

BRIEF REPORT ON TADTAS ACTIVITIES MAY TO OCTOBER 2011

Awards awards awards!

I hope you will excuse a little boasting but it's ever so 'ard to be 'umble!

In the Queens Birthday honours our President and Technical Coordinator Tony Sprent was awarded an AM, in large part for his contribution to TADTAS over many years.

This award reflects well on all those dedicated TADTAS volunteers who give so freely of their time and technical expertise.

Then in August the Freedom Wheels modified bike program that we are running in partnership with Tascare Society for Children won the Tasmanian Community Service Excellence award. See the video at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-yAW55svRA>

And if that's not enough the Freedom Wheels program won a Get Moving Tasmania award promoted by the Premier's Physical Activity Council.

We have not let this go to our heads too much. A lot of work has been done bringing innovative aids to assist people in our community to maintain their independence.

Project requests received since the last newsletter are:

- 10/11 55 Grab handles in home.
- 10/11 56 Smoking aid
- 10/11 57 Communication device mounting
- 10/11 58 Easier way to fit leg calliper
- 10/11 59 Freedom Wheels Bike
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- 10/11 64 Knife modifications - large handles
- 10/11 65 Modify pedals on exercise machine
- 10/11 66 Fold wheelchair joystick so it is out of way near tables and desks
- 10/11 67 Freedom Wheels Bike
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- 10/11 69 Advice re manual handling
- 10/11 70 Mount iPad to stroller
- 11/12 1 Assess Housing Tasmania tenant's difficulty with accessing toilet flush
- 11/12 2 Safety gate in home
- 11/12 3 Shower modifications.
- 11/12 4 Examine ways to assist
- 11/12 5 Adjust or replace toilet step
- 11/12 6 Make wheeled stable stool
- 11/12 7 Make cat door easier to operate
- 11/12 8 Assist planning independent access to toilet
- 11/12 9 Freedom Wheels Bike
- 11/12 10 Modified walking stick for client with severe arthritis
- 11/12 11 Light box for visually impaired students
- 11/12 12 Activity workstation for students in wheelchairs
- 11/12 13 Wheelchair tables and standing frame tables
- 11/12 14 Black hutch for visually impaired students
- 11/12 15 Diagnose and rectify fault in electronic bath chair

- 11/12 16 Investigate narrowing pusher.
- 11/12 17 Make portable parallel bars for aged care facility
- 11/12 18 Means of stabilising cooking pot for client with one hand.
- 11/12 19 Attach attendant controlled brakes to 2 strollers
- 11/12 20 Modify walker so double pull brake on one side
- 11/12 21 Modify wheels on laundry trolley
- 11/12 22 Fishing rod modification for amputee
- 11/12 23 Fit rear vision mirror and headlight to wheelchair.
- 11/12 24 Steps for child of small stature

Freedom Wheels Bikes

This program continues to attract a lot of referrals. Recently the program received a donation of \$9,000 from the Commonwealth Bank’s Community Grant Fund to extend the program outside of Hobart. That money was committed before we received it, on referrals from Launceston, and we will be assessing these from December.

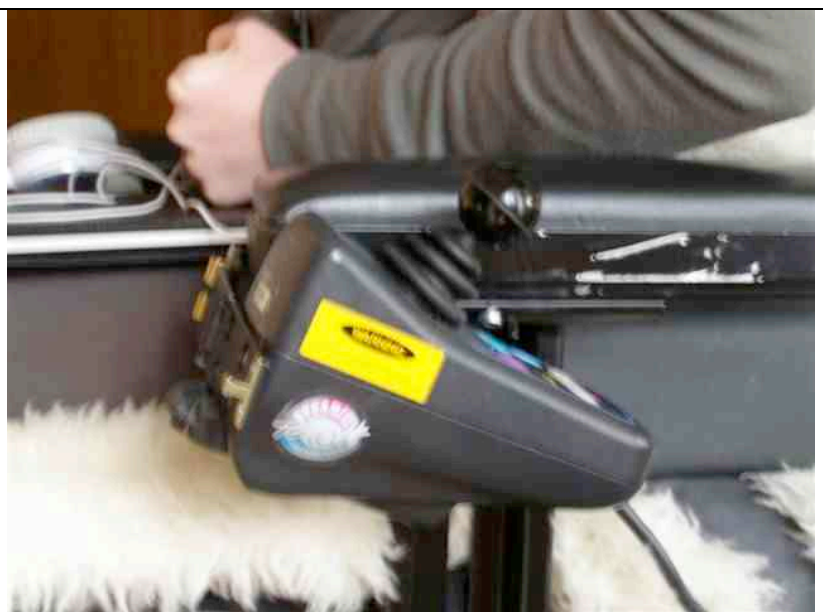
The only impediment to the program at the moment is finding sponsorship for bikes. They cost around \$600 to \$800 each, depending on the amount of ‘add ons’ required, so if you know of a generous benefactor we would love to hear from you. Their reward, like ours, will be in the form of huge smiles on little faces.

Projects delivered recently:



Every modern independent girl just can’t be without her iPad! Rowan made this mounting device for a pusher.

Folded away. Barry modified this wheelchair control so it could be folded back when there was a need to get close to a table or bench.



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