

# Living Streets Aotearoa



Working for Walking – Living Streets Aotearoa December 2016 eBulletin

Thank you for your continued support this year and here is a summary of what we at Living Streets Aotearoa have done to improve and protect walking in New Zealand

At the national level we:

Convened the 2WALKandCYCLE conference that took place in July in Auckland and was attended by 250 delegates

All executive members attended the 2Walk and Cycle conference in July ([link here to papers for Xmas reading](#))

Participated in the Future of Mobility Select Committee enquiry

Met with Transport Minister Simon Bridges with a coalition of groups interested in footpath amenity

Provided a pedestrian perspective to the work on the Transport Research domain plan and Knowledge Hub

Advocated for pedestrians against NZ Post's paxster vehicles on footpaths – an ongoing effort

Submitted on several national transport law changes ([see our submissions page](#))

Attended the SNAP – Ageing Well forum

Attended the NZ Transport Agency and Ministry of Transport, transport stakeholders meetings.

Helped push SkyPath into being an Auckland Council project.

Submitted on the petition 2014/59 that proposes to allow cyclists on footpaths and spoke to the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee about it

Participated in executive meetings and workshops of the Traffic Institute of NZ (TRAFINZ)

Participated in the Road Controlling Authorities Forum Shared Footpaths Working Group

Coordinated a coalition of interest groups on footpath use (this group meet with Transport Minister Bridges)

Facilitating discussion about a gathering on walking matters in 2017

At a more local level we:

Gave Auckland Transport feedback via online consultation form on all changes and improvements to intersections, crossings and footpaths

Ran the monthly Waitemata branch meeting in Leys Institute Ponsonby

Attended meetings with Kathryn King walking & cycling manager Auckland Transport

Attended Auckland Transport Alignment Project Steering group meetings

Attended Auckland Greenways / Paths Leadership group meetings

Submitted on 5 Major Cycleway projects in Christchurch: The Heathcote Expressway, Rapanui Shag Rock, Northern Line, Little River Rail Link and the Quarryman's Trail

Submitted on 5 local council projects in Christchurch: Rapaki Road parking, Suburban

Parking Policy, Gasson/Madras Street, Ferry Road/Woolston Village, Victoria Street Improvements and submitted on Environment Canterbury's Replacement pages of the Current RLTP.

Highlighted steps at Masons Lane, Wellington as a Walk2Work day event

Organised the Gil Penalosa visit to Wellington in July

Participated in the Wellington City Council Safe and Sustainable Transport Forum and Hutt City Council Walk and Cycle Advisory Group

Worked with the Walking Access Commission to improve access to public spaces

Promoted walking and pedestrian matters during the local government elections

Submitted and presented on many matters including the Wellington annual plan, Open Access Plan, Local Government reorganization, Basin Reserve developments, traffic resolutions, Island Bay Cycleway, Wellington play spaces, Kapiti District Council consultation on town centres review, Petone to Grenada road project, and the Porirua annual plan

Continuing work with the Wellington Transport Future project – Lets Get Wellington Moving

Met with Police to discuss enforcement of road rules to protect walking

Attended the NZTA workshop on proposals to change rules to allow footpath cycling

Held our monthly Wellington committee meeting – all welcome, please come along to help support walking

Coordinated footpath user groups in Wellington.

The Hamilton Branch who now have there [own Facebook group](#)

The Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty group is meeting with local Road Controlling Authorities

That was is a very big list and we are proud of what our society is achieving.

If you want to run a campaign to promote walking this website has well researched campaign methods. Named [SWITCH "Embracing Active Travel for Health"](#)  
[www.switchtravel.eu/why-switch](http://www.switchtravel.eu/why-switch)

Please support Visual Impairment Charitable Trust Aotearoa NZ (VICTA) [in this petition to make walking safer for everyone.](#)

Now for your **Christmas present, here is a free pdf book** to download from ARUP consultants. **[Cities Alive: Towards a walking world](#)** [www.arup.com/walking](http://www.arup.com/walking)

Mobility is intrinsic to the quality of life experienced in cities. But for the past century, the car has dominated how we plan and grow our urban areas. We must now seize the opportunity to place people back at the heart of our cities and drive a human focused approach to the design of the built environment.

Please share your summer walk stories with us – either by email or in [our Facebook group](#)  
Ka haere mātou mā raro. Happy walking

Living Streets Aotearoa executive  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Living Streets Aotearoa.