



Living Streets Aotearoa

Welcome to the March 2020 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.

Footpaths 4 Feet and the Accessible Street Package.

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. ***The Accessible Street Package (ASP) is a package of rule changes which will change all footpaths into shared paths and will let ebike, escooter, bicycles and others things drive on footpaths up to 15 kmph.***

Submissions are now open and [we have a sample submission as an attachment on our F4F page here](#). We have [until April 22 to make a submission at the NZTA website](#).

This package is not what we want. Footpaths should be for feet and speeds of 8kmph maybe acceptable for wheelchairs and other mobility devices.

We presented a petition to Parliament asking for eScooters to be banned from the footpaths. 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.*” Please donate money to help this campaign at [GiveaLittle](#)

A new study by the International Transport Forum examines safety aspects associated with e-scooters and other micro-vehicles. [Read more here](#)

Our Secretary, Celia Wade-Brown, is cycling Tour Aotearoa. Like many people who both bike and walk, she doesn't want bikes on footpaths nor e-scooters. Her fundraiser goes direct to Living Streets' campaign Footpaths4Feet. Donate here givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/celia-is-cycling-tour-aotearoa-2020-in-march

Living Streets Aotearoa Walking Awards in Auckland June 2020.

The **WSP Golden Foot awards** will be handed out in a ceremony on the second week of June at an Auckland venue. So now is the time to submit your award winning project. At the end of this page on the [website is the nomination form](#). We are looking for Projects and programmes, Facilities or place-making, Events, Research, School projects, Walking Advocate Champions, Extraordinary walkers, Walking and Public Transport initiatives, buildings and public spaces that demonstrate strong accessibility and CPTED principles.

Website, photo resources needed.

We are collecting photos of walking [here on our website](#). We want people walking pictures as we've been told national agencies don't have these pictures.

If you have some great photos of walking and have permission of the people in them then please send them to us and we will put up a gallery of them for others to use (think diverse in age, gender, shape etc). We put the photo up and use its description to search on. Have a look at the page mentioned above.

Walk to Work day March 11

This was well supported with events in Wellington and Auckland. The Ministry of Transport promoted the walking day in their Wellington offices.

Walk Auckland supported by Auckland Transport and Auckland City gave a free breakfast of coffee, muffins, bananas and Up&Go to people walking past Pigeon Park on the corner of Symonds St and Karangahape Rd.

Beating the Bounds Waitamata Local Board.

For the 4th time since 2007 the new members of the local board were walked around the land boundary of their ward. Andy Smith and Paula Wilkinson lead the local board on the 14 km walk from Meola reef via the Zoo, shared paths, Mt Eden railway waste land, Newmarket and Newmarket stream down to the Judges Bay and finishing at Point Resolution next to Parnell Pool.

Here is the local board members Graeme Gunthorp, Pippa Coom (councilor), Richard Northey (chair) Julia Makill, Graeme Easte (observed) and Alex Bonham. Andy and Paula back right.





The walkers meet with board members from Eden-Albert and Orakei who joined them looking at some shared walkway and stream projects. A great introduction on local paths for the board members to fix and improve. Does you local council need to walk their boundaries? Ask us for a walking plan.



Links to articles of interest

My mind had frozen up, until someone suggested walking everyday. It worked like magic.
[Read more here](#)

Inactivity, especially in transport, is better considered a lack of good infrastructure and urban

planning rather than blaming "lazy" individuals. Lazy Kiwi teens become lazy adults - but can the cycle be broken? [Read more here](#)

Electric scooter injuries cost NZ taxpayers \$7 million in 15 months. [Read more here.](#)

No charges after car knocks down 93-year-old in driveway. We must think about the trips not taken due to fear of what is on the footpath. [Read more here](#)

Is walking a miracle cure. Living Streets UK have a great article [read more here.](#)

E-scooter speed limit of 10km/h being considered, say lobby groups. [Read more here.](#)

A podcast from the ABC in Australia - One step ahead: the economics of walking. [Hear more 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](#)

NZ pedestrian crossing sign does not have a person on it.

Replace WU3 "Empty pedestrian crossing" ...



With...



International best practice uses signage that shows a person using a crossing (see **Attachment 1: Screen shot of Google search for images of "Pedestrian Crossing Sign"**) rather than NZ's WU3 empty pedestrian crossing sign.

What does that say to the motorist but 'empty crossing ahead' rather than the one the rest of the world uses with a person on it. NZTA please update the sign now.