

Go-Karting for people with a disability made possible by Scope and Le Mans

More people with a disability can now enjoy go-karting, thanks to a joint initiative between Scope and Le Mans Go Karts Melbourne.

Scope worked with Le Mans to address their goal of becoming more accessible, which has resulted in the purchase of a hoist and dual passenger kart.

“We are excited about this initiative because it enables people with a disability to participate in a recreational activity in the community. Scope is passionate about working with organisations like Le Mans to create a more inclusive community for people with a disability,” said Jenni Hendy, General Manager, Scope South Division.

“Community engagement has many benefits for people with a disability including building self confidence, supporting the development of social skills and improving their overall wellbeing.”

Safety and accessibility are often barriers to participation. The hoist at Le Mans Go Karting solves these issues by enabling people with disability to get safely into and out of the karts.

The dual passenger feature allows two people to control the steering, increasing the ease and safety of driving meaning that someone with a disability and their support worker can ride tandem and enjoy the experience like anyone else.

Matthew Redmond, who is supported by Scope has used the dual passenger go kart and loved the experience saying, “Riding in the cart was amazing, I want to race my friends!”

The long term aim of the project is to gain support from the community to make sure this great initiative continues, as well as purchasing more go karts and support equipment.

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About Scope

Scope’s mission is to enable each person to live as an empowered and equal citizen. Scope provides support to people with physical, intellectual and multiple disabilities and developmental delays. We provide services to over 4,000 people with a disability across 97 service locations in Victoria.

Scope works with 1,549 community organisations to improve inclusiveness for people with a disability.

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