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New Journeys in Mobility for Aotearoa

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i roto i te Pakihi

Cordis Hotel,
83 Symonds St, Auckland
29-31 August 2021



FROM THE PRESIDENT

ANDY FOSTER

Another tough year as NZ works through the Covid-19 Pandemic and the major challenges this has placed onto transportation within local government and the people local government serve.

Welcome to the Trafinz July Newsletter.

In this Newsletter you will find news of our upcoming activities- This includes the New Journeys in Mobility for Aotearoa Conference, AGM and the Trafinz Leadership Awards Programme.

The Conference is the highlight of transportation in NZ this year and is in partnership with the ACRS for the first time.

The conference will challenge delegates through our best in the world and nationally vibrant, strategic thinking speakers from NZ and abroad. It is the opportunity of the year for the transportation industry to remotely connect and network with peers and experts to enable taking back new ideas to workplaces as local government leads the way in Post Covid-19 transportation change for people.

Do join us either using the low fee remote access or attending in Auckland - early bird registrations are still available. To Register [click here](#).

You will also read about our recent submission to Central Government-on the Setting of Vehicle Speed Limits- a vital part of energy management within the transportation system that can create healthy, inclusive, multimodal and resilient travel for everyone's wellbeing. There is also news from Waka Kotahi NZTA) and our amazing members in Hamilton and Dunedin.

Trafinz is the respected voice for local authorities and the communities you serve on accessible, safe, sustainable, integrated and inclusive mobility.

Do join us- go to our website trafinz.org.nz to sign up.

Warmest regards
Andy Foster
President



TRAFINZ CONFERENCE 2021



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Visit the conference website [here](#).



VENUE + ACCOMMODATION

Cordis Auckland – 83 Symonds Street, Auckland CBD

Superior room King or Twin per night \$210.00
(For the first 10 x 3-night bookings)

Superior room King or Twin per night \$249.00

Programme

View the full programme [here](#).

REGISTRATION FEES

(GST exclusive)

Full	\$1,152.17
Trafinz Member (10+)	\$1,046.96
Councillor	\$601.09
Life member	\$601.09
Online sessions (Half day)	\$200.00
Exhibitor	\$554.35
Single day	\$745.65

To register for the conference [click here](#).

TRAFINZ ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

It's not too late to get your entry in for 2021. Submissions close on 30 July, so check the website [here](#) out for more information.



MC

The inimitable Andy Spargo (above) is back for another year. He was extremely popular at the 2019 Trafinz conference. Andie is one of the founding members of The Court Jesters, the improvisation and corporate entertainment arm of the Court Theatre. He was also a member of The Outwits, who were labelled "The best MC's in NZ" more than once. He has been a professional entertainer for over 25 years, as well as being an accomplished copywriter, brand strategist, voice over artist and smarty pants.



CONFERENCE DINNER

Maritime Room – Princess Wharf, Viaduct Harbour

Get ready for an evening of glamour at the Maritime Room, on Princess Wharf. Time to get out your glam clothes for a night of lovely food, beverages and networking. Discover the winners of the 2020 and 2021 Trafinz Achievement awards.

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Professor Narelle Haworth

Professor of Road Safety - Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety-Queensland (CARRS-Q), Queensland University of Technology (since 29 April 2019). *Micro mobility outcomes in Australia (virtual presentation).*



Eric Howard

Whiting Moyne. *Delivering a safe people-centred transportation system (virtual presentation).*



Boopsie Maran

Founder & Director of Places for Good. *He tangata, The people: Creating inclusive spaces for citizens and government to workshop together.*



Andrew Coster

Commissioner of New Zealand Police. *Police collaboratively delivering people journeys within the New Zealand transportation system.*



Hon. Michael Wood

Member of Parliament, Minister of Transport. *Creating the future platform for trauma free, sustainable connected travel.*



Kathryn King

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. *Innovating streets and connected journeys.*



Paul Graham

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. *Vision Zero and how we are progressing.*

FIELD TRIPS

We have some interesting and varied field trips on offer. Please see below a rough outline of these tours or visit the [website here](#) for more detail.



Visit the Auckland Transport Operation Centre

You'll travel on AT's hydrogen bus to visit ATOC, based at Smales Farm in Takapuna, where you'll hear more about how ATOC teams work with co-located partners and other stakeholders to keep people and freight moving, as safely and efficiently as possible.



Karangahape Road enhancements walking tour

Tāmaki Makaurau's Karangahape Road (K Road) is a colourful hub and popular destination, with a flourishing residential and business community. As one of the busiest roads in the region, thousands

of people travel along it daily. This tour will walk you through the enhancements made to Karangahape Road to enhance an already vibrant and dynamic street life to create an accessible, people friendly public space while creating a street environment that supports the local community and meets the needs of a growing population.



Cycling tour of Auckland city and its network

Come along on a free guided e-bike tour of our cycle network so we can introduce you to life in the bike lane while showcasing some of our best cycling infrastructure and letting you experience why riding a bike is the best transport choice in Auckland.



NEWS FROM TRAFINZ

2021 AGM

The 2021 Trafinz AGM will be held at Conference in Auckland on Sunday 29 August 2021, starting at 6:15pm.

Members will receive the formal papers by email prior to the meeting. [Visit here](#) to download the nomination form and agenda.



Trafinz Achievement Awards

The 2020 and 2021 winners will be announced at the Trafinz conference dinner.

