

**“We’re 30% faster”**

**Sympari Furniture. Perth.**

**BHP200 3700 X1800 with auto unload**

Freestanding office furniture and complete office and shop fit-outs with a focus on the ‘better end’ of the market sums up Sympari. ‘Word of mouth’ recommendations and repeat business is the norm with most work coming directly from Architects and Interior Designers. A staff of 48 and two modern production ‘cells’ means Sympari can pretty much handle whatever comes their way

Owner Joe Mannino explains:

“The twin setup and our continued investment in machinery mean our ability to meet deadlines is a cornerstone of our success.”

From a complete fitout of 2 large office floors in under 3 weeks to a corporate kitchen, Sympari can do it. “I’ve always aimed to have some spare capacity to so we can maintain this advantage and that was part of the reason I made the move to twin work cells. Now we’ve even got capacity to do contract cut to size and component manufacture for others and can supply these far more cost effectively than before.”

Sympari’s cells were traditional Beamsaw, Edger and Rail and pod CNC’s until Joe made the move to flat bed ‘nest’ based manufacture with the installation of two 3700 x 1800mm capacity machines from Weeke, the CNC specialists of the German Homag Group.

Joe describes the time savings as already ‘dramatic’ at around 30% improvement with better expected once they exploit the Weeke’s full potential.

“We now split our work between our Holzma Beamsaws and the Weeke’s to suit their relative strengths with everything networked by the PYTHA software we’ve been running successfully for the past three years. It’s all fitted in together really easily and efficiently.”

Jobs are batched together and the software sorts it all out and gets the best use out of the available sheets and machines in each work cell. “We’ve found Homag’s WoodWop software very user friendly and quick to get to grips with.”

Deciding on the Weeke’s was also easy.

“Our two Brandt Edgebanders and Holzma Beamsaws have performed exceptionally well which meant I was always going to favor more equipment from The Homag Group. But I’m the type of person who takes a really good look at my options and was determined to again buy the best engineered machine to ensure performance over the long term. When I looked closely into it Weeke came up trumps. Everywhere you look you see quality, it weighs in around six tonnes and I particularly liked the ‘gantry’ supporting the work unit beam front and back. I was also looking for real versatility and the larger table size and their unique ‘OTRIX’ table system certainly gave us that. In addition to our panel work we can raise components up on pods if we need to work the sides”

Sympari commonly run 3600 by 1800mm sheets to improve yield and save loading time. “Our machine has the ‘air cushion’ table which means we can ‘fingertip’ position large sheets. The completed nests are pushed to a sorting table and the bed is cleaned at the same time, all done by the machine and all automatic. It works really well”

Sympari also appreciate everything perfectly square and sized which makes a big difference at assembly “I haven’t done the math’s yet but my gut feeling is we’ve reduced our overall labor inputs by around 30% and I know we save 5-10% in materials on most jobs and on some particular jobs its been as high as 35%.

With a trouble free install, good backup and perfect work rolling off the machine the move to Nesting with Weeke has been a winner for Sympari. “Definitely, it’s lived up to my expectations” concludes Joe

