

**LIFE ON THE FARM
FOLLOWING DISABILITY,
INJURY OR ILLNESS:**

**HOW AN OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPIST CAN HELP.**



What is Occupational Therapy?

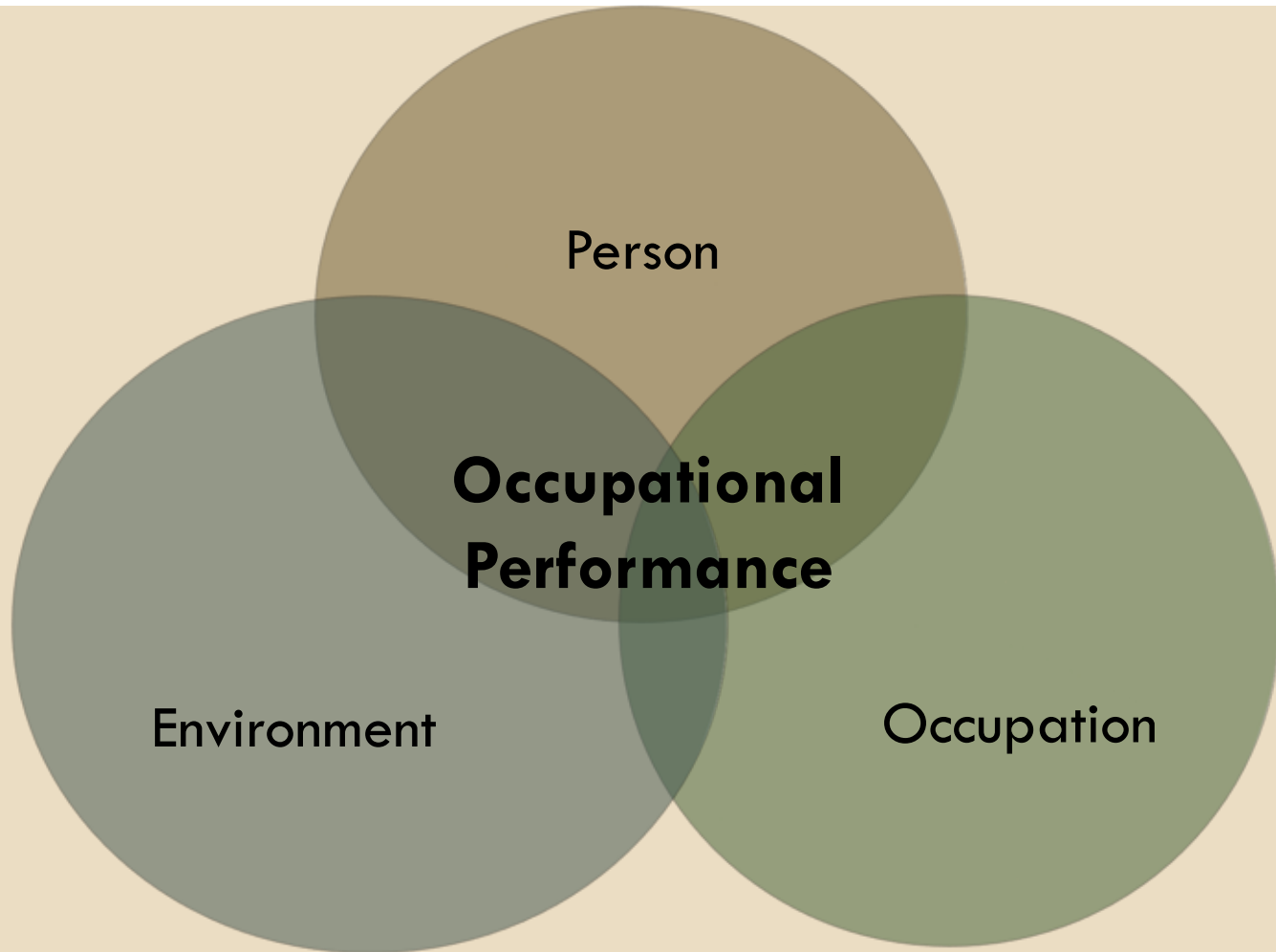
- Promote independence
- Satisfaction from participation in 'meaningful activities'
- Assist participation when injury, illness or disability alter ability to participate
- Involves strategies, education, equipment, and modification

Where do you find an OT?

- Hospitals
- Health centres
- Homes
- Specialist clinics
- Workplaces/worksites
- Schools
- Private practice
- Detention/Justice centres
- FARMS!



Model for Practice



OT and Farmers Health

- Working in rural / regional Victoria is a specialist field
- The goal of our intervention:

How does the disability, illness or injury affect the individual and their participation in meaningful occupation?

**Can you teach an old
dog new tricks?**



Practical Solutions

- Implementation of creative solutions is required for the rural and remote population.

Enjoy the following examples of creativity in our practice seeking to achieve maximum occupational performance.

HAND THERAPY – seeking to achieve maximum function











The Environment

A workplace









How can we
make it more
workable?





Can we do it differently?



