

### **Dialogue 3 Children's Mobility**

*Presented in association with the Urban Research Program, Griffith University*

#### ***Rationale***

There is significant interest in the issue of children's independent mobility and its decline in Australian cities, and its implications for families, for urban and transport planning, for urban design and health. Members of the Child Travel Research Network from across Australia will lead this dialogue, drawing on their own research, but also drawing on the experiences of the local audience in attendance, whether they be health, transport and built environment professionals, children or parents. The dialogue will focus on the questions of:

#### ***Focus questions***

- What is happening to children's travel patterns in Australian cities?
- How has our children's independent mobility changed?
- What are the implications for children's health and well-being?
- What are children's perspectives on these issues?

#### ***Creative stimulus***

Firstly, research work conducted with Brisbane and Rockhampton primary school-aged children mapping their mobility patterns and health benefits will be re-created in the seminar through inviting a group of children to explore the Southbank precinct early in the ninety minute session to later have their movement patterns electronically mapped on a big screen. – Second, research into children's perspectives of pedestrian behaviour will be explored, including a presentation and discussion of children's drawings of "neighbourhoods good for children to walk in".

#### ***Presenters***

Featuring:

- Dr Vivian Romero and Dr Carolyn Whitzman (University of Melbourne),
- Dr Mitch Duncan (Central Queensland University), and
- Assoc. Professor Carey Curtis (Curtin University).

Facilitated by:

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