

Living Streets Aotearoa



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Welcome to the September 2018 eBulletin of Living Streets Aotearoa.

AGM of Living Streets Aotearoa was in Palmerston North on Sunday July 29. We now have an executive committee of 8 people. Re-elected were Andy Smith, Gay Richards, Ellen Blake and Celia Wade-Brown with the new people being Darren Davis, Christine Cheyne, Reena Kokotailo and Dr Chris Teo-Sherrell. See the [biographies at this link](#).

National Land Transport Programme Walking and Cycling factsheet has been published. This is how the GPS money will be spent. [You can view that here](#).

The 2WALKandCYCLE conference was this year held in Palmerston North and the key note speaker was Lucy Saunders who leads on the integration of transport and public health in London. See the papers [presented at this link](#).

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 a 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

The Breakfast Show interviewed President Andy Smith about footpath obstacles and our solutions with the Green 'Cut back the Vegetation' and Yellow 'Don't Park on the Footpath' Flyers. [See the link here](#)

Scooters inspect Palmerston North's footpaths. [Palmerston North's 550 kilometres of footpaths are being given the once-over by contractors riding modern three-wheeled scooters.](#)

Don't buy into the distracted walking myth - let's have education programmes to improve vehicle user skills, [research shows this can have a good effect](#).

After careful consideration, the Transport Agency is lowering the speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h on a high-risk section of State Highway 58. Good to see speeds coming down on this dangerous stretch - [nice for local communities and good to see Living Streets acknowledged](#).

700 shared electric scooters to be let loose on Christchurch streets. [They can be ridden on the footpath, without a helmet, and at speeds of up to 27kmh.](#)

Pushing the beg button in [Sydney on Sunday will help! Not for the rest of the week.](#)

[Vancouver on the other hand has equal cross time for pedestrians as vehicle users. Shows that crossings can be better.](#)

In many ways, driverless cars have all the makings of a massive cult—the Cult of Technology. This is the idea that technology will somehow solve the problems of human greed, [over-population and over-consumption of planetary resources.... when all I need is denser, car-free, walkable cities.](#)

**Ever wondered why people don't stop at the Pedestrian Crossing?
Maybe its the sign. We are the only country without a person on
the crossing.**

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.