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Welcome to the Independent Living Centre's Assistive Equipment Service's first Newsletter. This is the place to find out about how the ILC can help make choosing the right equipment easier.

This issue includes information on the Assistive Equipment Services team and the ILC Australia database project, as well as feature products, up and coming events, our country visits and new items in our hire service.

Our Service

The ILC Assistive Equipment Service provides information, advice and training on equipment for people of all ages.

The ILC Hire Service specialises in the short term hire of equipment to provide you with an opportunity to trial before purchase.

ILC Australia Data Base Project

New Independent Living Centres Australia Website and Equipment Database

Currently each state in Australia and the ACT have their own database with information on assistive technology (AT). Each centre displays a range of products and equipment to assist individuals with their functional independence at home, work and in the community. The Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) have funded a project to develop a National website and database that involves six of the Independent Living Centres of Australia (ILCA).

The new website will provide a single point of access for all Australians, including the aged and people with disabilities, to source information about Assistive Technology (AT) products and services for independent living. It will mean greater information sharing between states and efficiency in the updating of information.

The national database will describe products and provide information on dimensions, options, features, method of use, safety considerations and suppliers for each type of AT product available.

The project is planned to be completed by June 2012. Contact your Independent Living Centre on 1300 885 886 to find out more.



TIPS AND TRICKS:

Are you having difficulty getting out of the car? Did you know that using a Handy Bar, a Wedge Cushion and a Swivel Pad may make it easier... even just trying two plastic bags on top of each other might help reduce the friction when trying to swivel legs out of the car door. **BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH US TO TRY OUT OPTIONS THAT MAKE LIFE EASIER.**

Did you know that the Independent Living Centre is on Facebook!

Our Facebook page is frequently being updated with news about ILC, upcoming events and conferences, resources about assistive equipment and technology and much more.

You can follow by searching in Facebook for the "Independent Living Centre WA"



Products in Focus

Festiva Pool Steps

Non-slip pool steps that can be self-installed to facilitate entry and exit to a swimming pool.



Medifab Gravity Chair

A foam positioning seat that is available in four sizes suitable for children and adolescents. It features tilt in space and sideways tilt through the use of a wedge cushion under the base of the chair. It also features armrests, a headrest and a pelvic belt.

Repose Air Mattress Overlay, Heel Protectors, Cushion and Wedge

Now Available for Trial at ILC WA



These air filled products are contained by two urethane membranes and are designed for pressure distribution due to their multi directional stretch.

The products are supplied in a cylindrical packaging that converts to a manual pump when attached to the products valve. The mattress overlay specifically, measures 1780mm long and 770mm wide when inflated and has a load capacity of 139kg.

The mattress overlay has been identified as a cost effective option for pressure ulcer prevention and management in hospital settings. Implementation of the heel protectors indicated a significant reduction in the incidence of hospital acquired pressure ulcers.

The products were also identified by staff as being low maintenance and easy to use. For more information see http://www.reposedirect.com/d/22/Repose_Clinical_Research.html

Contact the Independent Living Centre of WA
on 1300 885 886
for further information on these products or supplier details.

Equipment Trials at the ILC

Our Occupational Therapists are here to support you through the equipment trial process.

By booking an appointment at the ILC we take the leg work out of accessing trial equipment, which not only ensures that clients have the opportunity to trial all the relevant options in one place but also saves busy therapists, parents and caregivers valuable time.

By speaking to an Occupational Therapist on our telephone enquiry line, we can identify appropriate equipment options for your client and source the equipment for the appointment at the ILC.

Our therapists have excellent knowledge of available equipment and can source equipment from a range of locations including our equipment display, suppliers and our hire department (availability permitting).

Repose Air Mattress Overlay,
Heel Protectors, Cushion and
Wedge Now Available

Video Conferencing with the ILC

As many of you will know, we offer appointments via Video conference, to allow therapists and clients to access our service even if they are unable to travel to our centre at Nedlands. We can show a range of equipment available and have a face to face discussion about what might work best for the client.

Please contact the Enquiry Line to discuss details or book a **Video Conference Appointment:** on 08 9381 0608 or 1300 885 886

We also provide Education Videoconferences for allied health staff to attend.

This year we have collaborated with other organisations to provide a WACH's Allied Health Videoconferencing calendar which includes a "free five session course on Wheelchair Seating". Our other videoconferences for 2012 will cover topics including: Updates on Communication Devices, Aids to assist those with Arthritis or CVA in the kitchen, Scooters and more.

Information on Video Conference Calendar and how to register is on our website.

<http://www.ilc.com.au/pages/video-conferencing>

NEW EQUIPMENT IN HIRE

The ILC Hire Service recently received generous funding from Variety WA to purchase equipment for families and therapists to trial with the children in their care. We are currently ordering a range of equipment that will be available for short term hire soon. The equipment includes

- R82 Flamingo toilet bath seat
- R82 Crocodile walker
- Medifab Carrot car seat
- Advance Mobility Freedom Stroller
- Zippie Zone rigid frame manual wheelchair
- Glide folding frame manual wheelchairs with elevating legrests
- Seat2Go
- Portable Ramps

Please contact Melody Howey, Admin Hire Coordinator 9381 0606 to book equipment .

ILC Hire has a range of equipment for short term hire for both children and adults to trial before buying, to meet a short term need, or to use whilst recovering from surgery.

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Our Team

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EVENTS

COUNTRY TRIPS 2012	
Dates	Venues / regions
August	
29 th to 30 th	Dowerin Field Day
September	
Dates to be confirmed	Kimberley Region
Dates to be confirmed	Mingenew Expo
Dates to be confirmed	Narrogin, Katanning and Tambellup
October	
13 th	Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival
18 th	Harvey Gopher Gold Expo
19 th to 20 th	Margaret River Agricultural Show
21 th	Bunbury Seniors Expo

Up Coming Video Conferences

Event Title	Date
Strollers/Buggies—Look at a range of stroller options suitable for children with disabilities	Wednesday 11 th of July
Sleep systems—Look at sleep systems and discuss ways these play an important role in 24 hour positioning	Wednesday 15 th of August
Modified vehicles for wheelchairs— Information on modified vehicle options for getting wheelchairs into vehicles and/or wheelchair user into vehicles, Disability Equipment Grant Funding, Driver Assessment Service and modified driving controls	Wednesday 12 th of September

QUOTE TO THINK ABOUT:

“Human happiness comes not from infrequent pieces of good fortune, but from the small improvements to daily life.”
Benjamin Franklin.



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