

Parry Beach Booking Information

Managed on behalf of the Council, by the Parry's Beach Voluntary Management Group (PBVMG)

To book or find out further information, please contact the Parry Beach Campground Caretaker on:

Phone: (08) 9840 9214

Ocean Beach Booking Information

Managed on behalf of the Council, by the Denmark Surf Life Saving Club (DSLSC) and is available typically only when the beach is being patrolled and to be used only between the flagged designated swimming areas.

To book or find out further information, please contact the club on:

Mobile: 0432 955 436

Management Agreement Information

To download a copy of the Agreements between the Council and both the PBVMG and the DSLSC, please visit the below website:

Website:

www.denmark.wa.gov.au/beachwheelchairs

Or, alternatively you may contact the Shire Administration Office during business hours on:

Phone:
(08) 9848 0300

NOTE: It is recommended that bookings should be made at least 48 hours in advance and are subject to the respective management organisations availability.

Shire of Denmark

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953 South Coast Highway

Phone: 08 9848 0300

Fax: 08 9848 1985

Website: www.denmark.wa.gov.au

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TADWA BEACH TREKKER

Winner of the "New Inventors"
Season 2 - Episode 30 - August 2005
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Need more information about the Beach Trekkers and their design?
Contact the friendly team at TADWA on:

Ph. (08) 9379 7400

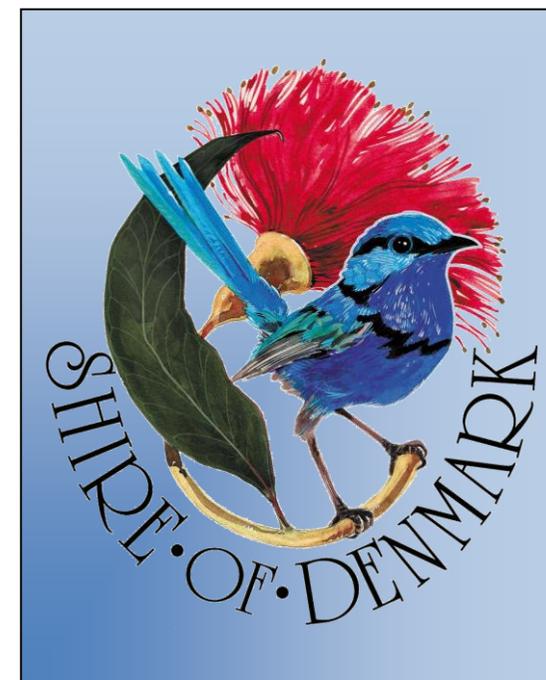
Email: MSmith@tadwa.org.au

Or alternatively visit the TADWA website at:

Website: www.tadwa.org.au

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THE BEACH TREKKER



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Beach Trekker Overview

The Beach Trekker is a specially designed track wheel fitted to a wheelchair that allows people with disability to be transported over dry, soft and/or wet sand and then directly into the water at a beach.

It is also able to traverse all surfaces that people with disability encounter, e.g. kerbs, asphalt and even stairs.

The Beach Trekker allows people with disability to easily get down to the beach and also get into the water, in a safe and dignified manner.

It does this via a uniquely designed track wheel that inventor Steve Gates says is the most innovative component of the entire wheelchair.

About the Inventor and the Invention

Steve Gates is a Mechanical Engineer who volunteers his time at Technology Assisting Disabilities WA (TADWA).



He is a family man, married with two sons and has an incredibly strong interest in flying, land mobility, energy and environmental sustainability.

Steve aspired to give the disabled a chance to feel the water as any other able-bodied person would, an attitude the Disability Services Advisory Committee holds in incredibly high regard.

By implementing the procurement and management of two Beach Trekker wheelchairs, able to be used in two different popular beach front locations, Parry Beach and Ocean Beach, the Shire of Denmark hopes to ensure that any member of the public confined to a wheelchair, (previously unable to access our unique and beautiful coastline) are now finally able to experience the feeling of being somewhat immersed in water, with the intention of taking steps to improve the quality and enjoyment of life of people confined to standardised wheelchairs.

Management and Mission Statement

Through consultation and collaboration with the Parry's Beach Voluntary Management Group (PBVMG) and the Denmark Surf Life Saving Club (DSLSC), the Shire of Denmark has successfully implemented the management and use of two Beach Trekker wheelchairs, free of charge, at two of Denmark's most popular coastline locations, identifying whole-heartedly with TADWA's desire to increase the quality of life of visitors and local residents alike.

The Shire of Denmark has an all-encompassing Safe Operating Procedure (S.O.P) and Risk Management Criteria, extensively and clearly outlining pre and post-use requirements, to ensure all operational procedures are strictly followed by all parties involved, and that all users are aware of any potential safety issues with respect to the Beach Trekker wheelchair and educating all users.

The Shire of Denmark's two Beach Trekker wheelchairs are also consistently maintained in a safe and functional manner with a bi-annual inspection, with respect to the preventative maintenance, storage and operation of the Beach Trekker wheelchair.

