our interests that we work hard to find a postponement date for this year's WOW performance season.

We will update you once we hear back from WOW with their postponed dates.

Ngā mihi,

Barbara

**Jessica Beyeler**

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**Cc:** Mayor Andy Foster <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>; John Allen <john.allen@wellingtonnz.com>  
**Subject:** WOW cancellation

Kia ora Councillors,

I am writing to let you know that this afternoon the World of WearableArt (WOW) will announce to its partners and ticketholders that in consultation with Wellington City Council and WellingtonNZ, they have made the tough decision to cancel the 2021 WOW Awards Show, after postponing in late August in the hopes of rescheduling to an alternative date.

Council and WellingtonNZ are supportive of this difficult decision having explored every option with WOW and focussing on the only available dates that suited both WOW and venue availability (mid-January 2022) and have formally provided a Letter of Support to WOW agreeing to this decision.

There are many layers involved in rescheduling an event of WOW's scale and complexity, as well as the fiscal responsibility the Directors have to their organisation and Council has to our ratepayers. The factors that were considered included the impact on a postponement on WOW's ability to deliver a 2022 Awards season in October 2022, the time needed for rehearsals, venue availability and the ongoing uncertainty of Aotearoa's Covid-19 alert levels for both rehearsals and the show to be allowed, and the financial commitments required to manage this.

We have jointly come to the decision that given the multiple challenges, cancellation of the 2021 WOW Awards Show is now the best decision for us both to make, rather than a postponement. We have all used our best endeavours to make a postponement work, however a cancellation now positions WOW in the best possible way to look forward to the future with some certainty. All parties agree that a later possible cancellation of the postponed show would be hugely detrimental to the future of WOW which is not a commercial risk we wanted to take.

This means that Council will need to activate our Funding Agreement relating to the 2021 WOW Awards Show and work through that process with WOW. The next few months will be critical for WOW to consider its capital position needed to deliver the future WOW competitions and awards show. We, alongside WellingtonNZ, have requested to be involved in those conversations.

I have reiterated to David Tingey that Council remain committed to supporting WOW as a truly world-class event in our city and that we are all very sorry that because of Covid-19 we are in this position yet again and being forced to make these difficult decisions.

I have attached a set of FAQs that may be of interest to you and, confirm that the Mayor will be spokesperson for any enquiries we receive. I trust you will respect the confidentiality of this information until WOW have informed all their stakeholders over the course of the afternoon.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Barbara

**Barbara McKerrow**

Chief Executive Officer | Wellington City Council

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**FINAL Media FAQ's for WOW Awards Show Cancellation  
9th September 2021**

**Questions re Funding Agreement:**

**1. *Under Council's Funding Agreement with WOW, how much will Council need to pay?***

Council agreed unanimously to a Funding Agreement for the 2021 WOW Awards Show in February this year to show it is standing firmly behind our business, arts and cultural sectors in these challenging times – and show support for this key event that has benefited our hospitality, retail, accommodation and service sectors for 15 years. This was a conditional funding agreement to provide WOW with access to financial relief in the event that it suffers loss directly caused by the Covid-19 pandemic as a result of NZ Government restrictions.

Council has not yet received a claim under that Agreement from WOW and we still need to work through that process. We can confirm when we have finished that process.

**2. *Did we take into account this possible Funding commitment in our Annual Plan or LTP for 2021/22?***

No – this was a contingent Funding Agreement and any call on this will initially be funded by Borrowings, however the maximum value of this agreement was included in the borrowing headroom and reflected through the debt:revenue ratio in the LTP. Rate Funding to repay the Borrowings will be determined through the next planning cycle.

**3. *Why does Council support WOW?***

The Events sector is a competitive space due the benefits events bring to host cities, their residents and businesses. We see Wellington City Council's support not only of benefit to WOW but of benefit to a huge number of local businesses and Wellingtonians. WOW brings \$27.9 million into the local economy each year. It has attracted over 700,000 spectators in the 15 years it has been running in Wellington. In 2019, WOW attracted close to 41,000 domestic and international visitors and this year it was set to bring in nearly 50,000 visitors.

