

Good afternoon.

Living Street Aotearoa have been busy since you last heard from us. We are helping to organise **Walk2Work day March 12** events around the country. See our website for how to setup your event or [walk2work.org.nz](http://walk2work.org.nz). Events so far are in Wellington, Auckland and Bay of Plenty.

At the last AGM we said goodbye to some **committee members** and invited in some new ones. We now have Andy Smith and Gay Richards from Auckland, Ronis Chapman and Chris Teo-Sherrell from Palmerston North, Meg Christie from Christchurch, Suryaprakash Mishra and Ellen Blake from Wellington and Peter Kortegast in Nelson. We will all meet in Wellington on April 12 and talk about our strategy for the year to come.

The **Tauranga/** Western BOP branch is being reinvigorated by Dr Jean-Paul Thull. If you are in the area please contact him through our [branch page on the website](#).

The next **Walking and Cycling Conference is in Nelson** on October 29-31 with the theme 'Communities on the Move'. Keep an eye on the [website for the call for papers](#).

**Walk21** the international conference on walking is at **Luna Park in Sydney** in October 21-23. They are asking for papers now. [Here is the website](#)

Our campaign to change the law so **turning vehicles should give way to pedestrians** is gaining momentum. Have a look on [our website](#) and like our [Facebook page](#) and [sign the Petition](#) for this campaign.

We also await release of the governments draft National **Speed Management Plan**, hopefully some time this year. See our [campaign for lower speeds here](#).

Following are some of the article we have been reading on the Living Streets Facebook page.

[From Ben Rossiter at Victoria Walks has released its new research report Senior Victorians and walking: obstacles and opportunities.](#)

[Its a matter of democracy to provide for pedestrians. Enriqe Penalosa talks at TED](#)

[The transport experts' peer review of the proposed Basin Reserve Flyover in Wellington](#)

[Interesting article on cycle lanes - and the law abiding cyclists that use them. Outrage for cycling on the footpaths!](#)

[Jeff Speck: The walkable city - 16 minutes, 3 arguments - worth watching](#)

[Flashing 20 kph warning signs for school bus backs](#)

[What about this amazing bit of research that shows the value of green space - a great urban design tool.](#)

[No Exit signs being enhanced in Auckland](#)

[Good walking news from Rome](#)

[The Human Scale, film about the work of architect and pedestrian advocate Jan Gehl showing at the NZ Film Festival](#)

[Another interesting tool - how to assess the economic benefits of walking.](#) We should be asking our road-controlling authorities to use this when planning new transport infrastructure, and to share the results.

[Good news for pedestrians - finally, in a little while, we might be safer crossing the road](#)