

Presidents report Living Streets Aotearoa 2013-2014

It's been another busy year for us at Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA). Totally run by volunteer effort and not supported by any government money, we have been effective in getting our collective concerns across to decision makers, planners and governors. I thank the executive committee and all our volunteers for their work and professionalism.

Here is a list of where we have seen LSA volunteers.

- Cycle Safety Summit
- Meetings with Tim Hughes, Gerry Dance, Patrick Morgan, Henry Peach, Anke Kole, Celia Wade-Brown, Darien Fenton, Mike Noon, Julie Ann Genter and Micheal Woodhouse.
- Walk to Work day around the country
- Basin Reserve Bridge proposal EPA hearing
- Walk for Wellbeing events in Christchurch
- Law Change to favour Pedestrians meetings around the country
- Organizing the 2WalkandCycle conference in Nelson
- Working with the International Federation of Pedestrians
- Judging and organizing the Golden Feet Awards
- Meeting Face to Face in Wellington
- SkyPath the walkway over the Auckland Harbour Bridge
- Auditing footpaths and helping create commuter maps
- updating Facebook and producing the eBulletin
- Independent Advisory Board to Len Brown in Auckland
- supporting lower speed around schools
- working with NZTA Safe Systems and Road Classification system
- supporting Queenstown Council with 1000 yellow feet
- creating walk maps in Hamilton

What we have planned for the coming year is more self-explaining roads and getting vehicle speeds below 30kph in residential areas. We will be joining the International Federation of Pedestrians in a worldwide campaign on Road Crossing.

Currently, LSA has 139 paid up members including 18 organizations. Our Facebook group has 235 members and we have an email list of 3000 contacts that receives our eBulletin.

In the coming year we hope to build the local groups and get them to identify and work on projects to turn roads in their areas into Living Streets.

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

More Walking People, More Walking Places.

Thank you again for your support Andy Smith - President 2014.