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## The Hopkins Centre

Research for Rehabilitation and Resilience

# HOME MODIFICATION DESIGN AND INNOVATION



## Project aims

Home Modifications or residential design and renovation is a common challenge for contemporary living. Whether buying or renting an existing or new property, redesigning aspects of the home may be required at any time to better suit the occupant. Home modifications include various physical, cognitive or social accessibility features designed for people with disability, ageing Australians, people with permanent or temporary conditions.

The Home Modifications Design and Innovation project aims to extend design knowledge for builders, occupational therapists and end-users. The project has developed in response to the increasing demand for home modifications quality and innovation in Australia, the need for improved service, product delivery and build capacity to deliver results in a short time frame for a rising ageing population and for people with disability following injury or impairment. The project comprises a Home Modification training program and research and development into residential planning, use of new technology to inform home redesign decisions, and collaborative networks to inform future policy and practice.

The Home Modifications Design and Innovation team are leading the way in evidence-based applications and tools, with a focus on co-design methodology.

## Project investigators

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## Funders

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\* This is just one of a suite of projects focused on architectural design, home modifications and the availability of housing for people with disability. If this area interests you, please contact us.

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