



SAFER SCOOTER WISER WHEELCHAIR

Designed to educate those who own/intend purchasing a Motorised Mobility Device (Motorised Scooter or Wheelchair) to minimise the risks associated with using these devices.

Through sharing ideas and experiences, the program aims to educate, raise awareness and improve safety for MMD users and the general public, while promoting confident travel on MMDs.

Course participants are provided with up to date information including legal and liability issues relating to scooter and wheelchair use to enable people to make educated, well-informed decisions about their travelling options in a non-threatening environment.

Overarching objective

- Promote positive community attitudes to issues faced by MMDs (Motorised Mobility Devices)
- 1 x 5 hour session
- Each session includes refreshments with very constructive informal discussion during tea time.

The course covers:

- Driver skills and abilities- self assessment, recognising operating and safety features of MMD
- Road rules and legal requirements
- Choosing the right Motorised Mobility Device
- Safe and responsible driving-understanding that MMDs and wheelchairs are deemed pedestrians and the implications this has under Australian Road Rules
- Trip checks and maintenance
- Community Access and support services
- Getting around on public transport
- Wheelchair accessible taxis (WATs)
- Planning your trip
- Questions to ask a Dealer before buying or hiring a MMD
- Accessible toilets and recharge points
- Adequate space to park MMDs in a secure location and disabled parking close to the space.

**For more information and bookings for this course please contact:
Mobility Education Coordinator,
Hawthorn Community House
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Overview of the Safer Scooter Wiser Wheelchair course

This course is conducted as 1 session of 5 hours. The session is run in an informal "tutorial" type setting to encourage active participation in discussions and sharing of travelling experiences using Motorised Mobility Devices (MMDs). An optional 'Come 'n Try' session can be arranged.

Course Objective - to provide participants with:

- awareness of safe and responsible driving practices, as pedestrians, under Australian Road Rules,
- increased insight into driver skills and abilities
- knowledge of how to get about on Public Transport
- an overview of MMD safety features and accessories.

The 2 sessions are:-

SESSION 1 – Classroom course covering all Safer Scooter Wiser Wheelchair topics

SESSION 2 (optional) – Practical 'Come 'n Try' session; Meet with MMD dealers and Occupational Therapists

When participants attend the Classroom session they will receive a ***Certificate Of Achievement*** from **Hawthorn Community House** and your local **Council**.

Tutor & Admin Costs – Host to cover \$950 course cost. Additional costs, such as printing of Participants Notes are to be covered by host site or sponsor Council.

For any questions on the Safer Scooter Wiser Wheelchair course please contact:-

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