

Standout cabinet making performance in South Australian market

With housing activities buoyant across much of Australia it would be fair to describe Adelaide's home building situation as fairly pedestrian - certainly when compared with eastern Australia. Given this reality only those companies in housing and related industries with a strong track record, and with widely acknowledged credibility survive - much less prosper.

A case on point in Adelaide is Walls Bros Designer Kitchens, where in 2015, the company marked the 25th anniversary of sterling business success in the cabinet making and joinery industries.

Cabinet making has been at the core of the Walls family for over 50 years and the family business continues to have a vision based on strong customer service, creativity and quality.

Walls Bros enjoys outstanding success in providing customized cabinet making and joinery services to both the residential and commercial building sectors throughout South Australia. Even on a national scale Walls Bros is a significant industry participant with more than a hundred employees, operating out of two sites, and with more than seven million dollars worth of high tech processing machinery.

Managing director Peter Walls says the company concentrates more on the mid to high end of residential housing, where their output exceeds a thousand kitchens a year.

Robert Stace from Oz Tooling with Brad Sweeney, production manager at Walls Bros.



"So in addition to our four CNC nesting machine centres, and now four edgebanders, we operate an automated sanding line and robotic spray painting facility."

Peter stressed the importance of quality machines and prompt, competent backup service. "Yes, we certainly invest in good machinery, including our Holzher edgebanders, but reliable, prompt, experienced and competent servicing is an absolutely critical part of the mix and of our business success."

"So our Holzher edgebanders and other machines, along with the technical support provided by Robert Stace from Oz Tooling and Matthew Waide from Covino Electrical, the SA service agent for Holzher, mean that our production systems work absolutely brilliantly ."

Peter says that in acquiring new machinery, while he pays close attention to machinery capability, he is particularly focused on technical support and servicing. "We just have to keep our machines performing, so the technical servicing to get machines back up and running from a breakdown within a four hour timeframe is not negotiable."

"We are extremely busy, so need to minimize downtime and get machines back to work. In that regard I can't talk more highly of our Holzher edgebanders and the backup provided by Robert and the team at Covino Electrical."

In relation to ongoing work, Peter confides that the company has substantial new commercial and residential projects on the horizon. "We like to think that we have a hard-won reputation, initiated by my father and that we continue to place priority on the relationships we have developed and protected over the years."

"Fortunately, relative to other cabinet making and joinery companies here in South Australia, we have the size, complete range of capabilities, and the discipline to deliver on-spec and on time - in my view, not to do so is fatal."

Walls Bros continues to be on the frontline of outstanding customer service specializing in custom built kitchens, vanities, robes, entertainment units and bars. In 2002 Wall Bros moved its head office to Adelaide's Holden Hill suburb. This move has allowed the company to establish its now highly regarded showroom with modern contemporary to classic designs on display, including five kitchens, laundries, vanity units, robes and other joinery ideas.

quality machinery and prompt backup service

Walls Bros has a large, experienced team working in conjunction with state-of-the-art computer based systems utilizing 3D CAD drawing software to provide designs and cutting patterns for its high-tech manufacturing processes. The company's capacity to paint completed units, using its in-house spray paint facility, allows for high quality finishes.

Walls Bros has extended its activities into the commercial world, with a variety of projects, including high rise apartment developments, aged care facilities, child care centres, hotel

bars, shop fit-outs and office fit-outs. Each of these projects has been custom designed and manufactured in co-ordination with developers, architects and builders.

Walls Bros now operates three sophisticated edgebanders in their two manufacturing sites - all from Holzher. Edgebanders acquired in the past two years include two Sprint 1327 models, and an Accura 1554.

Sprint edgebanders are designed for the highest requirements, in terms of quality and flexibility. Sprint 1327 edgebanders are distinguished by their precision processing and designed for maximum endurance and feed rates. Standard features of the Sprint range include variable feed from 10-18 metres per minute, and automatic pressure beam adjustment. An edge feeder with synchronous drive and pressure unit are also standard features.

The Sprint 1327 offers two models. The Sprint 1327 Classic includes complete equipment for jointing, corner rounding ▶

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► and finishing work. The Sprint 1327 Massiv is equipped with two cutter units, instead of a corner rounding unit for easy processing of solid wood edging with a thickness up to 15 mm without changing tools.

Program selection allows machines to be set up without opening the hood, so that they are ready for immediate production. All five Sprint models are equipped with the Holzher Glu Jet system as a standard feature for razor-thin glue joints, fully equal to any industrial laser edging.

Walls Bros Accura 1554 edgebander offers additional power and stability, but requires only 6.5 metres of floor space. The new Accura series edgebanders have been developed by Holzher for high quality artisans and industrial scale producers. This modular edgebander system provides flexible adaptation to customer requirements and future design and production trends, with automatic Glu Jet waterproof invisible joints.

Weinig Australia's managing director Neil Forbes said Holzher was delighted to have a strong business relationship with such an outstanding South Australia company, and substantial participant in the state's cabinet making and joinery industry as Walls Bros. "Both the Holzher Sprint and Accura edgebanders are, and will continue, to contribute to the company's design and manufacturing excellence and business success."

"I think Wall Bros are a great demonstration that our Holzher range of CNC machinery takes some beating in high throughput industrial manufacturing situations demanding precision, repeatability and reliability," he says.

Because of their leading German engineering and technology, Holzher edgebanders are popular across the industry. "Holzher offers a wide range of CNC machining centres, edgebanders, plus a range of other solid wood and panel processing machines, and a complete range of supporting equipment and software operating systems technology," Neil says.

He says that, as in Wall Bros' case, the Holzher Sprint and Accura series edgebanders are designed for the highest requirements in terms of quality and flexibility. "They certainly set the highest standards for edgebanding."

With 45 years of experience Holzher offers technological leadership in quality routing and edgebanding and caters for every manufacturing situation with regard to machining, automation and gluing options.

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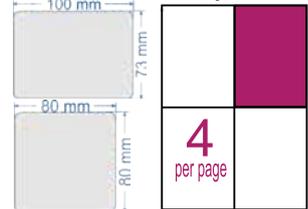
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