

## Software - looking for a Simple Solution!

Choosing the best management software for your business can be a daunting task. You need to consider whether it suits your needs and fits within your budget. But there are many hidden costs, sometimes making the transition process, time-consuming, difficult and more expensive.

**Brendan Hanna** from **Simple Software Solutions** (featured in the September issue of **Supplier**, p88) has combined his 35 years in furniture manufacturing with his sister **Gerri's** 20 years in software development for small business systems to design a suite of programs to make quoting, scheduling and purchasing easy to use, fast, accurate and very affordable. "We know from experience that getting started is the hardest part for busy people. We overcome this by providing a comprehensive personalised service. We include installation, training, help with set-up and support and we can have anyone with basic skills, using it confidently by the end of a two hour training session," says Brendan. "We use the internet and telephone to demonstrate and at the same time allow potential clients to test-drive our software. We use the same online technology for site installation, training and support in their own office. We have clients all over

suburban and remote areas of Australia and in New Zealand who have found this 'hands on' approach, a painless and easy way to get started".

There are four software packages, which can be purchased and used separately or integrated to share information.

- **QuikQuote** produces accurate client-ready quotes from components and materials with minimal data entry. It can add quoted items into a customisable price list, which can be automatically updated as costs rise. It also stores Cutting Lists and Bills of Materials.

- **SuperSchedule** provides complete scheduling and progress tracking for all production orders through each stage of the manufacturing process. Workload reports show time and dollar value for each stage and allow jobs to be rearranged to suit altered conditions.

- **PowerPurchase** creates orders to suppliers, linking each item to its factory job number and tracking the status and value of all orders placed.

- **CutList Plus.** Optimisation software that quickly generates cutting diagrams to make the most efficient use of board and timber products.

Further information is available on **www.softwaresolutions.net.au**

As its name implies, this software is simple to use and flexible enough to cover a wide range of different work situations, making it ideal for clients with little time or computer skill. For contact details, see advertisement this issue. -S-