

# Counties Kitchens and Empower Workshop Productivity & Scheduling Software - Case Study

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Empower Manufacturing and Engineering Software - Job and Staff Time Tracking & Scheduling - Using Tablets on Your Workshop Floor



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Core Products Manufactured (or	Kitchens, Laundry and Vanity sets, Entertainment units
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Core Business)	
% Production is custom made - one off designs (each job different to the last)	100% custom made to clients drawings an specifications. All jobs are different
Any Key Background Information	Reporting and systems of previous business owner were not ideal and would not allow for growth. Empower has provided both accurate real time reporting and good systems that has allowed us to grow our business.
# Factory Floor Staff	7
# Total Staff	15
Annual Revenue (approx)	\$3m to \$5m
Factory and Office Size m2	700 square metres
# of CNCs	Masterwood CNC and SCM Edgebander
Geography Serviced	Auckland and Waikato
Staff Times on Jobs Recording prior to Empower	We did not record time on jobs at all. Looking back this was very poor management
Years in Business	30+
Staff Groups Tracked on Empower	All workshop staff, including CAD in pre production and our installers off site
Year we started using Empower	2017
# Tablets on the Factory Floor with Empower on	6 plus 2 @ 50 inch TV monitors with Empower presenting jobs, staff and times in real time. I can see one of the TVs from my office
# Of our Managers using Empower	2
Estimated Productivity Gains using Empower	We have secured 20% to 25% less labour time on jobs therefore 20% to 25% less labour cost on jobs

Key Points we have found with Empower Workshop Productivity and Scheduling Software:

1. We have secured 20% to 25% less labour time on jobs therefore 20% to 25% less labour cost on jobs
2. Empower is great for schedule all kitchens then tracking kitchen progress, particularly the larger jobs
3. The Empower history of job times and particularly down to task level plays a vital role in getting all our budgeted labour times in our quotations accurate
4. Workshop staff use Empower as their tool on the workshop floor to be aware of expected times and bring their jobs in on budgeted time
5. The two 50 inch TV monitors on workshop floor walls make all workshop staff highly transparent and accountable to themselves and each other
6. Workshop staff keep their time at smoko and lunch and work start and work end prompt using Empower
7. Workshop staff keep all time on Downtime jobs to the minimum using Empower

Empower came recommended to me from two friends at two companies, one a large progressive professional kitchen manufacturer who had been using Empower for years and spoke very highly of the program.

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Anyone is welcome to phone me to discuss Empower

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levels.