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All-Terrain Wheelchair to Improve Access to the ACT's Nature Reserves

The National Parks Association of the ACT (NPA) is donating an all-terrain wheelchair to the ACT this Sunday 14 April 2013 at 11:30 at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. The Minister for Territories and Municipal Services, Mr Shane Rattenbury, will formally accept the donation.

“The wheelchair is the NPA’s gift to the ACT in recognition of Canberra’s centenary this year,” said Mr Rod Griffiths, President of the NPA. “The ACT has a comprehensive reserve system safeguarding large areas of the natural environment that are able to be explored and experienced by our community. We hope that the wheelchair will provide improved access for mobility impaired people to these wonderful reserves.”

The all-terrain wheelchair is a Canadian product that has been used extensively in that country’s national parks. The Victorian Parks system has also been using them for the past few years. Described as a cross between a “sedan chair and a wheelbarrow” the single wheeled chair has a robust and sturdy design that is able to cope with track surfaces that make other mobility devices difficult to use.



Public access to the wheelchair will be provided by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service via Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve.

There will be opportunities to view the use of the all-terrain wheelchair on Sunday.

The NPA is a volunteer community organisation with a strong emphasis on the conservation of the ACT’s natural environment. Formed more than 50 years ago, the NPA was a major force in the campaign to create Namadgi National Park and has continued its interest in the management of the ACT’s conservation reserves and the natural environment, in general.

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