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Australian construction companies are finally catching on to a more efficient, user-friendly and environmentally friendly way of storing and using operation and maintenance manuals.

One of Australia's largest privately-owned commercial construction companies, Hansen Yuncken, is working with Adelaide-based software company Grazer to provide a paperless means of supplying drawings and manuals to the building owner.

The Grazer system is a state-of-the-art software solution used for storing, accessing and updating the manuals, by way of an easy to use graphical based software application.

Hansen Yuncken has embraced the innovative technology. They use the Grazer system throughout the construction period on their developments before transferring the software over to their client upon completion of a project.

Operation and maintenance manuals are typically required on completion of any major construction project, detailing air conditioning, fire, plumbing and electrical systems, and providing the new owners a manual on how to operate and maintain their services.

Grazer founder and Chief Executive Officer John Martin said one of the difficulties for a contractor is to produce the system operation descriptions, gather the technical data from suppliers and test reports from site, and collate it all into a four-ring folder with index and dividers. Then, they need to produce the 'as-installed' drawings as confirmation of the finished construction.

"The amount of time spent by consultants and contractors to collate and verify information and to complete test reports for equipment is substantial," John said.

"The old-fashioned system of printing out all of the required information is costly, time consuming and unnecessary in this day and age."

Grazer's electronic system eliminates the need for inefficient hard-copy manuals.

The company's software enables the building's drawings to be viewed on screen, with links to all associated manuals and test reports. The operator clicks on the required part of the building to access detailed photos, technical descriptions and maintenance schedules.

And as the project progresses, information on equipment for the infrastructure system is captured to ensure the system is continually refreshed.

John said the industry continues to heavily rely on hard-copy manuals, wasting thousands of pieces of paper while creating excessive carbon emissions that contribute to climate change.

Hansen Yuncken is one company leading the way in the digital revolution, working towards producing their buildings without the use of hard copy operation and maintenance manuals.

Grazer and Hansen Yuncken have been working together on projects including the Commonwealth Law Courts, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, The Lyell McEwin Hospital and now The VS1 building - Adelaide's first 6 star Green star building and the new home for SA Water.

The Grazer system saved over 18,000 pages from being printed and punched into a folder for the TQEH Stage 2 project and have so far saved over 6,500 pages for the under construction VS1 building. Grazer estimates it will save in excess of 35,000 pages by project completion.

Hansen Yuncken have also engaged Grazer to produce a Building Users Guide for the VS1 building, recognising the hypocrisy in printing thousands of pieces of paper to produce operation and maintenance manuals and building users guide in an eco-friendly building.

James Redwood, of Hansen Yuncken, said the Grazer technology lived up to Hansen Yuncken's 'building value' motto.

"I think the Grazer system is a far superior method than the traditional hard-copy manuals. It delivers a far superior outcome," he said.

"We certainly suggest it to our clients to build value."

James said the technology also catered to Hansen Yuncken's individual needs.

"We have found Grazer a pretty dynamic company to work with because they have been able to listen to our needs and deliver a product for our requirements, rather than offering a set suite of products," he said. According to John, the technology is simply a better way of doing things.

"The Grazer system shows that improving the way we do things can go hand in hand with preserving our environment, and at the same time provide efficiency gains to all parties involved in the process"
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About Grazer Pty Ltd

Grazer was established in 1999 by the CEO, John Martin and is a specialised Australian software company providing solutions for efficient graphical management of assets. Grazer offers an intuitive software package that will graphically display building models with operational data attached to every feature of the buildings design.