It also provides an amazing platform for our local artists and wider creative sector to showcase their skills and be part of an internationally unique event.

Having major Events in our city is important to the social and cultural fabric that makes Wellington a great place to live, work and play and we see Council playing a continued role in this space.

**4. *Will Council need to provide a similar Funding Agreement to WOW for next year's show also?***

That is a question for WOW, and one we will assess closer to the time.

**5. *Has Council sought assistance from Government in relation to the significant impacts we are seeing in the Events sector due to these Covid-19 Government restrictions?***



Conversations with Central Government have already commenced and we will continue to work through appropriate support to this sector.

**Questions re Cancellation of WOW:**

**6. *Why couldn't the Show be postponed as was originally planned?***

All parties were optimistic that a postponement could be achieved however, there were still some details that had to be worked through. We made dates available and did everything we could to try and make it work. But the challenges and uncertainty around Covid made it impossible to line everything up.

WOW needs a minimum seven week residence within TSB Arena for both the rehearsal and shows themselves. With over 300 cast, crew and staff involved at WOW and the new Level 2 restrictions around 50 pax indoor people limits and social distancing requirements, a drop to Level 1 restrictions is needed throughout that entire period. In the end we came to the conclusion that we needed to face reality, the risks were just too high.

**7. *Wasn't it irresponsible to plan a major show like WOW during a pandemic?***

That is really a question for WOW, however in February when final decisions were being made the pandemic management within NZ was considered to be well controlled. The entertainment business is always fraught with risk. A calculated decision to stage this show based on the potential economic benefit to the city was agreed with support from Council. All involved are gutted that things have turned out like this

**8. *Can we get to see the 2021 WOW Awards Show season garments?***

That is a question for WOW, but we know they are doing everything they can to bring the garments to the world in some form this year. The finalist designers have created some incredible garments for this year's show and the judging process is already underway. WOW is working on how they can continue this process and announce winners while they deal with the restrictions that COVID has placed on them. WOW will provide an update to you as soon as they are able to confirm the details.

**9. *Will there be a 2022 WOW competition and Awards Show in October 2022?***

That is a question for WOW and one that will be assessed closer to the time.

**From:** Jessica Beyeler <Jessica.Beyeler@wcc.govt.nz> **On Behalf Of** Barbara McKerrow  
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**Subject:** Letter of Support  
**Importance:** High

Kia ora David  
As discussed, please find attached our letter of support.

Ngā mihi,  
Barbara

**Barbara McKerrow**

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8 September 2021

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Kia ora David

I refer to your email and to the various conversations we (including WellingtonNZ) have had over the last few days concerning the possibility of rescheduling the 2021 World of Wearable Arts (WOW) event.

The discussions have focused on the practicality of delivering a show in January 2022 recognising the continuing risks that the Delta variant of Covid-19 presents to WOW rehearsing and delivering a show, the implications that this has for also delivering an October 2022 Awards Show and the financial commitments required to manage this. We have jointly come to the decision that given the multiple challenges, cancellation of the 2021 WOW Awards Show is now the best decision for us both to make, rather than postponement. We have all used our best endeavours to make a postponement work, however a cancellation now positions WOW in the best possible way to look forward to the future with some certainty. We all agree that a later cancellation of the postponed show would be hugely detrimental to your organisation, and to the future of WOW which is not a commercial risk either of us want to take. This means that Council will need to activate our Funding Agreement relating to the 2021 WOW Awards Show and work through that process with you.

The next few months will be critical for WOW to consider its capital position needed to deliver the future WOW competitions and awards show. We, alongside WellingtonNZ, would like to be involved in those conversations.

