

Living Streets Aotearoa



President's Report for April 2019 to March 2020

I thank the members of the executive committee for all the work they have done during this year. Our public profile is very big for a volunteer organization run by 7 people and a few others. There are 3 new people joining the exec this year bring the team up to 9 people.

We have kept our email list up to date and now send out our eBulletins to more than 7,000 people. Our website has regular blogs and news alongside the Facebook page feed. We also have the Facebook group and a Twitter account that is very active.

The **Second NZ Walking Summit** was run by us on June 20 and 21 2019. Supported by Auckland Transport and in their Visduct Harbour building it was well attended and a great event. Ellen Blake introduced Jenni Wiggle from LS UK who spoke on Walk to School, theme of day one. Day two was themed Walking Connections with Public Transport where we heard from people in the disabilities sector.

Footpaths for Feet is a campaign that has been developed with our friends in a [coalition of other footpath-using groups](#) including older people and people living with disabilities. This coalition has put in submissions to stop the Accessible Streets Package turning all footpaths into shared paths. The only way to stop this is to curb Julie-Ann Genter's enthusiasm for this dangerous change.

The **NZ Walking Awards** (June 2020 so not this AGM year) sponsored by WSP were a great success held by Zoom video conferencing [winners can be seen here](#). Winners that attracted attention were the Bear Hunt during lockdown and the High St board walk built on carparks. Congratulation to Chris Teo-Sherrell being given the walking champion award.

We are again part owners of the **2WALKandCYCLE** conference series with Cycle Action Network and with the help of the volunteer committee will put this on in Dunedin in September 2020.

We will continue to help footpath users stay safe and ensure that footpaths remain for feet and assisted walking.

Andy Smith President of Living Streets Aotearoa
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