

# Living Streets Aotearoa



Welcome to the June 2017 eBulletin of Living Streets Aotearoa.



The 2017 New Zealand Walking Summit is an exciting opportunity for those involved in transport, health, urban design and local government and of course walking advocates too, to explore our theme of 'how to make New Zealand a world leading walking place' including:

- Break-out sessions to create new opportunities and share best practices
- "Why can't we walk" Ben Wooliscroft is our featured speaker to inspire walking champions from across New Zealand
- With September's election looming this is the time to hear from political parties on how they will make our towns and cities Walking places, and what we want from them

- and a word from the walking world in Australia and the UK, and a New Zealand panel.

In Wellington at St Andrews on the Terrace [Click here to register a place](#) from \$50. Get in early for the limited spaces.

Two great events will follow the Walking Summit on Saturday 29 July Communications and media training workshop to build on the messages from the Summit.

Also on is the LSA Annual General Meeting, at noon on Saturday July 29 after the summit and advocate training. If you are in Wellington do come along else you can Skype (contact us for this option).

**[Please Join Living Streets and support our work, only \\$20.](#)**

**Now a few stories from around the worlds footpaths.**

Want to stop your brain from [getting old then live in a walkable neighbourhood](#)

Free guided [walk in Auckland](#)

School kids [unite to make walking to school safer](#)

One in three fatal crashes in New Zealand involve somebody driving too fast and over half of the [speed-related transport accidents last year involved children and teenagers.](#)

Every town needs a Kids Map [see this one from Vancouver](#)

New research shows that [drivers Day Dreaming increases near their homes.](#)

No conviction for [police officer who hit pedestrian with his car in Wellington](#)

City footpaths are failing [New Zealanders and could be adding to obesity rates, experts argue.](#)

Here's a totally mainstream idea: [let's take the cars out of Auckland's central city](#)

Creating walking cities. [A blueprint for change](#)

A story from [Walk San Francisco on Vision Zero](#)

Boy hit on Wellington [pedestrian crossing that Council knew was dangerous](#)

Access Matters. The campaign for election year. [The Access Alliance](#)

Two deaths in quick succession have highlighted the issue of [pedestrians being killed or injured in collisions with bike riders.](#)

The Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee hearing the Clendon petition to get cyclists onto footpaths has reported back. Surprisingly, considering all the excellent submissions highlighting the serious issues for pedestrians, the Committee recommended the Government consider the proposal. This is a disappointing result but not the end of the path yet. Elections are coming and we do not need to vote for those MPs who supported this – the members of the Transport and Industry Select Committee. We can write to our local MP expressing concern at the lack of consideration of pedestrians in this move. We can write to the newspaper sharing our thoughts on footpath safety and how to encourage walking. Let us know your thoughts on steps you would like to take to support Living Streets goal of safe footpaths for pedestrians.

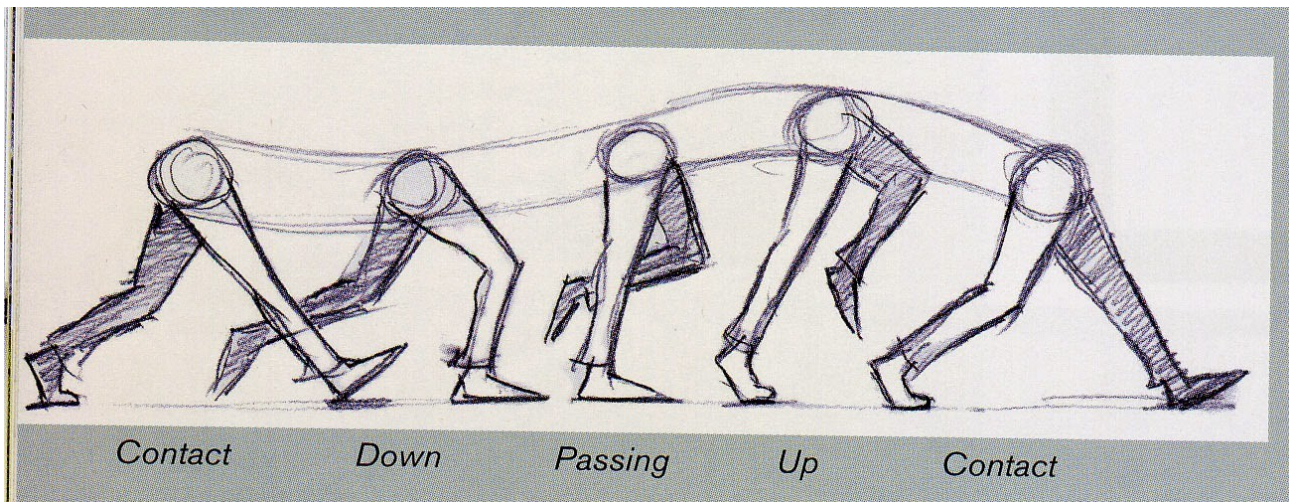


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