



Press Release from **Living Streets Aotearoa**

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Living Streets Aotearoa is pleased to announce the winners of the Living Streets NZ Walking Awards. The WSP Golden Foot awards was presented on June 9 7:30 at a formal video conference.

The biennial awards this year had [16 finalists](#) and during the ceremony we announced the 6 winners of the WSP Golden Foot ceramic award made by ceramic [artist Brendon Adams](#)

The winners listed below show some outstanding projects.

The NZ Bear Hunt during lockdown won the events category. This event quickly gained NZ hearts as they walked around the quiet and safe streets ,during the Covid-19 lockdown, and looked for toy bears.

Auckland Design Office was winner with the High Street footpath extensions where carparks were replaced with boardwalks.

Winning Projects	Category	Description.
Be Counted at PN City He Ara Kotahi Bridge	Walking and Public transport initiative.	. In December 2019 Palmerston North was the first New Zealand Council to install a combined pedestrian and bike counter and display on He Ara Kotahi Bridge. http://www.becounted.co.nz
Bear Hunt during Lockdown Deb Hofman	Event	NZ Bear Hunt started as a little idea, turned into a nationwide movement, remaining local and community-oriented. The concept is to put teddy bears or toys in a window facing the street and to pin your bear to an on-line map. Walkers explore their neighbourhood, tracking

		<p>down households taking part.</p> <p>https://bearhunt.co.nz</p>
<p>Brightwater Consultation Tasman District Council</p>	<p>School projects</p>	<p>Brightwater in Tasman is a peri-urban town of some 1,500 residents and is surrounded by rural landscape and horticulture. The challenge with this project was to successfully consult, connect and engage with this community. We needed a way in to the heart of this community, to understand it and activate robust discussion</p>
<p>Chris Teo-Sherrell</p>	<p>Walking Champion</p>	<p>The combined attack on footpaths of unregulated e-scooters and a proposed rule change to allow cyclists, e-bikes and e-scooters everywhere galvanised Chris to lead a coalition of fourteen organisations to show the detriment to vulnerable walkers to officials, Ministers and MPs, media and the public, raising public awareness.</p>
<p>High Street Trial Ak Design office</p>	<p>Facilities or place-making</p>	<p>As part of the overarching Access for Everyone project, the High Street Trial aimed to allocate more space to pedestrians and other users, by replacing on-street parking with temporary kerb/footpath extensions, to effectively double the width of this street's narrow footpaths</p>
<p>Roger Boulter Book: Planning for Walking and Cycling in New Zealand</p>	<p>Research</p>	<p>Roger is an international authority on planning for walking and cycling. He has led national strategy development in New Zealand and previously in the UK. He has collated New Zealand history in considerable detail and breadth. The book is current; including the Accessible Streets rules package and Innovating Streets Fund.</p> <p>http://boulter.co.nz/home/home.html</p>

Background

Living Streets Aotearoa is the New Zealand organisation for people on foot, promoting walking-friendly communities. We are a nationwide organisation with local branches and affiliates throughout New Zealand.

Walking helps children to develop independence and enhances their physical health and mental well-being.

Walking helps elderly people to maintain health, independence and social connection.

Walking helps everyone's mental and physical wellbeing. Walking is great medicine especially for depression, muscle mass, reducing obesity, increasing bone density and cardiovascular health.

Walking is essential for retail success and public transport viability.

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