



**Application for Free Hire All Terrain Wheelchair, Track and Trail Wheelchair and Beach Walker**

In line with the City of Mandurah Access and Inclusion Plan the City provides an All-Terrain Wheelchair, Track and Trail Wheelchair and Beach Walker for use on our local beaches and walking trails (within City boundaries).

Name of User (or guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Date and time of hiring: \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement to Abide by Operating Instructions and Conditions of Hire**

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

If applicable - user's signature (or guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

If applicable - user's support person/s signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

-----Office Use Only-----

ID: (Driver's Licence/ Pension Card number) \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected time returned: \_\_\_\_\_

Walker/Chair/s issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

Walker/Chair/s returned by: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition on return comment box (for office use only)

# All Terrain Wheelchair, Track and Trail Wheelchair and Beach Walker

## Conditions of Hire

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### Booking:

Bookings can be made during office hours in-person, by phone or email with the Mandurah Ocean Marina Chalet:

- **Address** – 6 The Lido, Mandurah
- **Phone** – 9535 8173
- **Email** - [chalets@marinachalets.com.au](mailto:chalets@marinachalets.com.au)

All bookings must be recorded on an official application form (this form). The key to access the equipment must be collected in-person from the admin office at the address above.

### Pick up of wheelchair/s and walker:

- The wheelchair and walker are located at: the Beach Access Storage Shed attached to the toilet block at Keith Holmes Reserve in Mandurah.
- The fob key to the storage shed must be collected from the admin office at the Mandurah Ocean Marina Chalets located next to Keith Homes Reserve – 6 The Lido, Mandurah.
- The wheelchair and beach walker are available during office hours (8am to 6pm, 7 days a week).

The All Terrain Wheelchair ('the wheelchair') and the Beach Walker ('the walker') is available for hire for 1 to 3 days (or longer if negotiated)

### Cost:

The wheelchair and the walker are available at no cost.

### Safety requirements:

Both parties acknowledge that the wheelchair and the walker are used at their own risk and on an 'as is' basis.

The user and, if present, support person ('both parties') must:

- Read and follow the operating instructions for the wheelchair and/or walker at all times
- 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 wears a Personal Floatation Device at all times 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.
- Take note of signage advising of drop-off into deep water.
- Not continue to use the wheelchair or walker if a wheel is punctured.
- Not use the wheelchair to mover over obstacles more than 10cm in height.

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

- The front wheel on the wheelchair may become buoyant when entering the water so the user will need to lean forward in order to stabilise the wheelchair.
- Gradients steeper than a standard ramp rise are not recommended unless two people are assisting with pushing/pulling the wheelchair.
- Both the walker and wheelchair must not be removed from the boundaries of the City of Mandurah unless agreed with by the Mandurah Ocean Marina Chalet staff.
- Heavy items must not be placed on back of wheelchair.
- The wheelchair and walker are stand-alone devices and are not to be propelled by other machines or water craft.
- The All-Terrain Wheelchair is:
  - For use only by people restricted in their access to the beach and water (up to 130kg in weight);
  - For use on the beach on hard or soft sand, on grass or surfaced footpaths in low water, and to use in shallow water levels.
  - Designed to access low levels of water with a supporting adult who is able to negotiate the incoming tide, current or breaks. Water levels should not exceed waist height of the seat of the wheelchair.
  - Not intended for use with currents, strong waves or for use in deep water.
- Both parties are responsible for returning the wheelchair/walker at the designated time and place in a clean and tidy condition (including rinsing off any salt, sand or soil beforehand).
- Both parties must report any damage/incidents that occurred during the hire period and complete a Damage/Incident Form which is available from the Mandurah Ocean Marina Chalets admin office.

### **User / Support Person Indemnity**

Both parties indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the City of Mandurah, the Mandurah Ocean Marina Chalets, 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 walker 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.

# All Terrain Wheelchair – Operating Instructions

Instructions for use and assembly | 2013

## Get to know your Hippocampe

Congratulations! You have just acquired a Hippocampe...

The Hippocampe wheelchair, created and manufactured by Vipamat Technologie, allows you to go to the beach and seaside, go into the water and go swimming, follow forest trails and coastal paths, go around gardens and move about on the snow or on paths of packed snow.

It has been designed for people of restricted mobility of all ages regardless of their size or degree of mobility. The Hippocampe can be used alone or with an attendant and several accessories can be added: a Neoprene harness, headrest, adjustable armrests, adjustable backrest, parking brake, backrest bag, ski kit and transport bag.

A wider axle can be fitted to the wheelchair in order to increase the space between the seat and the wheels.

The Hippocampe is approved for a maximum user weight of 130kg

There are 4 sizes of wheelchair (S, M, L, XL). Only the frame length changes, the width of the seat is always 42cm.

### FIRST USE

As is the case with classic wheelchairs, there is a period of adaptation for using the Hippocampe.

The exterior wheel serves as a hand rim. The grip inside the rim provides better handling.

You can turn the Hippocampe:

- By forcing the front wheel to skid (to the right or left)
- By turning on 2 wheels alone or with help (with the attendant pushing down on the handle bar)



When entering water, the buoyancy of the front wheel means you will need to lean forward in order to remain stable on the Hippocampe.

Do not immerse the Hippocampe wheelchair must not go above the height of the rear axle.

An attendant will help you to ensure stability by holding the handlebar.

### PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Before any use of the wheelchair, verify that the wheels are correctly locked (by the clips), that the straps are suitably tightened and that the buckles are fastened.

The Hippocampe is designed for a maximum weight of 130kg.

The Hippocampe is not a boat. It allows entry into water up to the height of the seat and is not designed to float with the user in it.

