



# DOUBLE THE FEET ON THE STREET

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<b>Abstract Remit</b>	<p>Being a "Team leader" of a team that promotes, advocates and actions sustainable transport activities has its adventures and challenges. Relearning to ride a bike, reducing single occupant car journeys, car pooling when i have to use my car- but most significantly reawakening the joys of walking.</p> <p>At the end of January I was asked if i would like to be the second reserve in councils Oxfam Trailwalker women's team. Enthusiastically I said yes. I had for several years had it on my 'Bucket List' but hadn't been activated yet! Being the second reserve was such a long way from one of the 4 walkers that i went on holiday in February confident that I wouldn't ever be really needed for the real team.</p> <p>Returning from holiday mid February I found a note on my computer "Welcome to the Team 'Go Girl.'" The first reserve had moved Towns, the 4<sup>th</sup> team member was injured!</p> <p>Could the 57year old body walk 100kms? I said that I would come for a training walk with the team before i committed to the adventure. So Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb I went on my first 30km Walk setting out from the Pt Chev toilets at 6.30am - walking to Okahu Bay and back in 7 hours. I did it! How would the body be the next day? Stiff but not too bad! Was this a fluke? I trained all week and the same walk next weekend took 6 and 1/2 hours. I was in the Team.</p> <p>The Oxfam trailwalker is described as the worlds greatest team challenge- 4 people, One goal, 100km in 36hours to help overcome poverty and injustice.</p> <p>This paper is my personal walking journey. I would like to share my journey, the challenges and the adventures- and inspire others to have adventures of their own.</p>		
<b>Author Profile</b>	<p>Kitch Cuthbert has been working in Road Safety and Sustainable Transport for over 12 years. Her Son Jack got her into walking as a part of a fitness and weight loss programme a couple of years ago- and she has not looked back! Having achieved and maintained her goal weight- and a new lease on life- Kitch is going around the block again.. .but this time its in her sneakers.. and not in her car!</p>		