We remain committed to supporting WOW as a truly world-class event in our city and are all very sorry that because of Covid-19 we are in this position yet again and being forced to make these difficult decisions.

Kia kaha



Barbara McKerrrow  
**Chief Executive**

cc: Andy Foster, Mayor of Wellington  
cc: John Allen, Chief Executive WellingtonNZ

**From:** David Tingey <davidt@worldofwearableart.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 September 2021 10:55 am  
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**Subject:** World of WearableArt - Awards Show Cancellation

Kia ora

Please find note advising of the cancellation of the 2021 World of WearableArt Awards Show.

Nga mihi

David Tingey

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9 September 2021

Kia ora koutou,

The 2021 World of WearableArt Awards Show was set to be an exciting spectacle bursting with colour, creativity, surprise, and delight. It was designed to blow away all 2020 cobwebs and celebrate anew. We were so close. Sadly, the current COVID-19 outbreak in Aotearoa forced our hand and on 30 August we announced postponement of the 2021 Show season.

Since then WOW has been working closely with Wellington City Council and WellingtonNZ to try and find new dates. As we are sure you will appreciate, there are many, many layers of complexity involved in trying to reschedule an event of WOW's scale. In the end we came to the conclusion that we needed to face reality, the risks were just too high. So despite the tireless efforts of all involved, it is with heavy hearts that today we confirm that we have had to make the devastating decision to cancel the 2021 WOW Awards Show season.

The decision to cancel has been made in close consultation with our Strategic Partners, Wellington City Council and WellingtonNZ, and we thank them for their continued support through this incredibly challenging time. Together we agreed that this decision to cancel would place WOW in the strongest position possible to ensure its success and sustainability for next year and into the future.

It has been inspiring to see the dedication of our Creative and Production teams who have worked determinedly to create, plan, and deliver the 2021 WOW Awards Show. The love and passion for WOW shown by this extraordinary group of people is humbling and we pay tribute to them all today.

For this year's finalist designers, we are devastated that we are not going to be able to bring their exceptional works of wearable art to life on the WOW stage as we had planned. The creative vision, resilience and determination shown by all designers who entered this year has been nothing short of incredible. We are working now to explore ways that we can creatively respond and complete the 2021 WOW Awards Competition, albeit in a different form, and will announce that as soon as we are able to.

To our partners who have stood by us through a tough year, we are eternally grateful for your steadfast support.

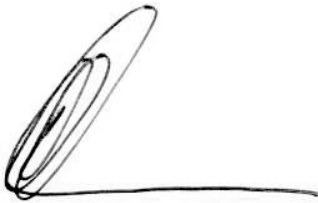
And finally, we would like to thank you, our loyal audience. We couldn't do it without you, your ongoing support and words of encouragement and enthusiasm. You've been with us every step of the way and we have felt that deeply.

If you are a 2021 ticketholder you will be contacted to confirm whether you prefer a refund, transfer to 2022 or to support WOW by gifting the full or partial value of your ticket. Please

wait for us to contact you. As you can appreciate our ticketing team is fielding a large number of requests and will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

The story of WOW began more than thirty years ago and since then this much-loved homegrown arts company has become a global creative movement like no other. While this current chapter is incredibly challenging for us, it is by no means the end of the story. We will be back and look forward to once again bringing artists and audiences together to celebrate creativity, possibility, and perseverance.

Kia Kaha

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David Tingey  
Chief Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a large, stylized 'M'.

Dame Suzie Moncrieff  
WOW Founder

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**Subject:** Re: WOW FAQs 8 Sept 2021 - WCC's version

All good from me Kiri.

David

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Hi Natasha and David,

We intend to put out an email to our Councillors at midday, outlining the decisions, ahead of the public announcement. Barbara would like to include our FAQ's document attached to that email.

I know you will be flat out, but if you do have any changes if we could have them by midday that would be great.

Big day for you both.