Submissions close on 31 July so make sure you get them in. Please visit the [conference website](#) for more information. Entries need to be submitted to glenda@hardingconsultants.co.nz



Trafinz Submission - Setting of Speed Limits

On behalf of its members and all NZ communities Trafinz was pleased to submit to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021. A copy of our submission can be found on our website [here](#).

The proposed new Rule is a complete revision of the processes for setting and recording speed limits on all NZ roads. Trafinz is very supportive of the need for change. Consistent, well founded speed limits are an essential part of improving safety on our road system. But there are some elements of the proposal that will require further consideration.

It is proposed that speed limit changes for all State Highways and local roads in each region be included in 10 year speed management plans following consultation. Existing regional transport committees would coordinate this process.

Trafinz has concerns about the timetable and the possibility of repeat consultation. Many TLAs have made good progress, working with their communities on speed limits or are close to achieving this. A transition from the existing arrangements has been proposed but this should be longer- to 2024, the end of the current RLTPs. Also TLA staff need adequate time to develop new plans. The timetabling of the whole regional transport planning process needs to be reconsidered.

A National Register of speed limits is proposed to replace the present Bylaw system. The new Director of Land Transport (within Waka Kotahi) will have responsibility for certifying regional speed management plans with an independent Speed Management Committee overseeing the process. Trafinz supports a wider role for the Committee.

With regard to speed limits around schools the proposed Rule require limits of 30 or 40 km/h at urban schools and 60 for rural schools. Trafinz would support a lower speed limit for rural schools where there are students walking and cycling and for the timetable for implementation December 2029 – to be drastically shortened.



Report on Walking Summit Wellington June 2021

Ellen Blake, Trafinz Executive Member

Summit attendees and Living Streets alike are calling for action to achieve urban design objectives and transition us towards a world where sustainable, thriving, pedestrian-friendly communities are the norm, and getting from A to B by foot or wheelchair is a joy.

The Walking Summit began midway through a week of Covid concerns that put Wellingtonians back on high alert. The Summit team made the decision to move the conference online, to ensure everyone's safety and make sure high-risk community members could attend comfortably – part of the team's commitment to inclusive spaces.

Despite the lack of face to face contact, participants described the Summit as uplifting and valuable, with a broad range of topics and vibrant speakers. "We had a great exchange of ideas even in the face of Covid19 adversity" said Living Streets Aotearoa President Andy Smith. "The Minister's message supported the changes that need to happen for more walkable places."

At this Summit we had a new focus and key session with pedestrians speaking about their experience out on our most used public spaces – our roads and streets! We heard many themes in common from our diverse speakers, from keeping our footpaths safe, dedicated and clutter free at all

times of the day, to providing road crossings that meet all pedestrian needs. As in previous years we had a focus on walking to school, and on public transport. This was complemented with some inspiring visions and work towards more walkable neighbourhoods in Palmerston North, Wellington and Petone. The first significant pedestrian improvements for Wellington were announced during the Summit, with work to be completed by the end of the year.

To achieve the walk mode share increase outlined in the Climate Change Commission report we need to take action nationally and locally to support being a pedestrian and walking. This includes how we measure walking. Today, there are gaps in how pedestrian and walk trips are counted, and we can't manage (or fund!) what we don't measure. To ensure that pedestrian journeys are a safe and convenient option for all members of our community, Living Streets call for best practice pedestrian infrastructure in all our public spaces to be funded, improved and accessible. "Accepted best practice" should be the minimum, not an aspiration, and all public spaces should be pedestrian-friendly.

We did manage to get out for one workshop with students from Wellington Girls College taking us for a walk around their school environs. They had surveyed over 400 students and recommended better lighting around the school, more crossings, nicer scenery like trees and more school buses with cheaper public transport. Our transport leaders of the future.

Unfortunately overshadowing the success of the Walking Summit and only two weeks later our President Andy Smith died suddenly. He played a key part in organising this Summit. His walking legacy will live on in very many ways.



NEWS FROM THE COUNCILS

Peanuts as Roundabouts

Do Roundabouts have to be round? Not really—so long as all vehicles can get around, especially buses. See recent examples below from Hamilton and Dunedin. The Dunedin example at the intersection of Forbury/Bayview and Allandale Roads opened on 15 July and features better pedestrian crossings and clear paths for all traffic—even buses.



NEWS *FROM* *WAKA KOTAHI*

Traffic Control Devices Manual Part 4 - Intersections

At the end of August 2021 Waka Kotahi (New Zealand Transport Agency) will be consulting on the Traffic control devices manual part 4 – traffic control devices for general use – at intersections.

This document provides guidance and best practice for road controlling authorities and traffic management practitioners on the use of traffic control devices, such as signs and road markings,

at intersections. Traffic control devices are used to regulate, warn and advise road users on New Zealand's road network.

In particular, we are keen to make sure the way traffic control devices are used is fit for purpose and nationally consistent for those using New Zealand's road network. We'd like to know what you think.

The draft document has been developed by the Traffic Control Devices Manual Working Group, a group of representatives from across the transport sector. We are keen to get feedback from road controlling authorities, traffic and transport practitioners and road user groups.

At the same time the Traffic control devices manual part 5 – traffic control devices for general use – between intersections; will be published in HTML on line, replacing the holding PDF version of this part. This will be a first for the traffic control devices manual and will be similar to the existing Cycle Network Guidance (CNG). We are also keen to hear what you think of using this new format.

