

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Thematic Groups Report 2008

Name of group: Mobilities

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Please provide a brief report of activities conducted between July 2007 and July 2008:

There is very little to report from the Mobilities Thematic Group.

Jeremy Northcote decided to step down as co-convenor and, as yet, I have been unable to recruit anyone else to fill Jeremy's role.

We had our TG meeting at the SAANZ University of Auckland conference. It had a very low attendance, as I believe that no-one from our TG was actually present at the conference. However, two researchers from Massey University did attend, and I have made some initial links with them. I believe that as we are a small and diverse group, encompassing more than one area (i.e. leisure, tourism, sport and travel), this makes it more difficult for our members to give some of their time to TASA itself, and the TG (even though they appear to still want to belong to it), as they are members of other organisations, and attend other conferences that may suit their needs better. However, none of the initial members have strayed away from the TG, and in fact, we now have at least one extra member, who has recently commenced a Post doc at LaTrobe at Bundoora, and appears very keen to be involved. I intend to follow this up at the Melbourne conference, and to perhaps negotiate with this individual to become the other co-convenor. The TG has also had a Forum linked to the TASA website. But to date, we have had no traffic.

Please identify any activities you expect to conduct in the next 12 months:

We appear to be a fairly informal network of researchers with interests in tourism, travel, sport and leisure. At the moment we have no plans in place for activities for the coming year. This however, may change as there are a number of TG members attending the 2008 TASA Conference in Melbourne.

Our group is yet to officially convene a meeting, or to hold a telephone hook-up, or meet face-to-face. However, these are all possibilities for our future and long-term goals.

Please provide the names and email addresses of group members. Convenors must check that these people are financial members of TASA for 2008. (This list can be appended as a separate file if more convenient.)

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