

# Wheely great way to explore Coast

Mobility-challenged people can hit the high road with James

WheelAdventures – a unique, new Sunshine Coast service – is providing mobility-challenged people with the opportunity to experience and see the picturesque coast and hinterland from the comfort of a wheelchair-friendly motorbike.

Owner operator James Loughran said 20% of the 300,000 people who live on the Coast are disabled or suffer some degree of mobility restriction.

“This is a much-needed service on the Sunshine Coast, which has an increasing number of mobility-challenged locals and visitors each year,” he said.

“While there are other motorcycle tour businesses on the Coast that cater for disabled people, WheelAdventures is the only business that is totally dedicated to catering for the chair-bound and mobility-challenged.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re 16 or 60, WheelAdventures can design a safe, fun and exciting riding experience just for you.

“Whether it’s a quick run along the Coast’s spectacular beaches or a visit to the amazing arts and crafts of our hinterland towns, the choice is completely yours.”

Richard Jenkinson, 75, recently took a ride through the Hinterland and Glasshouse Mountains.

“I can’t get around too well these days and don’t drive



Palmwoods resident Richard Jenkinson was able to travel around the hinterland thanks to WheelAdventures. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

anymore. So when I had the chance to go for a ride I didn’t hesitate,” the Palmwoods resident said.

“It was a thoroughly exhilarating experience and one that I would highly recommend to anyone with a mobility restriction. WheelAdventures really understands and caters for people like me with special

needs.”

WheelAdventures is fully accredited by Queensland Transport and has all necessary insurances in place.

If you would like more information, visit [www.wheeladventures.com.au](http://www.wheeladventures.com.au) or phone James Loughran on 0431 952 516 or email [james@wheeladventures.com.au](mailto:james@wheeladventures.com.au)

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## Male funnel-webs on the march

South-east Queensland residents are urged to be on the look out for funnel-web spiders following the first sighting of a male this season, in the Mount Tamborine area.

Dr Robert Raven is a world expert on trapdoor, tarantula and funnel-web spiders and said because of the recent rain, male funnel-webs would be active from now until at least March/April.

Funnel-web spiders can be

found around Maleny, Nambour and as far north as Gladstone.

“People should be on the alert for large black spiders walking during or after rain,” Dr Raven said.

He said any bite from a large black spider at these times should be treated with utmost care.

When bitten by a funnel-web, death can occur within 15 minutes.

If the victim has been envenomed, severe systemic distress which includes laboured breathing, vomiting and pupils fixed and dilated, is soon evident.

The Queensland Museum is the only authoritative source of funnel-web identifications in Queensland.

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