



There's a huge push right now to "Buy Australian-Made"

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A Roy Morgan Gallup Poll found that 90% of Australians would prefer to buy Australian Made if they could find it

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A new YouGov survey found that 88% of Australians believe we should make more essential products at home and rely less on Chinese imports

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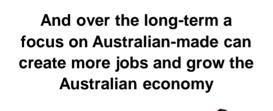
In the recent budget, the Federal government allocated \$1.5 billion to help grow Australian manufacturing

This increased demand for Australian-made provides a huge opportunity for Australian businesses

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If each household in Australia spent an additional \$50 per week on locally made products it would inject \$30 billion a year into the economy If every Australian made a one-off purchase of \$100 of locally produced goods it would support 3,000 jobs

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#### Here's what you'll learn today

My four step system to sourcing Australian-made products:

- 1. Decide what to sell
- 2. Estimate what it should cost to make
- 3. Find the right manufacturer
- 4. Negotiate a win-win

We'll also show you lots of case studies that have applied this system

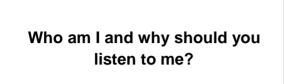
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#### Who is this system relevant for: Online sellers – eBay, Amazon, Gumtree, Shopify, FB etc... Retailers Wholesalers, agents and distributors Sellers of info products wanting to diversify Sellers of info products wanting to add a "subscription box" of consumables to their offering Importers wanting to localize their supply chain to Australia

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#### **Steve Eagle**

- Studied Sculpture and worked in Auto/Aerospace prototyping/production
- Moved into Product Development, Cost Estimating and Purchasing
- Sourced over 1.5 billion dollars' worth of products over more than 3,500 projects, all over the world in the last 22 years
- Worked for large companies like Ford and Toyota for 14 years, sourcing and selecting suppliers globally while side hustling (up until 2008)
- Life changing moment 2008. Stopped full time work in 2016... lasted 6 wks
  Now applying the strategies you'll learn today in my businesses and to help smaller businesses source Australian-made products in a way that is competitive with cheaper imports

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#### Common way to start – what NOT to do Come up with a product idea, eg by researching on Amazon,

- Jungle Scout, etc, to see what's popular
- Find a supplier on Alibaba
- Negotiate with the supplier to make a few changes to it to make it unique, and brand it with your own logo
- Order and pay for your first shipment, based on supplier's MOQ
- Once the product arrives, start marketing on Amazon, eBay, or your own ecommerce store
- Cross your fingers and hope that it sells!









Let's dispel the myth that Australia can't compete with cheap foreign imports

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#### **Reasons to source Australian-made**

- 1. You eliminate the cost of international shipping, which averages about 35% of the cost of any imported products
- You're working in Australian dollars, so there's no exchange rate risk, and no hedging required. Most imports are priced in US dollars, and the exchange rate with AUD can be volatile
- Australian manufacturers often use automation instead of labour, so the impact of Australia's more expensive labour rates is not as high as you'd expect

#### **Reasons to source Australian-made**

- By working closely with your Australian manufacturer, you can often find ways to reduce costs without reducing quality – and negotiate without the language and cultural barriers
- 5. It's much quicker to go from concept to cash if you're sourcing locally, eg you can get samples shipped to you overnight
- 6. By sourcing directly from an Australian manufacturer you cut out any "middle-men" taking their cut

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#### **Reasons to source Australian-made**

- 7. By working directly with an Australian manufacturer you may be able to organise a drop-shipping arrangement
- You can work with your Australian manufacturer to design a unique product, adding features that are superior to others on the market (including imports), so you can charge a premium
- 9. People are prepared to pay a premium for a product that is Australian made, Australian owned, Australian built, Australian grown, or developed with Australian ideas

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The ACCC states that things need to be "substantially transformed" in Australia, which means they are "fundamentally different in identity, nature or essential character from all of their imported ingredients or components"

Changing the form or appearance of imported components is not seen as a "substantial transformation". Eg Putting oil in a capsule is not enough







Step One Choose a product you know can compete with imports

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#### **5 Criteria That Make It Competitive With Imports**

- 1. Not a commodity, so you can charge a premium for better quality
- 2. There is a demand for a higher quality product
- 3. Local Australian manufacturers are available
- 4. Manufacture uses automation rather than hand-crafting, so the labour component is smaller
- 5. Government grants and incentives may be available

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# Niches and products that fit the criteria Electronics and Computers Garden and Tools Beauty and Healthcare Groceries and FMCG Toys, Kids and Baby Clothing Shoes and Bags Handmade Jewelry Sports and Outdoors Eco-Sustainable, biodegradable and organic products

