

An opportunity for Health Professionals to access unique technology

Segway: Its application for people with mobility issues

Friday 11th July 2003

Have you heard about the Segway? **REHABTech** has been following the progress of the Segway—an electrically powered, precisely balance controlled mobility device—since its launch (and previous to that the iBot or Independence 3000 wheelchair) see:

<http://rehabtech.eng.monash.edu.au/seat/link.htm>

Recently the device was launched onto the consumer market and for the moment is only available in the USA. The makers of the Segway do not recommend it for use by anyone with a disability; however the design aims of the device mean that it will almost certainly be an ideal adjunct to many with mobility issues.

Following an introduction to the technology and a review of all safety aspects, Mr Michael Mote of DGB International will demonstrate the Segway.

An interactive discussion will then take place with the aim of putting together an information package.

- The venue is **REHABTech** at Caulfield General Medical Centre, 260 Kooyong Road, Caulfield, Victoria 3162.
- From 2.00-5.00pm (afternoon tea provided).

Registration Fee \$25

Early registrants eligible to trial Segway

RSVP to **REHABTech** on (03) 9528 1960



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REHAB Tech Services Update

Negotiations for the Continuation of RehabTech Services

As many of you are aware, the Federal contract covering many of the services that **RehabTech** provides to you ceased at the end of June.

The current status of negotiations with separate State and Territory health departments in Australia for the continuation of **RehabTech Services** beyond 30 June, 2003 is as follows:

- MoU/Letters of Support have been received from New South Wales, Tasmania and Northern Territory.
- South Australia has given a verbal assurance with letter of confirmation to follow. For further information contact Ms Natalia Hubczenko, SA Dept of Health Services on (08) 8226 8800 or fax (08) 8226 6769.
- Queensland Health has formally declined to participate. For further information contact Bill Stewart, Queensland Health on (07) 3224 2402 or fax (07) 3224 8258.
- No response, to date, has been recorded from Western Australian or Victorian Departments of Health. For further information please contact relevant health service in respective States.
- Amputee support groups in Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales have written letters confirming the need for **RehabTech** services to continue.
 - Amputee Association of Victoria Email: ampsinvic@hotmail.com
 - Amputees United of Australia Inc. Tele: (03) 6427 9411 Mobile 0419 583 096

*News about these negotiations will be updated on **RehabTech**'s homepage as changes occur.*

Positions Vacant — Job WATCH

Please visit our website <http://rehabtech.eng.monash.edu.au/rehabtech/employment.asp>

for detailed information on vacancies as they occur.

For those who have this web site bookmarked, please note the changes in the URL—**REHABTech** has recently completed new employment pages. All positions vacant will be advertised on this site. Position descriptions for advertising on the **TechLINK** and **REHABTech** website can now be dynamically submitted via the web at <http://rehabtech.eng.monash.edu.au/rehabtech/employment.asp>. Position descriptions can also be directed to AOPA website via this submission. To have position descriptions directed to your website please contact us for further information

COMING EVENTS

Calendar of events – now on the web – www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech

11 July, 2003

Segway Seminar: An opportunity for health professionals to access unique technology.

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