Wearing a lifejacket is obligatory, as is use within a guarded swimming area.

Precaution on entering water: It is recommended that you lean forward. (The buoyancy of the front wheel can throw you off balance backwards.)

An attendant is required for entering water and swimming. Users must be pushed exclusively by capable adults. Watch out for the incoming tide, currents and shore breaks.

For wheelchairs not equipped with brakes we recommend the utmost caution on beaches and steep slipways. Do not use the Hippocampe when a wheel is punctured or flat. Using the Hippocampe with more than one person in it is prohibited. Standing up on the seat or the footrest guard is prohibited.

Modifying the structure of the wheelchair is prohibited. Avoid going under obstacles with the wheelchair. Avoid hand-braking on steep surfaces due to the risk of heating and injury. Do not move about on inclinations greater than 15%.

Do not attempt to clear obstacles larger than 10cm. The seat is designed not to catch fire (within 15 seconds) on contact with cigarettes or matches, allowing the user time to react. You must always be accompanied, especially for entering water, when you use a harness.

*Strictly adhering to the recommendations and advice in this document is mandatory.*

**Rinsing the wheelchair: It is essential to rinse the wheelchair each time it is used saltwater as salt deposits can damage the mechanisms, mainly the push bar and the wheel axles which must be removed after each use.**

### GUARANTEE

This product is guaranteed 2 years for parts and labour starting from the date of purchase (as proved by the sales receipt). The guarantee consists in replacing defective parts. This guarantee does not apply when the product is used for unauthorized purposes and does not take into consideration wear of parts due to use of the wheelchair.

### CAUTION!

*The Hippocampe wheelchair is water-resistant; its aluminium, plastic and stainless steel components come from the nautical and bicycle industries. But, like all materials that come into contact with seawater (wetsuits, kayaks, boat engines, etc.), the Hippocampe must be rinsed after any use.*

*Without this regular maintenance, salt deposits can damage its structure.*

*The Vipamat company denies any responsibility concerning damage due to such neglect.*

## Beach Walker – Operating Instructions



### Going the beach is something that everybody should be able to enjoy no matter your age.

We hear stories every day of people wanting to visit the beach but not able to because of a leg injury or not being a stable walker.

At Push Mobility we're super excited to bring to market the Beach Walker giving people a hand getting over sand to enjoy the beach just like everyone else.

The beach walker looks a little different to the every day walker in that it has four large beach wheels making it possible to use on sand.

The key is the front wheels are in perfect alignment with the rear wheels meaning that the front wheels create a track for the rear wheels to follow making it possible to get over soft sand.

The Beach Walker is fitted with a brake allowing the user to slow down going down hill and a park brake to engage when you found a place to set up on the beach.

The handles are ergonomically designed to mould your hand for a super grip.

The padded seat is comfortable and a padded back support rail behind the seat offers extra support and comfort when seated.

Under the padded seat you will find a large storage compartment which has a heap of room to pack a towel, sunscreen and other beach essentials.

The beach walker folds up to fit into a small car and weighs just over 8kg.

The handles are height adjustable and can be changed quick and easily.

Only the best quality materials have gone into making this great beach walker including lightweight anodised alloy frame and stainless steel wheel forks to avoid corrosion allowing for many years of use.

To maintain the walker, simply give it a good wash down with fresh water after each use.

### Key Features:

- Lightweight anodised #316L alloy frame
- 10 year frame warranty
- Fits through a standard doorway
- Basket for storage
- Portable and can easily foot in a boot
- Super grip push handles
- Height adjustable hand grip
- Stainless steel front wheel forks
- Hand brake with locking mechanism
- Folding padded seat
- Stainless steel erosion resistant casters
- Pneumatic sand loving beach wheels
- Width: 43cm
- Height: 56cm
- Weight: 8.2kg
- 130 kg Max user weight

"We have residents who grew up on and around the beach and who haven't had the opportunity to be on the sand for 20 or 30 years," ACH Group

The Beach Walker provides stability to individuals in walking on sandy beaches, rough terrain and even snow that normal walkers cannot accommodate. Light weight, portable and ready to go when you are.

Contact the Push team for a trial or to order yours today.

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# Track and Trail Wheelchair- Operating Instructions



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## **1. Operating the wheelchair**

The Track & Trail wheelchair is designed for general outdoor use in parks, beaches and bush tracks. It is not intended to be self-propelled.

**Do not leave children in the chair unattended.**

Do not attempt steep declines.

The wheelchair is not intended for extreme conditions or to be submersed.

For safety purposes please avoid using the wheelchair in adverse or poor conditions.

### **1.1 User indications**

The wheelchair is intended to have an attendant present for operating purposes at all times.

Operating the wheelchair may injure the user or damage the wheelchair if the user is unable to have full control.

## **2. Safety and Operating Information**

This manual refers to standard operating procedures in normal outdoor conditions.

Use in extreme conditions may void warranty.

Please adhere to safe operation and maintenance of the wheelchair to ensure best performance.

In order to handle your wheelchair safely please follow the instructions in the manual.

### **Stability**

The wheelchair has been designed to provide stability during normal daily activities therefore with proper operation the wheelchair will maintain balance at all times.

Any changes or modifications to the wheelchair unauthorised by the manufacturer may affect the centre of gravity and may lead to the wheelchair tipping over and cause injury.

### **Weight Limit**

The maximum weight limitation of the user is 130kg.

### **CAUTION!**

Do not use parts that can be detached, such as armrests, for support or any other reason other than the intended purposes. Do not use them as a means for lifting the product as they may be inadvertently released. This may cause injury.