

Living Streets Aotearoa



Welcome to the December 2019 eBulletin from Living Streets Aotearoa.

A summary of events and stories of us striving to get **more people walking** and enjoying public spaces be they young or old, fast or slow, whether walking, sitting, commuting, shopping, between appointments, or out on the streets for exercise, for leisure or for pleasure.

The [executive committee](#) hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year plus many great walks over this holiday period.

Footpaths 4 Feet.

Footpaths4Feet group is a coalition of 13 member organisations, including Living Streets Aotearoa, Grey Power, Disabled Persons Assembly, CCS Disability Action, Alzheimers NZ, Blind and Low Vision NZ, Deaf Action NZ, Association of Blind Citizens NZ, Health Action Trust, Age Concern, Dunedin Pedestrian Network, Retina NZ, Visual Impairment Charitable Trust Aotearoa NZ.



Minister Tracey Martin (in blue coat) and representatives of the groups that make up Footpaths4Feet outside Parliament 12 Dec 2019

We have created a petition asking for eScooters to be banned from the footpaths. It was presented to Honorable Tracey Martin, Minister for Children and Seniors on the steps of parliament on December 12 2019. We ask *“That the House of Representatives pass legislation prohibiting e-scooters and new forms of motorised vehicles or devices from being*

used on footpaths in order to ensure pedestrians and mobility device users are safe and feel safe on footpaths.”

The reason for this is that “People walking or using mobility devices on footpaths, as well as people using personal transport devices such as e-scooters, deserve to feel safe and be safe as they go about their lives and engage with their communities. We feel that footpaths should be for people on foot or using mobility devices, while safe and appropriate facilities should be provided on-road for people using personal transport devices. We think allowing these two groups to mix will result in more injuries and less walking.”

Have a look at the photo below. These machines may be on the footpath if we don't reserve the footpaths 4 feet.

New Uses of Sidewalks – Making Room



Living Streets Aotearoa Executive Kanohi-a-kanohi

Most of the executive met in Wellington's Mt Victoria to plan ahead for 2020 and beyond. We are keen to get children walking to school and are impressed by Jenni Wiggles Living Streets UK approach and hope to get that funded and implemented here. Walk to Work day is Wednesday March 11 in 2020. We encourage all of you to form together in community walks that day. The Living Streets Aotearoa Walking awards will be in June 2020. Soon we will be asking for projects to enter the competition.

Links to articles of interest

Survey sets meter ticking on shopping strip parking as **foot traffic tops** expectations. [Read more here](#)

Sydney E-Scooter **Trial Axed** Before It's Rolled Out. [Read more here](#)

Government to bring in **speed limit cuts** around every school in NZ. [Read more here](#)

My Fight With a **Sidewalk Robot**. [Read more here](#)

Blind swimmer Mary Fisher faces new challenges out of the pool. [Read more here](#)

[Singapore made rules](#) for eScooter on footpaths then **banned then completely** as they did not mix with pedestrians [Read more here](#).

Walking highlights from the WALK21 conference in Rotterdam and beyond

Celia Wade-Brown was at the international walking conference WALK21 in Rotterdam.

[Read her story here](#)

Tshirts and cloth Bags

Want to show your support for walking - how about grabbing one of these cool new tee shirts designed especially for us by Emily Bulkley based on our fabulous logo (original design by Becky Bliss). And if that doesn't suit your look maybe our reusable bag will work. [Check them out here](#)



Exec members at the Kanohi-a-kanohi off for a walk