

## A very brief history!



Christchurch 2006

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### **Walking Matters**

- Physical & Mental Health
- Independence
- Safety (traffic & personal)
- Transport costs
- Public transport symbiosis
- Environment
- Key part of TDM
- Economic success
- Social cohesion
- Recreation







#### Separate from cycling

- Cyclists know they cycle
- Different "user" profile
  - few cyclists with impaired vision or mobility
  - few elderly or pre-schoolers on bikes
- Speeds and distances
- Walking on footpaths & crossings
- Technical issues for cycling challenge engineers
- More people walk more often

#### BUT

- Some traffic issues common speed & volume
- Co-operation with CAN and local cyclists

#### What is Living Streets Aotearoa?

1998 WalkWellington

2002 LSA incorporated

2004 part-time staff

2005 full-time director

80% transport 20% recreation



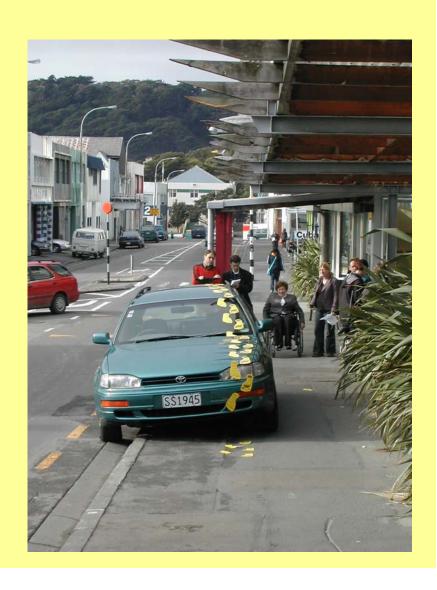






## **Early Campaigns**

- Yellow feet!
- Shortcuts 2 a Degree
  - map in situ
- Lytellton routes and map
- 5 Lunchtime walks map
- Lunchtime walks
- WalkWellington tours
- 2004 conference



# Discussions, information and submissions



**Email list** 

Submissions (national & local)

Newsletters

National W&C committee

HSC W & C steering group

Website

- NZ links
- International
- info for pedestrian maps
- Articles
- Who to consult

**Hits per month** - 1500 in 05/04 to > 5000 in 05/06

### 2005 - a new paradigm!

- Bikewise under threat
- New Transport Strategy
- Land Transport Mgmt Act
- Minister of Transport
- Walking & Cycling Strategy
- Collaborative bid



#### 2005/06 walking initiatives

- National networking
- Community Street
  Audits -> Reviews
- Pedestrian map exercise (led by HSC)
- Resource database
  - WalkIT
- 2006 Conference



#### 2006/07 initiatives

#### with HSC/LTNZ

- National networking
  - new user groups
  - new members
  - more contacts
  - MoT national c'tee
- Community map toolbox promotion
- WalkIT management

Advocacy

**Submissions** 

- Communications
- Membership benefits
- Walkability
- Research
  - measuring walking



#### Strategic Plan to 2016

- More people walking more often!
- Goals for NZ towns & cities
  - Accessibility, information, awareness
  - Modal shift
  - Active advocates
- Organisational
  - Training courses
  - Toolkits
  - Knowledge base
  - Members



# Recognised expertise Making the invisible mode visible!