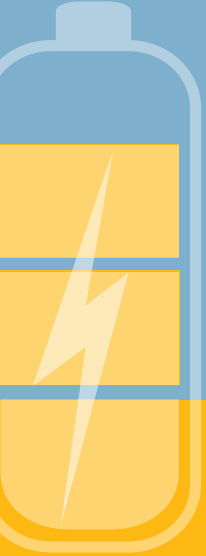


RECHARGE is a MetroAccess initiative, a partnership between local government and the Department of Human Services. This initiative was first developed in the Shire of Millembik and is proudly supported by VicRoads, Department of Human Services and Mobility Aids Australia Pty Ltd.

You can also visit the RECHARGE website at: www.rechargesheme.org.au to find one of the many locations across Victoria.

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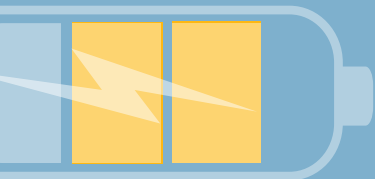
If you would like to be involved or require information in an alternative format, Contact:



RECHARGE Scheme

You have the power!





People with a disability represent 18.6 per cent of the total Hobsons Bay population and contribute to community life in many ways. Traders may be missing out on a significant market sector if access to their business is difficult or impossible. This applies not only to people with a disability, but also to parents with prams and shoppers with jeeps.

The RECHARGE scheme is a simple and effective means of ensuring that people who use an electric scooter or wheelchair can travel without the fear of being stranded by a flat battery. It's about encouraging local businesses to provide a power point so customers can recharge their battery at their business, if required.

By including your business in the RECHARGE Scheme, not only are you supporting people with disabilities you are also exposing your business to more customers.

RECHARGE stickers are visible on participating shop fronts so everyone can easily identify local businesses involved. There are also RECHARGE stickers placed above/near power points so people can easily recognise which power point has been set aside for use.

All RECHARGE logos and associated information are consistent so everyone can recognise this initiative wherever they live, work or visit in Victoria.

How do I get involved?

To become a RECHARGE program partner, local businesses need to be physically accessible and willing to provide a power point. On becoming a program partner you will receive the easily identifiable stickers and an information pack.

The only ongoing commitment to your business then is the cost of electricity to recharge an electric scooter or wheelchair, which will be under 20 cents per hour.

Even if the power point offered is not used, remember that it is the participation of your business in the scheme that is giving people the confidence to get about, knowing support is available.

For a small cost, businesses can make a big difference in the lives of people who use a mobility device.

