

Living Streets Aotearoa



Presidents report Living Streets Aotearoa 2017-2018

It's been another busy year for Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA). The organisation is run by volunteers and not supported by any government money. Despite this, we have been effective in getting our collective concerns across to decisions makers and planners.

I thank the executive committee and all our volunteers for their work and professionalism in helping to advance the cause of walking and making our towns and cities accessible to all.

Here is a list of highlights that LSA volunteers have been involved with:

- The 4 point plan, that was created at the first NZ Walking Summit on 28 July 2017 in Wellington, some of which has now been implemented. The funding for footpath maintenance is in the GPS and will attract money from NZTA. Lower speeds has been picked up by the Government. Walking to Schools was seen as a winner at the Golden Foot Walking Awards.
- The Golden Foot Walking awards at Parliament was a big success
- Regional groups going strong - Dunedin a new affiliate, Tauranga and Hamilton
- Trafanz – we continue on the executive committee
- We are having Quarterly catch up meetings with NZTA - MoT
- One week February saw us in meetings with 12 different organisation in Wellington - incl Minister Genter
- Long term plan submission to all local governments
- Walk2Work was run around the country
- We joined the Cycling Walking Australia and New Zealand organisation
- Published the eBulletin, acclaimed as a great information source
- auditing footpaths and helping create commuter walking maps
- actively working with the International Federation of Pedestrians

In the coming year, we will pay particular attention to:

- Getting vehicle speeds below 30kph in residential areas
- Helping define what and who should use footpaths, as we see an increase in vehicles of various descriptions competing for pedestrian space
- Building local groups and membership

We join Living Streets Aotearoa to influence government and civic policy toward a pedestrian friendly focus. We do this by meeting each other, swapping ideas and educating others through words and deeds.

Thank you again for your support Andy Smith - President 2018.