#### Niches and products to avoid

- Safety devices
- · Products requiring training to use
- Products with "specific claims" on the labelling
- Products that you don't understand yet (estimate/benchmark)
  Note:
- Brand Sensitive Niches can be challenged with innovation or pricing but requires significant marketing "know how"

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### Throughout this workshop we'll share case studies of no-money-down problem solving

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#### Become a problem solver

- Four no-money-down, problem solving strategies:
- 1. Wholesale find and fulfil a need for a purchaser of bulk products (eg skateboards, eco-friendly loo paper)
- Opportunity-driven help an existing importer or inventor replace their products with Australian-made (eg trailer accessory, violins)
- 3. Pre-sell provide a branded, Australian-made product to a retailer (eg beard trimmer)
- Partner help reduce costs / improve quality for an existing contract to supply government or corporate (eg practice bullets)\_\_\_\_\_

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#### Wholesale strategy

- 1. Find a hot product that isn't available in Australia
- 2. Approach the overseas supplier and arrange a distribution agreement for some component parts
- 3. Ask for samples
- 4. Source as many components as possible locally
- 5. Make sales in bulk at trade shows and direct to retailers
- 6. Order and fulfil

## The problem:

"I (and lots of others) wanted to enjoy snow boarding all year round"

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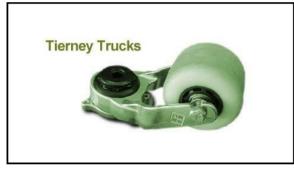
Tierney Skateboards

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Results	
Cost per board:	
<ul> <li>Wheels (imported from Tierney Rides)</li> </ul>	\$9.33
<ul> <li>Board (sourced locally)</li> </ul>	\$68.00
Kit cost	\$77.33
Wholesale price	\$150.00
Profit per board	\$72.67
Retail	\$240.00
No Amazon, No Shopify, No Facebook, No S Phone, No Laptop & With a Day Job	mart
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Knowing this puts you in a much stronger negotiating position

Let's look in more detail at a "Cost Estimate" How to Source Australian-Made Products

#### What is a Cost Estimate?

- A way to understand the cost of a product, including materials, labour, processes and market factors for your location
- A living document that improves over the lifetime of your product
- A powerful analysis and negotiation tool that delivers healthy profit to all while still being massively competitive

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# Step 1 – understand the materials

- What materials are there?
- How much do they weigh?
- Is there any critical feature based in the materials used?
- Are there any purchased parts?
- Make a list. This is your Bill of Materials or BoM

#### Step 2 - identify processes and labour

- Is it mass produced or crafted?
- What are the main features? (bends, surfaces, holes, fitments)
- How much manual labour is needed vs automation? (assembly, manual processes)

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#### Step 3 - where will you make it?

- Labour rates
- Utilities
- Access to materials (only if some unique feature is required)
- Access to transport

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Product Cost Estimate - Beard Trim



 $\underline{https://www.aumanufacturing.com.au/its-time-to-bring-electronics-manufacturing-home}$ 

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# Wahl 5 Star Magic Cordless Clipper - X AfterPay & zipPay Available from Catch.com.au \*\*\*\*\*\* 13 product reviews The moving top blade is made up of square teeth, alternating from tall to short creating a stagger tooth effect. Unlike our standard blades where all teeth are the same and cut ... more >

\$156.95

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Construction Construction		Items	Direct/Indirect Material cost	Machine/Labour Rate per hr	Cycle Time (Seconds)	Cost Estimate	
Supplier Profitability @100%	Manufactured Cost		\$ 9.14		128.5	\$ 9.88	Per Piece
	Factory Mark-up	1009				\$ 9.88	1
	Ex works Piece Price					\$ 19.76	Per Piece
Shipping Charges paid by Customer	Customs Clearance	1000 40% 1000	s - s - s -	s - s - s -		s - s - s -	
	Total Landed Cost My profit per unit		of Fx Works			\$ 19.76	Per Piece
Profit Modeling	Wholesale Price	1529	of Ex Works			\$ 30.03	
i tone modeling	Retail Price Retailers profit		of Ex Works of Wholesale			\$ 57.99 \$ 27.96	
	Netallers profit	939	of Wholesale			\$ 27.90	
	Excellent Excellent Data Drive	Profit for	Retail	Partner	s = 0		th





Results				
Cost	of beard trimmer (manufactured locally)	\$19.76		
Whol	esale	\$30.03		
<ul> <li>Profit</li> </ul>	per unit	\$10.27		
<ul> <li>Retai</li> </ul>	1	\$57.99		
<ul> <li>Retai</li> </ul>	iler's profit	\$27.96		
\$27,960 fo	If you sell 1,000 per month, that's \$10,270/month profit for you and \$27,960 for your retail partners which means they will sell your product for you all day long!			
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#### Results

•	Cost of beard trimmer (manufactured locally)

- Advertising or Platform Commission (15%)
- Retail Price
- Take Home Profit

it \$22.73

\$19.76

\$7.50

\$49.99

If you sell 1,000 per month, that's \$22,730/month profit for you and your family!!



