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ADELAIDE GEARS UP FOR INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR DAY

Demonstrations of wheelchair bocce, rugby and soccer will be on show at Hindmarsh Square in the city on Saturday 1 March 2014 as part of a free community event to celebrate International Wheelchair Day.

International Wheelchair Day is a free community event to highlight the important role wheelchairs play in our society and celebrate the positive impact wheelchairs have in people's lives.

The event will be held from 11am to 3pm, featuring activities and performers, and a number of wheelchair sport demonstrations that anyone can try.

Hindmarsh Square will be transformed into a wheelchair-friendly venue for the event, with hard floor and ramps.

Wheelchairs are so important for many South Australians with disability, because they allow them to get around and live an everyday life.

International Wheelchair Day is a wonderful opportunity to mark the positive impact wheelchairs have – but also for others in the community to learn just what life is like in a wheelchair.

Importantly, the event will mark the achievements of those who depend on wheelchairs, with a number of special guests including Paralympian Nathan Arkley, and comedian Dale Elliot.

The event will also launch the new Adelaide Red Dust Heelers National Wheelchair Basketball team.

There will also be displays and information about major emerging technologies which will assist people with mobility issues.

This free event is for all ages, so come along and enjoy the diverse activities on offer at this event.

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International Wheelchair Day 2014 is presented by DCSI; Disability, Recreation and Sports SA; the Physical Disability Council of SA; Paraquad SA; Muscular Dystrophy SA; Technical Aid to the Disabled SA Inc.; the Disability Information Resource Centre; and JFA Purple Orange, the social policy agency of the Julia Farr Association Inc.

International Wheelchair Day was first established in 2008 by Steve Wilkinson, a UK-based inspirational speaker and trainer on disability and is now celebrated world-wide.

For more information about the day and the full program, visit www.dcsi.sa.gov.au/iwd