Many thanks,  
Kiri

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Mōreana all,

Just circulating the FAQ's that we have put together at our end. Some pull from your Q&A's Natasha, and others focussed on questions we anticipate directed to WCC.

Please let me know if you have any queries or concerns with how these read.

Ngā mihi,

Kiri

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Many thanks Kiri

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**Subject:** WOW postponement

Dear David,

Just following up on my conversations with Ian regarding the Council Funding Agreement in place for the 2021 Awards Show.

Secton 1.1.2 of the Agreement ensures the term of the agreement is for one month after the last show, including a postponed show (ie a covid-related delay) and therefore the Agreement always allowed for this postponement scenario.

The Funding Agreement therefore remains in play for the postponed season in January 2022 should there be further covid-related restrictions at that time, or a financial loss is incurred as a result of the Covid related postponement.

I hope all goes well with your Board discussions tomorrow.

Regards,  
Kiri

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**Subject:** Re: This afternoon

Thank you.

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**Subject:** RE: This afternoon

Hi Kiri

Stunning day here too. I have advised David that you are comfortable that the agreement applies to the postponement so we are working on that basis. We are still looking at how we can make the January dates work and what basis the Board need to resolve the issue of ongoing solvency. I think I have all I need at this stage [REDACTED]

Cheers  
Ian

**Ian Lister**  
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**To:** Ian Lister <[lan@worldofwearableart.com](mailto:lan@worldofwearableart.com)>  
**Subject:** This afternoon

Hi Ian,

Just checking in – [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I have an email drafted for you that I have tried to run past our legal team before sending over, but have had zero response. So will send it soon if I don't hear from them on the basis they had the chance to check it!

Could you let me know if you need to have a call, and if so when.

Many thanks,

Kiri

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**Subject:** RE: Catch up today

Great.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 August 2021 12:30 pm  
**To:** Kiri Rasmussen <[Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Catch up today

Thanks Kiri  
I confirmed that David is picking this up with Warrick and John at this stage.

Cheers  
Ian

**Ian Lister**  
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**Cc:** David Perks <[david.perks@wellingtonnz.com](mailto:david.perks@wellingtonnz.com)>; Warrick Dent <[warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com](mailto:warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Catch up today

Hi Ian,

I have been talking to Warrick Dent around our conversation yesterday and have come up with a best plan – he was going to ring David, but happy for that to be a 4 way chat so we are all on the same page rather than separate conversations going on if David would like.

David Perks has some contacts at AirNZ if you don't and is happy to share/connect you to work through what could be offered to customers (credit or waive fee change or something else) where the current policies around credits stop at 30 Sept. You can connect directly with him through the email above.

Happy to get on a call – I am busy from 11.30am-1.30pm but afternoon is looking pretty clear.

Regards,  
Kiri

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**Subject:** Catch up today

Hi Kiri  
Just planning the day – do you want to catch up with David and me today to further our discussions?

Cheers  
Ian

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 September 2021 10:07 am  
**To:** Kiri Rasmussen <Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Cancel confirmation

Perfect, thanks Kiri.

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**To:** David Tingey <davidt@worldofwearableart.com>  
**Cc:** Jessica Beyeler <Jessica.Beyeler@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Cancel confirmation

Hi David,  
It is with Barbara and expect it to be with you shortly.  
Regards  
Kiri

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:52:33 AM  
**To:** Kiri Rasmussen <Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Cancel confirmation

Hi Kiri

I don't want to hassle you - but, can you let me know when we might expect the cancel confirmation note we talked about last night?

I have a waterfall that comes from that - including our Board, then joined comms, so very keen to get that underway.

Cheers

David

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**Sent:** Monday, 6 September 2021 12:34 pm  
**To:** John Allen <[john.allen@wellingtonnz.com](mailto:john.allen@wellingtonnz.com)>; Warrick Dent <[warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com](mailto:warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com)>; Kiri Rasmussen <[Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** WOW - Postponement to Dec 2021 - Jan 2022

Kia Ora John, Warrick and Kiri

Our Board has met over the weekend, and I have instructions that we could proceed with the December 21, January 2022 dates, on the following conditions.

