

The ceiling hoist experience in CPL

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Overview

What we have and why

Where and how well ceiling hoists are used

Staff training

Obstacles and Issues

What we've learned



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About Us



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About Us

- CPL is a non-profit organisation that provides vital therapy and support services to more than 8,000 children and adults with physical disability in Queensland and Northern NSW.
- We work together with our clients to help them reach their goals and live the lives they choose.



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Why Ceiling Hoists?

To manage manual handling risks
(for carers and clients)

To improve ease of handling for carers



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Types of Hoists

All hoists installed to date are fixed

All are standard (spreader bar) yoke design

One portable hoist and gantry in equipment loan pool



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Brand Choice

A variety of hoist brands have been installed over time.

Purchase and installation coordinated by Property Department (influenced by ability of supplier to install, weight test and provide building certification and after sales support)



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Track Configurations



Various track configurations

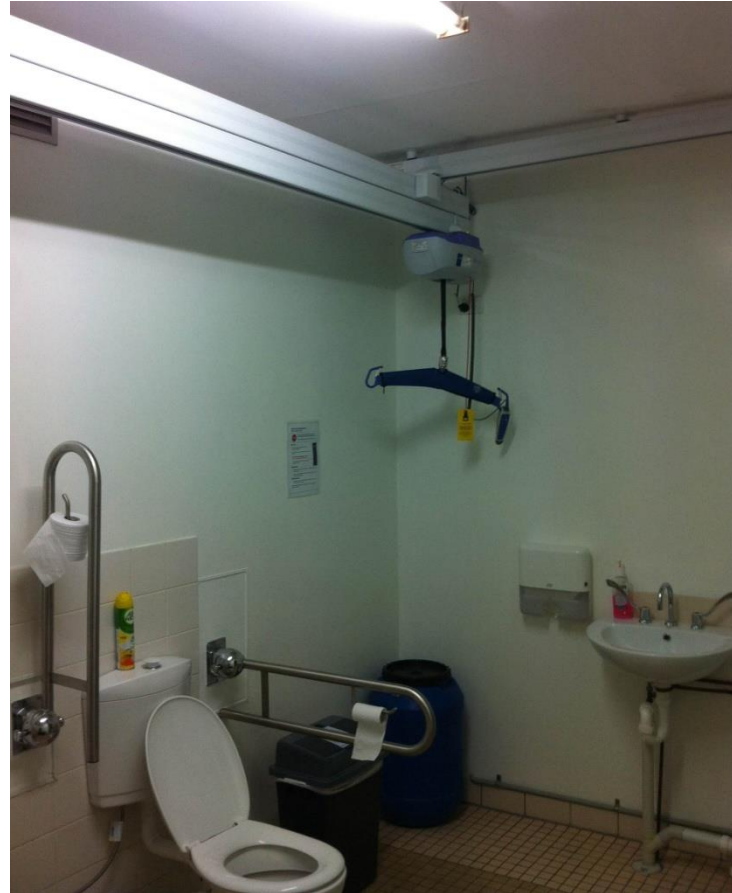
- straight tracks (eg. In bathrooms, in consultation rooms)



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Track Configurations

- X-Y
(configuration of choice for total room coverage)
- curved
(bedroom to bathroom in accommodation facilities)



Facilities

Ceiling hoists are installed in many CPL facilities

- All Support in the Community facilities in Brisbane Metropolitan area
- Residential facilities (Hillcrest, Fig Tree Pocket)
- Some allied health consulting areas
- Milestones Mobility (Geebung)/training facility
- Milestones Solutions (supported employment)



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Acceptance/Use

Well used by carers in client's homes and
Support in the Community facilities

Positive feedback at training sessions



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Acceptance/Use

Therapists report:

Benefits

- Ceiling hoist is always available vs. Need to locate mobile floor hoist
- Space saving
- Great for transferring clients to floor/plinth for assessment

Limitations

- Location within building and within room



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Training

Carers undergo training in the use of ceiling hoists as part of our Safe Handling of People Training

Training is practical with the opportunity to experience being moved in a ceiling hoist

Allied Health staff provide training regarding client specific handling techniques



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Obstacles and Issues

Cost

Issues with retrofitting due to building suitability

Fraying of straps in some locations

Servicing/Maintenance

(including difficulties obtaining replacement parts
for some hoist brands)



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Lessons Learned

All new sites are fitted out with ceiling hoist tracks installed or capability for ceiling hoist installation ensured

Periodic servicing contract (budgeted)



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Questions?

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