



Welcome to the March 2021 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.

Time to pay your subs

The start of a new financial year and we would like you to renew or join with us. Our yearly subscription is \$20 and only \$5, if you qualify. We want you to join our voice for better footpaths. The more members - the more they listen. Donations are always welcome. Do all of that [here at our website](#).

New Zealand Walking Summit 24-25 June 2021 in Wellington.

The third New Zealand Walking Summit will focus on how we achieve the new requirements for walkability in urban design and planning as well as meet the Climate Change Commissions 25% target increase in walk mode share. This will be a stimulating two day in depth look at the issues and solutions. Keep the date 24-25 June 2021 in Wellington. Keep an eye on our website [link for updates](#) and more detail

2WALKandCYCLE Conference Dunedin March 16-19

The conference was a great success with health, transport, local government, Ministries and Agencies coming together to see and hear about each others work in the active transport area. Living Streets Aotearoa and Cycling Action Network host this conference that was postponed from September.

Minister of Transport Hon Michael Wood opened the conference



See more photos on [our website here](#)

Walk to Work day March 10

This was well supported with events in Wellington, Dunedin and Auckland.

Walk Auckland supported by Auckland Transport 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.



In Wellington Councillors Iona Pannett, Sarah Free, and Laurie Foon with Ellen Blake (LSA)



Roger Boulter's book draft Planning for Walking and Cycling in New Zealand,

Space, the final frontier?

As I write this (March 2021), *Let's Get Wellington Moving*, the multi-modal transport exercise covering Central Wellington (but not its suburbs and regional settlements, from where a lot of CBD

traffic comes) have engaged as advisors the architecture firm of Denmark's Jan Gehl.continue reading [on our website](#)

Links to articles of interest

Berlin becomes first German city with a specific Pedestrian Law

At the end of January, Berlin's state parliament passed a so-called [Pedestrian Law](#) laying out an ambitious to-do list for improving walkability in Berlin: longer green light phases for pedestrians, safer school routes for kids, more crosswalks and more benches; lowered curbs for improved accessibility; maintaining safe conditions around construction sites for people walking and cycling, and, more municipal enforcement against illegal parking and dangerous driving in the city.

This new pedestrian law is a success story of continuous pressure from civic advocacy groups such as [Germany's Foot Traffic Association \(FUSS e.V.\)](#), [Changing Cities e.V.](#) and others who lobbied for improving conditions for walking and cycling in Berlin.

When Walking Was a Spectator Sport

A brief history of Pedestrianism Did you know that in the 1800s watching people walk was America's favorite sport? Pedestrianism was, at the time, the most attended spectator sport - **hundreds of thousands would cheer the next Pedestrian Champion of the World!**

View the [CityLab film here](#)

Wharf street Tauranga won the NZ Walking award in 2016 read more [about what is happening now](#)

The possible **closure of an alleyway in Kawerau** because of crime, people urinating and the dumping of rubbish, has been vehemently opposed by the community. [Read more here](#)

New Zealand would need to heavily cut cow numbers, stop conventional car imports, decarbonise the energy sector and get most Kiwis into electric vehicles - all within 14 years - to **hit ambitious greenhouse gas targets**. [Read more here](#)

Multimodal Optimisation of Roadspace in Europe Road space reallocation: **Governance challenges, practical issues & visions for future streets**. Watch the recordings and [download all presentation 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.

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.

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.