As previously detailed, we have significant concerns regarding delivery in this December/January slot, most importantly around our audience and critical members of our creative and production team that are not available.

NZ would need to be at level 1 in December (allowing groups of 100 people plus) to allow rehearsals to begin.

To cover the additional costs involved with the postponement, and to ensure our solvency if we were again disrupted by Covid in January, we would require the funding structure detailed below,

- An additional, one off, non-refundable grant of [REDACTED] - this is critical to ensure our future and our solvency if we are disrupted in December/January. We have discussed talking with central Government re-funding support, but we will not have time to put this in place by weeks end. John, I know you have taken steps to advance this Government conversation and we would partner with you to attain this grant.
- The 5M Funding agreement will remain in place in the event of a cancellation of the postponed show as confirmed in the email from Kiri Rasmussen.

- [REDACTED]

% Audience Loss	WCC Funding \$'000
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

- Note, WOW has additional costs from a postponement of [REDACTED] - this is direct Show Production cost. WOW also has additional costs of maintaining the organisation for the extended period.



WOW brand and reputation are its biggest asset. Delivering the season in January, when our critical audience might not be able to attend, is risky. With a Show in January, we will not be able to produce a Show in October as well.

Notwithstanding this, you have indicated that you would like us to proceed.

WOW provides a significant injection of economic impact into Wellington City; we do understand your reasons for wanting to proceed. However, to continue, we must ensure our legal obligations regarding solvency, are satisfied.

We will need confirmation in writing by WCC/WNZ as soon as possible, we have a sold-out audience on hold many with associated travel and accommodation waiting for an update. The WOW Board will be meeting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September and at that point I will need confirmation of funding as per above to enable them to either confirm the December/January dates or cancel the 2021 Awards Show.

Nga mihi

David Tingey

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Jessica Beyeler <[Jessica.Beyeler@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Jessica.Beyeler@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: WOW - Postponement to Dec 2021 - Jan 2022

Yes no problem, will send invites through. And would be good to have Ian on our call at 1pm.

Ngā mihi,

Kiri

**From:** David Tingey <[davidt@worldofwearableart.com](mailto:davidt@worldofwearableart.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 September 2021 9:02 am  
**To:** Kiri Rasmussen <[Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Warrick Dent <[warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com](mailto:warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com)>; John Allen <[john.allen@wellingtonnz.com](mailto:john.allen@wellingtonnz.com)>;  
Jessica Beyeler <[Jessica.Beyeler@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Jessica.Beyeler@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: WOW - Postponement to Dec 2021 - Jan 2022

Kia ora Kiri - I can meet at 1pm with yourself and Warrick. If you are wanting deeper financial information in that meeting, we can get Ian Lister to join - can you advise?

5pm is fine with Barbara and John. Can you send zoom/teams invites?

David

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**To:** David Tingey <[davidt@worldofwearableart.com](mailto:davidt@worldofwearableart.com)>  
**Cc:** Warrick Dent <[warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com](mailto:warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com)>, John Allen <[john.allen@wellingtonnz.com](mailto:john.allen@wellingtonnz.com)>, Jessica Beyeler <[Jessica.Beyeler@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Jessica.Beyeler@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: WOW - Postponement to Dec 2021 - Jan 2022

Kia ora David,

Just a note to acknowledge your email and I know you spoke with Warrick yesterday with some questions from both of our organisations in relation to your email below.

Warrick and I would like a call with yourself today sometime between 1-3pm – are you available at that time?

Barbara and John would also like to speak with you following that and currently have a hold in their diaries for 5pm if that suits you also.