**HOW
DO PEOPLE
ACCESS
WHERE
THEY NEED
TO GO?**





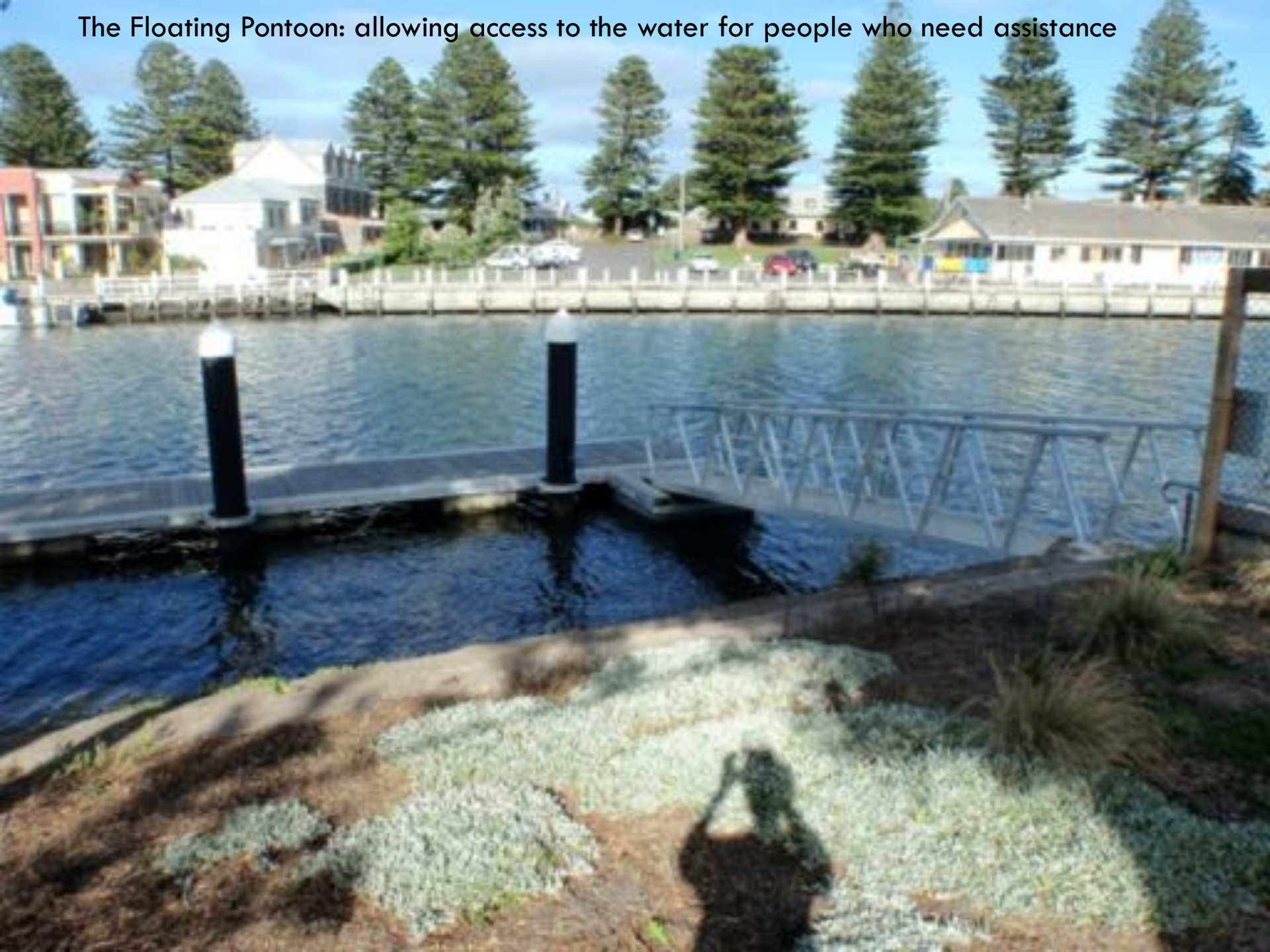




SailAbility program



The Floating Pontoon: allowing access to the water for people who need assistance

































Modification
of a vehicle



























Plant Room







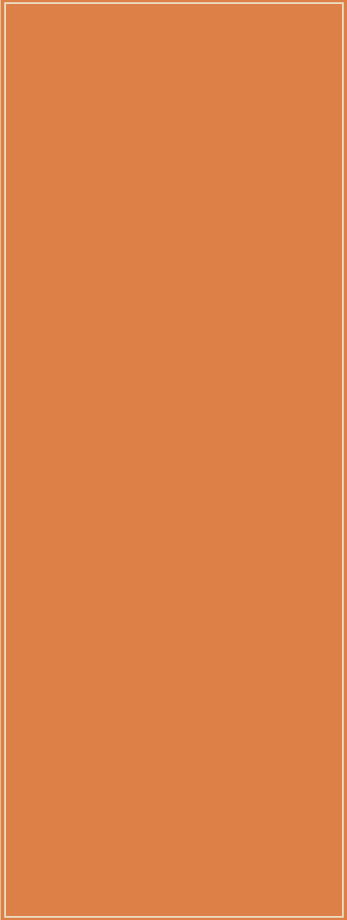








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