

All-Terrain Wheelchairs That have been utilized By families to date..... **TESTIMONIALS**



These smiles would not have been possible without these units.....

It is pure happiness, being able to experience life the way it SHOULD be without any costs and problems!

LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

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10 February, 2013

Dear Tasmanians with Disabilities Inc.,

Tasmania is such a lovely place with beautiful Beaches and Magnificent Scenery! During our summer period when we take time off to be with the children in the School Holidays we make the most of our warm weather and spend many hours and days visiting the Beach. We love to play in the sand, making sand castles and building houses out of nature surrounds, collecting the shells, flying the kite and swimming/paddling in the Ocean.

Our eldest daughter Jade is 8 years old and her brother is 4 years old. Jade has Cerebral Palsy and has limited mobility and uses a manual wheelchair to be mobile. Jade is involved in all activities that she comes in contact with although it is difficult to get Jade onto the beach at times due to her limitations and depending on the access.

We have used a Beach Buggy that is constructed using PVC piping and has Terrain wheels to enable us to take Jade onto the Beach. Although this chair has been a necessity and life changing it is unable to come apart and when put it in our van there is no more room to take anything else.

Recently we were introduced to a Beach Terrain Chair by Susan and Ken from Tasmanians with Disabilities (at a National Disability awareness Day) This chair is able to come apart for easy storage in the car as well as lighter in weight to manage. When caring for a person with mobility issues it can become strenuous on your back and so the lighter the better!

We have trialled this chair during the school Holidays and have found it to be an asset to Jade and our family while at the Beach. Jade feels secure and is given the opportunity to be a part of the family accessing the Beach and we are able to wheel jade along the sand at ease and to places that would otherwise be impossible without.

Jade has used the chair these holidays while flying her kite , cruising up and down the beach to search for shells and going into the water to be with her family. Jade loves to play in the water and feels very comfortable in her chair as she is in her chair when wheeled into the water. It is fantastic to have the chair and include Jade without the pressure of lifting and holding Jade to access what she enjoys the most.

Jade has previously had the opportunity to be involved with her school sports cross country and sports days as these chairs are accessible onto the school oval when P.E takes place. Emotionally this is important to Jade as she is now included with her peers at school as the access is there. Previously Jade would be a spectator as the access was impossible with her manual wheelchair and they are not designed to be wheeled/pushed along the wet grassy areas.

Access does limit families who require wheelchair access and given the opportunity to use the Beach Buggy gives our family the opportunity to be together doing what we all enjoy. These chairs are valuable and I am sure will be in demand with many families who experience the same access impossibilities!

We have been very privileged to have had the chair over the summer holidays and would greatly appreciate it if our name could be put on the wait list so jade can have many more enjoyable weekends at the beach and the opportunity to use the chair at school during P.E and School Sports.

Thanks again for allowing us many hours of fun!

Kind Regards,

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10 February, 2013

Dear Tasmanians with Disabilities Inc.,

Over the school holidays we have taken the 'All Terrain Wheelchair' camping with us twice. As you can see from the photo, we were able to get Isabelle down into the river, and swimming pools in the chair.

She loved it and was able to do what the other kids were doing. She was even able to play cricket with the other kids, and we went for lots of walks to visit others at campsites. **It has come in very handy when Isabelle needed to relax and draw.** It drew lots of attention, and we were able to tell people all about Tasmanians with Disabilities. We have even been using it for Isabelle to check her veggie patch, and run around with her dog. As yet we have not been to the beach, but are planning a day (Tomorrow) to meet Amalie and Jade at the beach.

Whilst camping we were able to go down to the lovely waterfall with the chair

and Isabelle was able to sit near it with her feet in the water and her sister Amelia. Also she was able to go possum hunting at night, bouncing up and down over the bumpy track.

We have been able to do a lot more over these holidays with Isabelle being in the chair, and will definitely like to use it again further down the track as we do more camping.

Thanks again for making our holidays more exciting, without your kind assistance it would not have been possible.

Tricia, Glenn, Amelia and Isabelle K.

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5th May, 2013

Dear Tasmanians with Disabilities Inc.,

The caravan park we visited at Kelso Sands over Easter was spread out over a large property and the All-terrain Wheelchair allowed our family to move around with ease. **Aimee has low tone and although we encourage her to walk as much as possible, being able to transport her over uneven surfaces with ease made the many trips to the jumping pillow that much more pleasurable.** The Wheelchair is easy to push and manoeuvre with one hand and fits in most places a pram can be taken. It moves over rough surfaces and sand effortlessly and is very lightweight so even our 8YO daughter Emily could push Aimee around.

Aimee loved being in the chair which is unusual as she has **Autism** and does not generally adapt to new things straight away, I think the fact the chair is comfortable and provides a smooth ride made it attractive to her. She was constantly dragging us to the chair to be taken for a ride to the next adventure. **I recommend the All-terrain chair to any parent who has trouble moving their child around on uneven and unstable surfaces.**

It is far more compact and easy to transport than expected and with the back wheels removed it would fit in most standard vehicles. Assembly and disassembly is a 20 second task.

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to spend some more quality time as a family.

Regards

Paul, Shelley, Emily, Aimee and Benjamin