

## Would you like to join us?

Simply fill out the form below and return to:

**Technical Aid to the Disabled SA**  
**PO Box 540**  
**Modbury SA 5092**

Or

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Email: [admin@tadsa.org.au](mailto:admin@tadsa.org.au)  
Website: [www.tadsa.org.au](http://www.tadsa.org.au)

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**Please send me more information and membership application. I am interested in joining as a:**

- Technical Member**  
 **Individual**  
 **Organisation**

or

- Donate**

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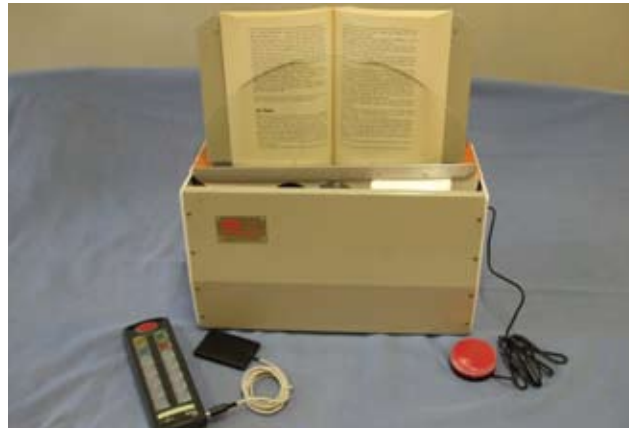
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## Equipment program

**TADSA** has a pool of specialised equipment available for a small charge. Switches, programmable single switch remote controls and page turners are included in the equipment program. TADSA has 10 electric page-turners which are available to people with severe disabilities, or who may be terminally ill. Loan period is usually around 4 months, but can be extended if there is no other demand.



## Funding/donations

**TADSA** receives some recurrent funding from the South Australian Government to cover the cost of one part time staff member. All other day to day running costs (e.g. rent, telephone/internet, supply of information, volunteer training and community education) have to be met by the organisation mainly through donations and sponsorships.

You can help support the continuing work of TADSA by making a one off donation or through planned or workplace giving.

As the organisation is a charity, all donations of \$2 or over are tax deductible.

## Newsletter

All members receive a copy of the quarterly newsletter, which contains information of jobs undertaken, safety issues, abstracts of articles and publications received.



# Can we help you?

**Or do you know of someone who may need our help?**

**Technical Aid to the Disabled (SA) Inc. (TADSA)** has a team of skilled volunteers who design, make or modify equipment that is not readily available for people with disabilities.

Supported by



**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Families  
and Communities

**Volunteers helping people with disabilities**

“Thank you so much for helping out with my clothesline. I put two loads on the line yesterday and it was amazing how normal it felt!!! First time in five years – it is so much easier.”

Suzanne T



Technical Member Michael

Technical Member Joe

## What is TADSA?

**Technical Aid to the Disabled (SA) Inc. or TADSA**, is a state-wide not-for-profit organisation which aims to help people with disabilities overcome problems by creating, modifying or repairing devices where there is no other solution readily available.

Disability acquired through ageing, accident, disease or at birth has many implications. It can severely restrict opportunities and can place a burden of care on family, friends or the community.

**TADSA** has one major objective – to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

To achieve this objective, TADSA uses the skills and energy of its technical volunteers to construct many types of custom designed equipment for our clients.

**TADSA** can also offer specialised technical advice and information to people with disabilities and those who care for them. In short, TADSA exists to apply innovative technology so that the lives of people with disabilities may be significantly improved.

**TADSA** works with many other disability related service providers and support organisations.

Anybody with a need can contact TADSA directly – no referral is necessary to access our service.

## Some TADSA Projects



Client had difficulties in taking the clothes off her clothesline. A framework was constructed to support the clothesline while gas struts, brackets and rollers were used to enable the client to raise and lower the line by use of a long lever.



A young client wanted to play ball games with her friends at school. A chute was made from PVC water piping with wheels back and front enabling her to aim the chute and then release the ball from the top.



This client often looks after her grandson but, as she has a disability and uses a scooter, was unable to take him out. A carry seat was attached to the back of the scooter.

## Introducing two TADSA technical members

**Technical Member Michael** joined TADSA in 1995. He is a mechanical engineer and has worked in a variety of places over the last 20 years “Knowing that I can improve someone’s quality of life and having the means to do so is an opportunity I appreciate having.” says Michael

**Technical Member Joe** joined TADSA in 1991. Before retiring, he worked in the building trade and the transport industry. Joe says “If you like making things and meeting people, TADSA is a great place to be – age is no barrier.”

## You can help by

- **Becoming a member**
- **Making a donation**

There are three categories of membership:

**Technical Membership** – join to design and make equipment for our clients. Membership covers the newsletter and an insurance scheme for members involved in an official TADSA project. Cost: \$15-00 per year.

**Individual Membership** – join to support the organisation in other ways. They also receive the newsletter. Cost: \$15-00 per year.

**Organisational Membership** – companies and organisations can join as an indication of their support. They receive the newsletter for circulation to staff. Cost: \$40-00 per year.