#### **Eco-friendly toilet paper**

- A client in Australia was sourcing eco-friendly bamboo toilet paper from China to sell to McDonalds and the Australian Government
- Using my sourcing system he pivoted to Australian-made...and found a supplier in Qld who price-matched his Chinese supplier
- We also helped him qualify for the Indigenous Business Australia Program, to get massive government support

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#### **Eco-friendly toilet paper**

- He's now gearing up to supply the Australian government and McDonalds with Australian-made, eco-friendly toilet paper from an Australian supplier at prices usually only seen in Asia!
- His long term goal is to export Aussie-made, eco-friendly loo paper, at China-competitive prices. The icing on the cake is that he will also qualify for Australian export grants
- He already has his first order for 14,000 maxi rolls from a NSW local council













#### **Steve Baker**

- Business Coach based in Hervey Bay
- · Desire to leave a legacy business for the family
- Began his sourcing journey in May 2019
- · Has been kicking massive goals in the last 7 months
- Approached an inventor / distributor who had designed an innovative product that solves a problem for anyone with a trailer
- They had large global orders (over 50,000 units per month from the US and Europe), so any cost savings on manufacturing would be substantial

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#### Usual process to source imports

- Research Amazon, Jungle Scout, Merchant Words, Helium10
   etc to see what's selling
- · Research Alibaba to find a similar product
- Approach the supplier on Alibaba, or find a sourcing agent to identify a manufacturer (adding the cost of a middle-man)
- Many people try to "learn as you go" which is expensive and has a 95%+ failure rate to generate profit in the 1<sup>st</sup> year. They waste money on more ads, trying to get a poorly-chosen product to sell

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#### Problem faced by most importers

- Because they fail to do a cost estimate, fail to find the perfect manufacturer for them, and fail to negotiate well, they end up paying about 50% more for their product than they should
- They are usually dealing in USD, so if the Australian dollar falls they risk big losses
- Add on the cost of shipment, insurance and customs (about another 35%), and most imported products are not as cheap as you'd expect

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#### Where to find Australian manufacturers

- Google search for suppliers in your industry and preferred location (e.g. Metal fabrication Melbourne)
- Visit Austrade.gov.au and search by industry or product
- Visit <u>https://www.australianmanufacturing.com.au</u>
- Contact the Chamber Of Commerce (Auscham)
- Go to trade shows and trade events that feature your product, similar products or similar industries
- A new resource for Australian producer/buyer match making: The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Center (this will be big) https://www.amgc.org.au/

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#### 1. Proactive and responsive

- Does your supplier respond promptly to emails or missed calls and answer all of your questions clearly?
- Does your supplier follow up if you don't reply back?
- Does your supplier explain their business in a way that you understand and highlight points critical to your product? (i.e. supply or material issues)

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#### 2. Expertise, experience and longevity

- How long have they been in business and how stable are they? (3yrs+ preferred)
- What level of experience do they have with your materials and assembly?
- Do they have in-house expertise that can help develop your product?

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# 4. Right size and scale to support and grow with you The Goldilocks principle: Not too Big! Not too Small! Just right!



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# 5. Good score on Supplier Selection Checklist Steve has a 29 point Supplier Selection checklist that automatically calculates a Compatibility score: <50% = too high risk</li> 50-75% = worth considering >75% = yes, good match

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### **Be Prepared!**

- The more info you have the better
- Take a similar product or sample with you
- If your design is sensitive use a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA)
- Define your product specifications (Drawings, CAD, Bill of Materials)
- Know the critical quality features of your product and what is acceptable / not acceptable (create boundary samples)
- Have an open mind

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#### **Olaf The Violin-Maker**

- Was sourcing average quality violins that took weeks of work to bring them up to his standard
- Followed the sourcing process to "Buy like an Eagle"
- Found an ideal manufacturer using European woods
- Worked with his chosen manufacturer to create much better quality products, that took him just a few hours to bring up to standard
- Result 4,300% productivity improvement, margins of 1000%+
   Olaf can now produce in 2 months what would usually take him 7
- years and sales have immediately accelerated!

