Beach Wheelchair

The Beach Wheelchair, or Freewheeler, has soft pneumatic balloon tyres that roll over sand and low waves on the beach.

It can be borrowed without charge for use by a support person for a person aged 5+ with a disability.

To book the Freewheeler, you can complete the Loan Application Form on Council's Disability Services page or contact Council's Beach Services on 9942 2354.

Please note: Your booking is not confirmed until an application has been submitted and approved by Council.

Where?

The Liberty swing is located at

- Collaroy Beach playground, Pittwater Road.
- Baranbali Playground, corner Formelles Ave and Baranbali Ave, Seaforth.
- Manly Beach Inclusive Playground, North Steyne, Manly

A beach wheelchair can be borrowed from

- Northern Beaches Council: 9942 2354
  Collaroy Beach Lifeguards: 9982 9261
  Manly Beach Lifeguards: 9976 1497
- Newport Surf Life Saving Club
  9997 6274 weekends or
  0418 628 362 weekdays
- Bilgola Surf Life Saving Club: 9918 2337

Steel Submersible Wheelchair

This can be borrowed from Northern Beaches Council to enter the adult pool at Collaroy Beach, 9942 2354.

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Liberty Swing & Beach Wheelchair

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Liberty Swing

The Liberty Swing enables children and adults in wheelchairs, and with mobility difficulties, to enjoy the fun of a swing and experience the sensation of above ground motion.

The swing platform is suspended off the ground to enable wheelchairs to swing from its frame. It features an access ramp for the chair, room for a carer to help mobilise the swing, wheel locking mechanism and safety harness.

The Liberty Swing can only be accessed by a special key called an MLAK key. These can be purchased from master locksmiths for people with disabilities to access facilities like toilets, or borrowed from beach lifeguards when on duty.

To Start The Ride

1. Reverse the wheelchair into the capsule as far as possible and apply brakes or disconnect power
2. Attach wheel restraint chain to wheel by passing it through the wheel and pulling it back tight over the hook. Create additional tension by turning the knob clockwise. On some wheelchairs you may have to secure the chair by using the steel structure underneath
3. The seat belt is located in the box at the back of the capsule. Secure the occupant by using the side support anchor points
4. Unlock the on/off device using the MLAK key and lift the release swing
5. To push the swing, stand to the side, NOT the back, in the area marked.

To Finish The Ride

1. Replace the on/off device by lifting and pulling the capsule towards the on/off device and lowering into lock position
2. Remove seatbelt and replace in box
3. Unlock wheels and remove chains
4. Release brakes
5. Exit swing and use MLAK key to leave the area.

Wheelchair Use

- Seatbelt must be used at all times
- Make sure Capsule Seat is in the DOWN position
- Push wheelchair into capsules as far back as possible
- Apply wheel locking chain
- Fit and fasten seatbelt.

Capsule Seat Use

- Seatbelt must be used at all times
- Lift support leg into position
- Lower seat into lock position on support leg
- Seat person, fit and fasten seatbelt.

Wheel Locking Device

- Pull chain through wheel firmly and secure over hook
- Tighten by turning adjustor knob clockwise
- Check wheelchair for stability.