



Terms and Conditions

Beach Wheelchairs / Wheely Walker

City of Moreton Bay Accessible Beaches

It is important that you read and understand the hire terms and conditions set out below and the relevant safety information card and product manual of the Equipment you are hiring. If there is anything in these documents that you do not understand, it is your responsibility to contact Council for clarification. Please keep this document for your reference.

Overview

Two beach wheelchairs (Mobi-Chair and Sandcruiser), one wheely walker (Debug All Terrain Walker) and lifejackets, collectively identified here as the 'Equipment' is available to the community for short term hire, free of charge at Woorim Beach. Lifejackets are stored in the wheelchair lockers but not provided for the wheely walker as it is not intended to be brought into the water.

The Equipment is only for use at Bluey and Jean Piva Park and the beach area around the bottom of Beach Access Point 12 (access via the blue accessible beach mats between the dunes).

The Equipment can be collected from / is stored in self-service lockers on the southern side of the Bluey and Jean Piva Park amenities building, closest to the accessible beach entry.

Both wheelchairs are not intended to be used independently and require assistance from at least one capable carer/support person. However, it is recommended that at least two capable carers/support persons assist the user to help push the equipment over the soft sand, down/up the slope of the beach and in the water. For the wheely walker, the hirer/user must consider if they can operate it independently or if they require a carer/support person with them.

The Equipment must be rinsed in fresh water before it is returned to the lockers after each use.

Booking Structure

1. The Equipment is for people with mobility impairments and require a beach wheelchair or beach wheely walker to access the beach.
2. All bookings to hire the Equipment must be made online on Council's website:
 - a. Bookings need to be made at least four days in advance to allow Council time to contact the hirer and verify the booking.
 - b. Once verified, the hirer will receive a pin code to open and close the locker doors.
3. The booking time is inclusive of set-up and pack down. You will not be able to use the pin code outside your booked date/time.

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4. Council may cancel a booking at any time, at its absolute discretion.
5. Access to the beach can be impacted by high seas, surf and sand conditions, including erosion and steepness of the beach.
 - a. It is recommended that two people are available to push the wheelchair across the sand.
6. You will check weather and beach conditions on the day of hire and make your own assessment if you can use the Equipment safely, before bringing it down onto the beach.
7. The Equipment lockers are unsupervised sites (no Council staff at the facilities), and a Surf Lifeguard or Lifesaver may not be patrolling the beach. It is the responsibility of the hirer to ensure that there is always a carer/support person present with the user.
 - a. Only the Mobi-Chair is designed to float but it is not to be brought into the water if there isn't a Surf Lifeguard or Lifesaver on duty.
 - b. The Sandcruiser is not designed to float and can only to be brought to the water's edge. It is not to be brought into the water if there isn't a Surf Lifeguard or Lifesaver on duty.
 - c. The Debug All Terrain Walker is not designed to be pushed in the water and needs to be remain on the beach.

Lockers and Equipment

8. You have read and agree to use the Equipment in accordance with the relevant safety information card and product manual for the Equipment you are requesting.
9. You will inspect the Equipment before use and refer to the relevant safety card and product manual. You will not use the Equipment if there are any issues and notify Council immediately on (07) 3205 0555.
10. It is the responsibility of the hirer to ensure that the selected Equipment meets the needs of the user.
11. While in your possession you will take proper measures to care for the Equipment and will return it in like condition.
12. All personal belongings left in the locker are at your own risk and must be removed at the end of your booking time.
13. After each use, you agree to rinse the Equipment in fresh water to remove any sand/debris. Showers are located within the amenities building the beach wheelchairs will only fit into the Changing Places and a Master Locksmiths Access Key 'MLAK' is required to enter the Changing Places.

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14. You understand the hirer assumes all risk of injury due to use of the lockers and Equipment.
15. You will return the Equipment in a clean and tidy state to the location it was collected from by the end of the booking timeslot you are requesting.
 - a. You will ensure the Equipment is securely locked away after use.
 - b. If you find any damage to the locker or Equipment please notify Council immediately on (07) 3205 0555 and do not use the locker or Equipment.

Acknowledgement

16. By hiring the Equipment, you acknowledge and agree that:
 - a. You have read and understood the hire terms and conditions and the relevant Safety Information Card and Product Manual for the selected Equipment and will abide by all requirements.
 - b. You are responsible for the safe use of the hired Equipment and ensuring that it is in reasonable, safe working order and only used for its intended purpose.
 - c. The period of hire includes the collection and return of the Equipment.
 - d. You agree to indemnify City of Moreton Bay against all claims arising out of or in connection with any loss of or damage to property, or personal injury from the use of the Equipment while it is in your possession.