

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
LUNCHTIME SEMINAR



FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2009

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Small Lecture Theatre, Level D,
School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Otago, Wellington

Chris Harris works in the Public Transport sector and has written several publications on Auckland transport history and wider transport policy. He has a degree in engineering and a PhD in planning. Chris has studied public transport systems in Australia, Europe and North America.

Chris will present a lunchtime seminar entitled:

***** Shelter from the Storm *****

Unsheltered bus stops have been identified as a health risk to elderly non-drivers, and certain other user groups, in European and British winters. The same problem may well exist in New Zealand. And in summer conditions here, it is equally important to provide shade to commuters.

Many New Zealand bus stops have no shelters, partly because of cost to transport authorities, and partly also because of objections from property owners who fear that shelters will attract 'undesirable elements'. But when potential health issues are taken into account, the benefits from more general provision of bus shelters may considerably outweigh public costs and private inconvenience. Other forms of shelter and shade in the urban outdoors may yield equivalent net benefits.

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