

### **Mobi Matting - Best Practice for Maintenance.**

The Mobi Mat Beach Access Path is an integral part of what a beach accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities.

For this to work well to support the community if needs to be looked after and well maintained.

This document is a checklist to help Councils and Surf Life Saving Clubs to maintain their beach matting.

It is recommended to do a daily visual inspection of the mat, to identify areas of concern or anomalies.

Things to look out for:

1. That the pins are secured and not sticking up
2. That the mat is taut and not gathering, creating lumps and bumps
3. That the connectors that connect the lengths are not sticking out or protruding
4. The surface underneath the mat is flat with no potholes or mounds underneath
5. The sand on the edges of the mat are at the same level as the mat, to avoid dropoffs
6. That there is no fraying or damage to the edge of the mat, to prevent trip hazards
7. That there are no foreign objects on the mat like branches, rocks or large seaweed
8. No build-up of sand or seaweed on the path that may cause an obstruction
9. That the path is even and there are no sudden drop-offs along the path
10. That the transition from the permanent path to the Mobi Path is lip/trip free to ensure a smooth transition between surfaces.

If you identify any of these issues, please contact your designated maintenance person to resolve. If they are unsure on the best way to resolve, please ask them to contact Push Mobility directly and we can advise.

Mobi Mat is weather resistant and is designed to be in place all year round, however:

The weather can affect the pathway - and during king tides and large storms, movement can occur in the pathway and the sand around it. It is recommended that the path be brought up ahead of any significant weather events - such as cyclones, gale force winds or king tides.

The Mobi Mat is safe to run directly into the water, however rough surf and high tides can move the pathway and lift up the pins. Regularly checking the matting will help identify if this has occurred and allow it to be reported for resolution.

Some beaches run matting out to high tide line during the week and extend the matting out for days of patrol or busier beach times. The more matting you lay down the better the

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experience for the user (i.e. you can run two lines of matting in parallel, and/or have matting running off at right angles to allow for multiple users).

We highly recommend having wheelchair parking on the sand - this will keep the direct path free and allow for wheelchair users to set up safely for the day. A 10M parking section will allow approximately 4 wheelchair users and their friends to set up and enjoy the beach.

It's important to make sure that accessible parking is well connected to the direct path to ensure a smooth transition from parking to path to matting.

Push Mobility can assist with any of these maintenance tasks, so please contact us for a quote to ensure your matting can be enjoyed by all.

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