

Living Streets Aotearoa



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Welcome to the July 2018 eBulletin of Living Streets Aotearoa.

AGM of Living Streets Aotearoa will be in Palmerston North at 2pm on Sunday July 29 in the theatre of The Square Edge community space at 47 The Square. If you can't be there you can come to the meeting via Skype. Please make contact with andy1smith in Skype or contact Andy on andy.smith@livingstreets.org.nz or phone 021474740.

We need you as a walking advocate to help shape the path to the future. Nominations for the national executive are still being accepted. Please contact Andy as above.

Our **Golden Foot Walking Awards**, sponsored by WSP Opus, were held at parliament on June 26. Associate Minister of Transport Julie Anne Genter attended and spoke of the long relationship that she has with Living Streets Aotearoa starting at our [2010 conference in Wellington](#). Congratulations to the Award winners for their exceptional projects – it was a tough job for the judges, and we thank them for their work.

The winning projects are:

- The Gruffalo Explorer - a walking tour for children in Christchurch's Bottle Lake Forest, where they hunt for the popular book character
- Henry Hill School Travel "unplan" - a community-based effort to tackle unsafe roads outside this Napier school
- Hemo Gorge project near Rotorua - once the fourth most perilous intersection in New Zealand, now a roundabout with art, cycleways and walking paths
- Fernridge Walking School Bus - a rural community in the Wairarapa creates a safe walk to school
- Walking Samoans - clubs around New Zealand make walking a "must do" social event for Samoan families
- Auckland Business Case for Walking – in a world first, putting a dollar value on time spent walking and waiting at crossings, so this can be properly assessed in major transport projects

[See here for the details](#) of the finalists and winners.



The Walking Samoans with Peter Kortegast from WSP Opus and Andy Smith, President.

The Gruffalo from Christchurch with Gay Richards and Celia Wade-Brown



Associate Transport Minister Julie Anne Genter

Government Policy Statement on Transport has been released and includes great changes for people who walk. We have been lobbying the Government for footpath maintenance funding and that has happened. Footpath maintenance will have the same [funding assistance rate](#) as other parts of the road corridor, an average of 53% instead of 0%. This should really incentivise Councils to improve surfaces and kerb cut-outs but we will have to be vigilant to ensure they don't just pocket the difference. A great step forward for safer, better footpaths.

The **2WALKandCYCLE conference** is this year in Palmerston North and the key note speaker is Lucy Saunders who leads on the integration of transport and public health in London. [Details here](#)

WALK21 the international walking conference is on in Bogota Columbia on Oct 15 -19 this year. The five-day conference registration is FREE, paid for by the Mayor of Bogota, Enrique Penalosa. It's great opportunity to see what's happening for walking beyond the English-speaking world but with English interpretation available. [See the details here.](#)

If you are not yet a member of Living Streets [please join here. We need you.](#)

Snippets of interest. Just click on the active links

[How traffic signals favour cars and discourage walking](#)

The British Journal of Sports Medicine has just launched an entire issue focused on Walking :<http://bjsm.bmj.com/content/52/12>

Talk given by Dr Gail Hansen on *The Potential of Form-Based Codes to Create Walkable Urban Streets*, which was very interesting. Her PhD is available on line if you've got time to read it :http://etd.fcla.edu/UF/UFE0021938/hansendechapman_g.pdf.

Physical activity [levels in adults and older adults 3–4 years after pedometer-based walking interventions](#)

[Developing a strategy for an ageing population](#) from the Office for Seniors.

The Automobile Assoc and us have developed [this article on pedestrian crossing that is in the Direction magazine this month.](#)

Hemo Rd roundabout wins [Living Streets walking award](#)

Supporting walking school buses at an early age is needed now. ["Ellen Blake, from Living Streets Aotearoa, says by the time children hit secondary school, they should be independent travellers."](#)

The school commute on foot an [article from the NZ Education Gazette](#)

Many cyclists are considerate and keep off the footpath - but not all. [Here is the road code for cyclists.](#)

Unequal distribution of road space demonstrated.

