

Living Streets Aotearoa



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Welcome to the March 2018 eBulletin of Living Streets Aotearoa.

Walk2Work day was celebrated in Auckland and Wellington and picked up by many towns and work groups. Returntoform, an Auckland Physio, put it on their [website here](#). In Wellington City Councilors led [8 walks into the city](#) and [Walk Auckland](#) ran a free breakfast to reward everyday walkers [see their post here](#)

February saw the Living Streets Aotearoa executive committee have their **annual meeting series in Wellington**. Andy Smith, President; Ellen Blake, Vice President and Celia Wade-Brown, founder and former Mayor met over the week with

- Fergus Gammie CEO NZTA
- Tane Cassidy, Jessica Jones at the Health Promotion Agency
- Mike Noon of Automobile Association
- Mike Reid at the Local Government NZ
- Mary-Ann Carter and Martin Dutton, Ministry of Health Wellness, Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Associate Minister of Transport Julie Ann Genter
- Eric Pyle of Walking Access Commission
- Suze Strowger at the Sector Enablement, Ministry of Education
- Peter Mersi and Jemima de Lacey of the Ministry of Transport
- Peter McKennie of NZ Police Operations Manager Roading
- Stephanie Clare and Desigin Thulkanam at Age Concern
- Jo Mackay of Cycle Action Network

We told them of our 4 point plan and how we can work together to promote walking in their areas of interest.

- funding for walking through a National Land Transport Plan FAR (funding assistance rate) including Footpath Maintenance
- standards for pedestrian facilities

- slower speeds around schools and shopping areas
- focus on children walking to school

Government Policy Statement on Transport the draft, should be released by the end of March. This will signal a change in direction for transport in New Zealand. Please take the opportunity to submit on the details to ensure walking gets its fair share of funding and an exciting programme that will ensure we see more people walking more often.

Golden Foot Walking Awards 2018 ceremony in Parliament's Grand Hall.

Have you got a walk project in mind? The Golden Foot Walking Awards celebrate and recognise New Zealand achievements for walkers by acknowledging innovative new facilities, highlighting national best practise and rewarding ongoing commitment to walking. Nominations **close on 25 May**. The awards are being presented by Minister Genter in the Grand Hall of Parliament in June. The awards are supported by Opus. See the [nomination form details here](#).

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

Snippets of interest.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern helps a [walking school bus on Walk2Work day](#)

Collisions and abuse: [Christchurch resident fed up with illegal cycling on footpaths](#)

Women [and walking in New Zealand](#)

Footpaths [are a feminist issue](#)

Famous Alf Garnett [wheelchair in the road scene](#)

New Zealand [household travel survey shows just how sedentary Kiwis have become](#)

Is walking [all the exercise you need?](#)

Graphic from Victoria, Australia

