

**Application for Free Hire of All Terrain Wheelchair and Mobi-Me Mat**

Thanks to support from the Department of Communities, the City of Karratha is pleased to provide an All-terrain Wheelchair and Mobi-Me Mat for use on our local beaches and walking trails (within City LGA ONLY).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select which piece of equipment you would like to hire:

- All-terrain Wheelchair + Balloon Wheels (\$250 bond)  
 Mobi-Me Mat (\$100 bond)

Please select how long you would like to hire the equipment for:

- 1 day       2 days       3 days

Date of hire: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of hire: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of return: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of return: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood the **Operating Instructions** and **Conditions of Hire**, and agree to comply with them:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

ID (Drivers Licence/Other Photo ID): \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment returned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition upon hire:

Condition upon return:

Bond received –

Transaction number \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bond returned –

Transaction number \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **All Terrain Wheelchair and Mobi-Me Mat Conditions of Hire**

### **Booking:**

Bookings can be made during office hours in-person, by phone or email with the Karratha Leisureplex:

- Stove Hill Western Australia, 9186 8055 [karrathaleisureplex.com.au](http://karrathaleisureplex.com.au)

All bookings must be recorded on an official application form (this form).

### **Pick up of equipment:**

The All-Terrain Wheelchair ('the wheelchair') and the Mobi-Me Beach Mat ('the mat') is available for hire for 1 to 3 days.

### **Cost:**

The wheelchair and the walker are available at no cost; however, a bond will be withheld for duration of the hire. The bond will be returned upon the return of the equipment in good condition.

### **Safety requirements:**

The user acknowledges that the wheelchair and the mat are used at their own risk and on an 'as is' basis. The user and, if present, support person must:

- Always read and follow the operating instructions for the wheelchair and/or mat
- Before using the wheelchair, verify that the wheels are correctly locked, straps suitably tightened, and buckles fastened.
- Check the weather conditions, tidal and wave movements prior to hire and be aware that beach conditions can change rapidly with wind, sand shift and tides.
- Ensure the user always wears a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) when the user is using the wheelchair in the water.
- If the wheelchair will be used in the water, the user must have a support person assisting them (the support person must be over 18 years old) and the user must not be left unattended.
- Not continue to use the wheelchair if a wheel is punctured.
- Not continue use of the mat if the mat is damaged.
- Not use the wheelchair to move over obstacles more than 10cm in height.

The user and support person must also be aware of the following factors and responsibilities:

- The wheels on the wheelchair may become buoyant when entering the water - the user will need to lean forward to stabilise the wheelchair.
- Steep gradients are not recommended unless two people are assisting with the wheelchair.
- Both the wheelchair and mat must not be removed from the boundaries of the City of Karratha.
- Heavy items must not be placed on back of wheelchair.
- The wheelchair is a stand-alone device and is not to be propelled by other machines or watercraft.
- The wheelchair and mat are for use only by people restricted in their access to the beach and water; for use on the beach on hard or soft sand, on grass or surfaced footpaths, and to use in shallow water levels.
- The wheelchair is designed to access low levels of water with a supporting adult who can negotiate the tide, current or breaks. Water levels should not exceed waist height of the seat of the wheelchair and the wheelchair is not to be used in strong waves or in deep water.

- The user is responsible for returning the wheelchair and/or mat at the designated time and place in a clean and tidy condition (including rinsing off any salt, sand or soil beforehand). The user must report any damage/incidents that occurred during the hire period to Karratha Tourism and Visitor Centre Staff.

### **User Indemnity**

The user indemnifies, protect, defend and hold harmless the City of Karratha, its agents, officers, servants and employees against any and all claims, demands, actions and proceedings caused by or associated with the use of the wheelchair and/or mat in relation to any and all losses, liabilities, damages or injuries of any nature, except to the extent that the City or its agents are negligent.