

## Sandcruiser Beach Wheelchair User Guide and Conditions of Use

### User Guide

This User Guide contains information about safety, handling and beach access information of the Sandcruiser Beach Wheelchair, available free for hire from Coffs Harbour City Council.

Wheelchair hirers:

- have a responsibility to ensure they take all reasonable steps to avoid an accident by operating it in a safe and careful manner; and
- do so at their own risk.

Council cannot be held liable for any incident that occurs while it is the charge of a third party.

The Sandcruiser is only for use within the Coffs Harbour Local Government Area.

It is the responsibility of the carer/user to ensure they have read and understood the following Safety and Handling information before use.

### Safety and Handling

1. This chair is a Sandcruiser all-terrain chair and has a lap belt but no thoracic belt.
2. Ensure the foot rest is lowered and the parking break is activated prior to a person being seated. The anti-tipping bar doubles as a brake.
3. Use the seat belt when on the move.
4. The carer (these chairs are not self-propelled) is to gauge for themselves the ease with which they can push their charge on level ground before attempting to take the Sandcruiser onto the sand.
5. If the person in the chair weighs over 60-70kg, we advise two people to help with the Sandcruiser. The wheelchair's maximum recommended load is 120kg.
6. If the carer is unable to manage the sand, staff/CHCC lifeguards cannot be expected to provide this help on demand.
7. The Sandcruiser is designed to be used on dry and wet sand. If the sand seems particularly soft to negotiate, instead of pushing (rear wheel drive), turn the Sandcruiser around and pull (front wheel drive) the chair – you'll find it a lot easier in this situation.
8. The Sandcruiser can be used in low water levels **up to the centre of the rear wheel**. It is **not** to be used in deep water. Extreme caution is recommended.
9. When in the water the Sandcruiser should only be used under **constant supervision** of a person physically able to manoeuvre the chair in water and at a **patrolled location between the flags**.

10. The Sandcruiser must not be propelled by towing behind a motor vehicle, kite or any other means other than being pushed by a carer.

## Care

- To prevent damage, avoid using the Sandcruiser on paved surfaces (footpaths / roads) as much as possible.
- Please ensure the Sandcruiser is washed thoroughly after each use to prevent damage from salt and sand, and as a courtesy to the next user. This can be done at the following locations:
  - Beach shower at Park Beach Surf Club, Coffs Harbour; or
  - Beach shower at Woolgoolga Beach Reserve at Woolgoolga
- The Sandcruiser must be returned to the following locations:
  - **Coffs Harbour:** CHCC Lifeguard depot on the corner of Ocean Parade and Surf Club Road, Coffs Harbour (or the Park Beach Lifeguard Tower by arrangement)
  - **Woolgoolga:** Woolgoolga Beach Holiday Park Reception
- The Sandcruiser must be returned in the same condition as when it was loaned out. Please advise staff/CHCC Lifeguards of any loss, damage or non-functioning part to this equipment immediately. Council may require the hirer to pay for any loss or damage to the chair arising during the hire.

## Bookings

Bookings are essential and can be carried out from our online booking system:  
<https://coffsharbour.zipporah.com.au/Generic/>

### For more information

**Park Beach:** CHCC Lifeguards on 0408 285 073

**Woolgoolga:** Woolgoolga Beach Holiday Park on (02) 6648 4711

Note: Please be aware that the above businesses / services have generously volunteered to caretake the Sandcruisers and sometimes may be difficult to contact when they are busy.