

Name: Jonty

Age: 42

Condition: Spinal Cord Injury

Jonty suffered a spinal cord injury resulting in paralysis from the shoulders down.



## Jonty's Story

Jonty is a 42 year old husband, father and a keen sports fan. Jonty was injured in an industrial accident at the age of 19 while working to put himself through University, leaving him paralysed from the shoulders down. Jonty has a love for the sea and spent many summers by the ocean exploring rock pools and scuba diving.

After the accident Jonty was determined to continue with his dream of becoming a Marine Biologist, and so after a year of intensive rehabilitation, he returned to university and graduated with a BSc in Marine Biology. Jonty continued his studies and undertook a post graduate Master's Thesis using his computer skills to analyse a fisheries database. He also used his skills to develop a web design business, compiling websites for small rural artists.

Jonty has an avid interest in technology, primarily Apple technology and says he has used Apple computers since his accident for university studies and also his personal business designing websites.

*Jonty uses an iPhone via the iPortal™ Bluetooth connection with a DX-REMG91 Remote and a DSL Head Array.*



Jonty told us, "The year after my accident, I went to the Expo in Brisbane, partly to see a world class event and partly to prove that I could still do things like this. It was based on the theme of 'Leisure In The Age of Technology' and in the days pre digital cameras, pre iMacs and pre smartphones it was very gimmicky and mostly for entertainment. However, I came away thinking that technology was going to be a means to solving some of the problems I was now going to face and I needed to keep up with the latest devices"

He went on to say "After only 10 days of using the iPortal™, I have found that it is like my glasses, I cannot begin my day without using it to set up my appointments on my iPhone, send out texts and check the daily TV listings! During the weekend I even used my iPhone to record my son's first goal at football, what could be better than that!"

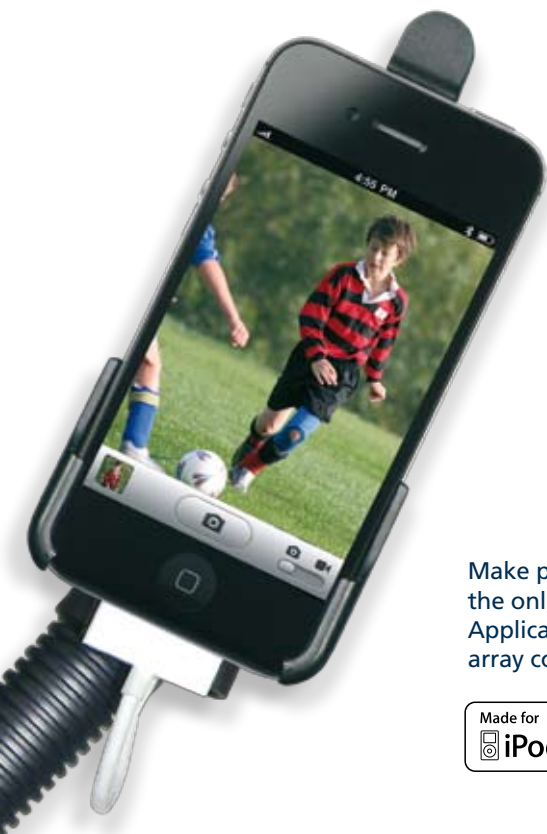
Make phone calls, surf the net, type text and join the online world with iPortal's new Accessibility Application which enables joystick or switch or head array control of iPhone and iPod Touch devices.

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## A chat with Jonty about iPortal™ Accessibility

What have been some of the major draw backs with traditional assistive technologies?

The main drawback is that the equipment and the equipment they are designed to interface with, are very specialised and require a huge amount of technical assistance to set up and maintain.

Other devices I have investigated also only allow a very rudimentary control over an iDevice, whereas for my busy life and with my business I need all functions.

What has been the biggest obstacle you have had to face with your disability?

Finding reliable technology that lets me conduct my daily life and run a business with modern smart gadgets in a way that able bodied people are able to.

So what was the initial appeal of the iPortal™?

The brilliance of the technology, the fact it could utilise all of the features of my iPhone and the ease of using it. And the ability to be able to read books again on an iPad.

Was it easy to learn to use the first time?

It was amazingly easy. I could definitely say that after 30 minutes I had mastered everything, well with the exception of the alternative morse text entry method. I use the iPortal™ with a DSL head array, and its just so easy to use.

How frequently do you use your iPortal™?

Hourly! From the minute I wake up, until I go to bed at night, I use it all the time really.

Do you use the touch screen or do you prefer using your head array?

I have never had the ability to use a touch screen because I don't have the use of my arms, but I certainly had no trouble using the iPortal™ Accessibility on my iPhone or iPad. The system is so well designed that the interface between my head controls and iDevice is very natural.

What apps do you use the most? Which one is your favourite or most useful?

I use myPhoneDesktop – it lets me type a txt msg on the iMac and send it to my iPhone where I use iPortal™ Accessibility to click 'send'. I also have been starting to use L5 Remote which turns my iPhone into an infra red remote control for TV, Sky TV, DVD. I really missed reading, so for me the most useful apps are the e-readers, and I have used Kindle and iFlow apps on my iPad.

Do you think there is a need out there for a product like iPortal™ and iPortal™ Accessibility?

Most definitely, I can't stress enough about the ability to finally have full control over an 'off the shelf' iDevice. It has such an uncomplicated set up and for me the learning period to use iPortal™ Accessibility was short.

What is the most valuable part of iPortal™ or iPortal™ Accessibility to you?

The ability to read books again without waiting for someone to turn pages. The ability to make and answer calls and send texts messages.

Are there any final comments you would like to make?

Over the years I have used many pieces of equipment that provided a rudimentary interface between a standard piece of equipment (computer, TV etc) and me. This has been anything from a large headset with a long cable to operate a Mac Plus to a huge multi plug box that turned on lights or a fan. All of them were limited production and whilst definitely allowing me a degree of independence were also very often limiting in the fact they were 'almost there' - I could turn a TV on or off but not change the channel, I could answer a cell phone but not make use of any of its other capabilities.

On Thursday last week that all changed. The iPortal™ is revolutionary for my life, I now have full control over one of the world's leading technological devices and the ability to keep on expanding this device into so many other areas. It is a game changer.

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