

Living Streets Aotearoa

Walking Summit

2025

➤ walkable communities for wellbeing ➤

Thursday, 6 November 2025

09:30-10:00 am	Opening Ceremony Conference Welcome	Plenary Tim Jones, President, Living Streets Aotearoa
10:05 - 10:35 am	Keynote Address Chair: Tim Jones, President, Living Streets Aotearoa <i>Corporate political activity and walkable streets – what we learnt about the road lobby</i>	Plenary Dr Alice Miller, PhD student, University of Otago Wellington
10:40 - 10:55 am	Morning Tea	
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Walking for Wellbeing Chair: Dr Caroline McElnay QSO, Executive Council Member, Living Streets Aotearoa <i>Walking for wellbeing – a public health perspective</i> <i>The Geraldine Sculpture Trail</i> <i>A Walking Life: Walking's Role in Personal and Community Wellbeing</i>	Concurrent Workstream Session Dr Anna Stevenson, Public Health Physician, National Public Health Te Whatu Ora Rosie Woods, Board Member, Geraldine Community Board, Geraldine Licensing Trust, Geraldine.nz. Antonia Malchik, Writer, Author of <i>A Walking Life</i>

11:00 - 12:00 pm	Pedestrian-Centred Design Chair: Dr Chris Teo-Sherrell, Treasurer, Living Streets Aotearoa	Concurrent Workstream Session
	<i>Saving the planet one walkable neighbourhood at a time</i>	Dr Catherine Knight, Urban Policy, Author
	<i>What's new in the Pedestrian Network Guidance?</i>	Patrícia Vasconcelos, Principal Specialist Multi-modal, NZTA Waka Kotahi
	<i>Walking every street in Greater Dunedin</i>	Julie Woods, Author, Speaker, Advocate, Global Ambassador for Blind Low Vision NZ
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:05 - 1:35 pm	Keynote Address Chair: Tim Jones, President, Living Streets Aotearoa	Plenary
	<i>Parent-centred urbanism: Rethinking walking, health and the planning of sub/urban environments for (new) parents</i>	Dr Eva Neely, Senior Lecturer, Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington
1:40 - 2:40 pm	Creating Walkable Streets Chair: Bill Frith, Executive Council Member, Living Streets Aotearoa	Concurrent Workstream Session
	<i>Creating good environments for walking is key to delivering on WCC's vision: Pōneke - the creative capital where people and nature thrive</i>	Vida Christeller, Manager City Design, Wellington City Council
	<i>Lessons for working with communities from Transport Choices and Business As Usual delivery methods</i>	Peter McGlashan, Lead Advisor, Urban Mobility, NZTA Waka Kotahi
	<i>Health and equity impacts of decarbonising transport in Aotearoa</i>	Dr Caroline Shaw, Associate Professor, Public Health Medicine Specialist and Epidemiologist, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka, Pōneke University of Otago Wellington
1:40 - 2:40 pm	Making Our Streets Safer Chairs: Jenni Wiggle BEM, Vice President, Living Streets Aotearoa	Concurrent Workstream Session
	<i>Where do falls happen? Auditing the urban environment for pedestrian falls risk</i>	Dr Angela Curl, Senior Lecturer, Department of Population Health, University of Otago Christchurch

	<i>Hidden Harm – Walking Injuries from Slips and Falls</i>	Dr Glen Koorey, Director, ViaStrada
	<i>Safe Streets for All: How Micromobility Infrastructure Impacts Pedestrian Safety and Equity</i>	Dr Timothy Welch, Senior Lecturer, University of Auckland
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Afternoon tea	
3:05-4:05 pm	Changemakers Chair: Tim Jones, President, Living Streets Aotearoa	Plenary Workstream Session
	<i>A survivable future: from What to How</i>	Dr Bridget Doran, Independent Transport Engineering Consultant
	<i>Keeping it 60: How a community fought to retain safer speed limits to protect active transport initiatives</i>	Femke Meiderts and Emily Osborne, Co-leads, Parents for Active Transport Atawahi
	<i>Safe Streets: Public Opinion and the Media</i>	Simon Wilson, Senior Writer, NZ Herald
4:10-4:25 pm	Closing Session Chair: Jenni Wiggle BEM, Executive Council Member, Living Streets Aotearoa	Plenary
	Conference closing	Jenni Wiggle BEM, Executive Council Member, Living Streets Aotearoa