Ngā mihi,

Kiri

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**Cc:** Kiri Rasmussen <Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Resurgence Support Payment

Morena Warrick

We have already applied for this and also received the wage subsidy for the first 2 weeks. Only \$20K in total as most of our people are not employees but contractors who need to apply on their own behalf.

Nga mihi  
Ian

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**Cc:** Kiri Rasmussen <[kiri.rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:kiri.rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Resurgence Support Payment

Morena Dave & Ian,

Have you investigated if WOW is eligible for the Resurgence Support Payment scheme?

<https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/financial-support-for-businesses/>

Nga mihi  
Warrick

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 September 2021 1:54 pm  
**To:** Kiri Rasmussen <Kiri.Rasmussen@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: World of Wearable Arts - Air NZ

Thanks Kiri,  
Yes, it was great that AirNZ made the change. Certainly adds a comfort level for our customers.  
Cheers  
Ian

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**Cc:** David Perks <david.perks@wellingtonnz.com>; Warrick Dent <warrick.dent@wellingtonnz.com>  
**Subject:** FW: World of Wearable Arts - Air NZ

Hi Ian,

Just passing on the below comms between David Perks and AirNZ which appears their policy around refunds and flight transfers will now be acceptable to your customers.

I suggest that if you would like to agree comms to include in any further customer notifications you agree that with Jenny Simpson for that.

Hope all proceeding OK at your end.

Regards,  
Kiri

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 September 2021 10:53 am  
**To:** David Perks <David.Perks@wellingtonnz.com>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: World of Wearable Arts

Hi David

I hope you are well. Such a shame that WOW has been impacted by the lockdown but really pleased to hear it will take still go ahead at a later date.

Anna gave me a call on Monday and explained the situation. As a result, before the postponement was announced, we extended the dates of our domestic customer flexibility policy to include WOW.

Customers who book or currently hold tickets for domestic flights scheduled to depart up until 11.59pm on 31 October 2021 are able to:

- Hold the value of their fare in credit. Credits will have a validity of 12 months from the date of credit issuance, or
- Amend the date of their flight with change fees waived (any additional fare or tax difference will apply).

I expect most people who were booked to fly to WLG for WOW would have put the full value of their fare in credit already, while they await to hear the new dates. This is a really simple online process and doesn't involve any change fees.

Alternatively, if they are still holding flight bookings and the new dates are announced, under this policy, they can book a new flight with no change fees.

I hope this overcomes any concerns from a flight perspective, If you need Air NZ to provide some comms for inclusion in eDMs to ticket holders, I'm sure that can be arranged.

I'm happy for Ian or someone from his team to contact me if they have any questions.

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 September 2021 9:38 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] David.Perks@wellingtonnz.com  
**Subject:** RE: World of Wearable Arts

David, I'm copying in [REDACTED] who has already been in touch with our Commercial team  
Cheers

[REDACTED]

**From:** David Perks <David.Perks@wellingtonnz.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 August 2021 9:00 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** World of Wearable Arts

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your time on the phone yesterday to speak about the cancellation of World of Wearable of Arts.

The WOW team are very concerned to make it as easy – and painless – as possible for ticket holders to transfer their travel bookings to new dates.

As we discussed the thinking right now is to move the event to the three weeks at the end of January. What they plan to do.... I'm not sure how.... is to ask every ticket holder to choose their preferred date to attend – I guess so they can organise it around holidays they've already got booked for the summer.

What they are then hoping is that Air NZ will be able to move peoples flight bookings to match their chosen ticket dates and that along the way will waive any fees for changing flights.

I appreciate this is getting into reasonably complex territory and I think it would be good if one of their people could speak to you or an Air NZ colleague directly.

The person the city is dealing with is Ian Lister who is their Business Services General Manager. Would you be happy for me to put him in touch with you or some other appropriate person to have a chat?

The good news part of this is that 83% of tickets sold this year were out of town so I'm presuming that's lots of people who will now be adding an extra holiday into the January period this year.

Look forward to hearing from you



Cheers

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