

Helping manage complex projects in one hub

Case Study: How a growing renewables business were able to manage multiple projects and costs



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A bit about UPC/AC Renewables

Managing multiple complex projects

UPC/AC Renewables develop, construct, own and operate renewable energy projects as an independent power producer.

Their aim is to provide low cost, clean electricity in a socially and environmentally responsible way by using innovative technology solutions.

Currently employing over 30 renewable energy professionals across Australia, UPC/AC manage multi-million dollar projects across Australia and have offices in Hobart, Smithton, Melbourne, Sydney and Uralla.

We sat down with UPC/AC CFO Shane Miller to chat their journey of outgrowing their current systems and making the move to Wiise.

Company: UPC/AC Renewables

Year founded: 2016

Industry: Project-based

Size: 30+ employees



Meet Shane, Chief Financial Officer

We sat down with Shane Miller, Chief Financial Officer at UPC/AC Renewables, to find out how Wiise streamlined their project costing and helped equip them for continued growth. This case story contains snippets from our conversation.

XERO struggling to keep up with projects

Increased complexity

At the time, UPC/AC Renewables were using XERO to manage their financials and projects. However, as the business started to grow, they suddenly found themselves managing more projects, experiencing growth in transaction volumes and struggling to get the right reporting out of their system across their projects and jobs.

XERO couldn't handle multiple companies and they were struggling to get the detailed reporting they needed to manage all of their projects.

“There's not a lot of products between XERO and MYOB. Then there's multi-million dollar ERPs in the market as well so there wasn't a solution with more capabilities and still cost effective”.

Shane, Chief Financial Officer

Deciding on the right solution

“We needed to manage our jobs within the system so job costing was extremely important to us. And purchase orders. Having the two working hand in hand was key. We needed the data consolidating in the one system so that we could create the right reports and dashboards to monitor how our projects were tracking and if we're running on time and to budget.

Another requirement was ensuring that the system we choose had payroll and timesheet integration. Single Touch payroll was a requirement for businesses and so the solution had to have a payroll system that's integrated and compliant. We also needed a proper crediting system and a better way to manage our purchase orders and approvals. Having people who approve the purchase order via an automated workflow would save us a lot of time.”

Investing in the future

Wiise was the ideal choice

“We really wanted something that had ERP capabilities, could handle large transaction volumes, but didn’t have the million dollar set up fee. And Wiise completely met our requirements when it came to functionality and cost.

Now, we can not only manage multiple companies in the one system but we’ve been able to cut down a lot of the paper administration and manual data entry.

Previously, it would take us much longer to get the right insights out of XERO due to its limitations. With Wiise, business information is readily available and we’re able to extract information on the go.

Wiise has also helped us see things in different categories to give us more information across our finances and projects. We can tag any transaction and can get more detail as to where we’re spending our cash and how they align to our projects. This insight has been extremely valuable.”

Why Wiise?

- ✓ Job costing and purchase orders
- ✓ Affordable subscription packages
- ✓ Managing multiple companies in one system
- ✓ Dimensional tagging across transactions
- ✓ Wiise has integrated payroll and timesheets
- ✓ Finance, sales and project leads using one software
- ✓ Microsoft based platform, more secure
- ✓ Approval workflows
- ✓ Bank feeds and bank reconciliation
- ✓ PowerBI dashboard connection

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[What To Look For In ERP Software For Multi-Entities](#)

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