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# Olaf The Violin-Maker

This has freed up Olaf's time to do marketing:

- Created a YouTube channel and has over 37,700 subscribers
- Joint Venturing with well-known violinists Two-set (2.4 million YouTube subscribers)
- · Become a celebrity in his niche
- · Building a brand and an IP asset
- Globally Competitive and Sought After
- Earlier this year Olaf sold more in one month than he previously did in an entire quarter in 2019. He broke his sales record and is now expanding his brand and products

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#### **Results**

- Initial costs were \$7 per round for 50cal, and \$4 per round for 9mm
- Using similar materials, product was about 2.5 times over-priced
- By changing materials and process, I was able to further reduce cost
   Overall result was an increased profit for the distributor of 150%, and
- a reduction in cost to the Department of Defence
- For 24 year old Steve this produced a 6-figure income secured for 3 years based on delivery of first sample order. But this required only 12 hours a month to deliver meaning he could keep his day job if he wanted to

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When negotiating with an Australian manufacturer, focus on "how we can work together to compete with foreign imports"

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Creating Value NOT Reducing Cost should be what sets the "Hard Limits" of your negotiation

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## **Negotiation Strategy – price**

- Approach the negotiation by discussing process and capability in order to assess if the manufacturer meets your production and design requirements
- 2. If they clear the Supplier Selection process, request a quote
- 3. Compare the quote to your Cost Estimate. Adjust your Cost Estimate if necessary, and identify any gaps
- 4. Meet with the manufacturing team sales, finance, operations and leadership to discuss the gaps and close them

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#### **Negotiation Strategy – price**

5. "Based on the information shared, and considering materials, labour and process costs we have a gap I'd like to close, I believe a fair price should be \$X. Can you please help me understand how you got \$Y"

Either:

- They can't explain it, and the price is then negotiable to \$X as estimated OR
- They explain it well (therefore adjusting the estimate) and you accept \$Y, in which case the product design becomes negotiable to keep the price at \$X
   Repeat the process until all gaps are closed \$X=\$Y

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# **Negotiation Strategy – MOQ**

The best way to negotiate on MOQs is...to side-step it all together!

- Once you've agreed a price, place a sample order, eg 5 pieces
   Explain that you need to test and ensure they are the right partners for you. Also for you to take photos, make videos, and make sales
- 3. Use the samples to get your first order (eg 100 pieces) and place an order for "sales samples"
- 4. Continue selling, and order as needed

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# **Negotiation Preparation Sheet**

- I complete a Negotiation Preparation Sheet for every major negotiation I go into
- This has saved me millions of dollars over the last 22 years The components are:
- · Details of product, Cost Estimate, lead time requirement
- · Names and positions of each decision-maker
- "Current affairs", eg economic factors affecting pricing
- Topics to be covered at the meeting

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		riegotia	tion Prep-Sheet		
				Date	e:DD/MM/YY
Product Name	linktoproduct.com		Supplier	XYZ Corporation	
			Primary Contact	Ben - 0123 444 555	
Cost Estimate:	\$Value		Meeting Attendees	Contact Info	Role
Lead time requirement:	Day/Month/Year	Time window	Ben	ben@xvzcorp.com	Finance
			Jane	jane@xvzcorp.com	Sales
Destination Port:	East Coast USA		Sally	sally@xyzcorp.com	Operations
			Robert	robert@xyzcorp.com	GM
Agenda:			Current Affairs:		
1) Factory Tour			- Gov, assistance for innovation now available		
2) Product Requirements & Quality		- fire recovery still underway			
3) Delivery Requirements		- Dan Andrews to face vote of no confidence			
4) Material and currancy	adjustments				
5) 3rd Party relationship (hardware, logistics etc)		Rubber Materials Index	FX Rate Q3 2020		
totally 2 hrs			1.56p/kg (YCHARTS.com)	1USD = 1 40AUD	



Must Have Surface finish at hardness of X as tested with " Hardness test Process"	Nice to Have Labels and hardware passed through at cost - not a profit center	Can Sacrifice/Sweeten Lead time can be extended if order volume over 1000pcs	
Delivery time equal to 100pcs a week for 6 months	Ship in bulk for local repackaging for reduced packaging cost	Can provide hardness testing equipment and training to QA staff	
Amortized tooling over 2500 parts	Label product as HS9876 customs duty 5% save	6 months with no QA issues trigger	
Currancy exchange fluctuation of 5% triggers pricing review	Technical support on call 24/7 through Dec sales period	automatic 6 month extension	
If quality of surface is out of spec in more than 10% over 6 months warrenty claim is triggered, cost of return to be covered by manufacturer	Efficiency improvement price adjustments -3% after 1 year		
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