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Company Profile 2019

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Welcome



podion.
Empowering new learning.





The beginning

Our history begins in 1956 with the foundation of a small furniture making business. Today, the company known as Podion, is a third generation family business that continues to experience ongoing growth and success.

Always at the forefront, Podion [formerly Lectern Hub] is synonymous with the creation of innovative lecterns that integrate AV/IT technologies for use in lecture theatres, conference rooms, training rooms and other modern spaces.

Our lectern range encompasses podium, multimedia and wheelchair lecterns that exceed the selection criteria of educational facilities worldwide. Our lecterns are fit for intended purpose, of commercial grade quality and are ergonomically suitable.

Presenters find themselves interacting naturally, comfortably and seamlessly with digital content while teaching.

Integrators appreciate the innovative accessibility that offers ease of installation, trouble shooting and service of equipment.

We have a proven track record of working directly with end-users at Universities, Schools, Government Facilities as well as a host of Corporate Clients, in addition to working through AV Consultants, Dealers or Resellers, Architects and Interior Designers.

Podium lecterns



Multimedia lecterns



Wheelchair lecterns





Our success has been powered by;

- 40+ years experience in the education sector, operating as J.E.M. Joinery, then Jemson,
- our experience in high end custom commercial fit-outs and residential joinery,
- our exceptional team who are passionate and enthusiastic in all that they do,
- our ongoing commitment to invest in the latest manufacturing and design technologies, and;
- our abilities to adapt and evolve in response to industry changes and user needs.



The world of teaching and learning is changing

The world is changing at a rapid pace, driven by science and technology, and enabled in large part by ever more powerful computers and lightning-fast communications.

How and what we teach in our education system is being reshaped to keep up to date with the growing demands of the 21st century.

Institutions are shifting away from passive learning to flexible learning environments that can easily accommodate changes in technology and is not locked in to one particular mode of teaching.

There is growing demand for flexible and adaptable furniture that supports;

- Collaborative spaces - that encourage group work and sharing of ideas with a central teaching point for explicit instructions
- Interactive spaces - that encourage student movement, exploration and participation in a variety of activities
- Informal spaces - that offers students a range of places to engage in learning activity



The shift towards active learning environments

Prominent Australian universities have come to Podion to help create technical furniture solutions that foster active learning environments. We have been able to draw on our extensive commercial joinery experience to rapidly evolve our product range.

In addition to our lecterns, we now offer wall mounted lecterns, touchdown points, plinths, mobile computer stands, map tables and workstations.

We're excited to be able to support all educational institutions to be innovative and confident to implement the solutions they need to enable their students to thrive in a fast-paced world.





Our Evolution to Podion

Our name change from **Lectern Hub** to **Podion** on 1 July 2019 and our brand tag-line “**Empowering new learning**” ;

- reinforces our recognition that educational institutions need to integrate new pedagogy, technology and space to ensure students are equipped with the skills to cope in a world dependent on technology, and
- represents our ability to empower those institutions and deliver Australian innovation to the worldwide market.

Our Milestones

1956

Andreas Molnar migrates from Germany to Australia and establishes a furniture making company.

1980

Andrea's son Julius Molnar, and wife, Elizabeth begin trading as J.E.M. Joinery after the passing of Andreas.

J.E.M. Joinery manufactures joinery and construction for RMIT University for 15+ years, in addition to high end custom furniture for residential and government sector.



2000

Andrew Molnar joins J.E.M. Joinery and takes the company from strength to strength.

2004

J.E.M. Joinery is renamed Jemson Pty Ltd.

Andrew Molnar becomes Partner.



2004

Jemson purchases a new factory in Hallam, Victoria.



2004

Jemson invests in the most advanced plant and equipment in modern joinery production, complete with fully automated computerised cutting and machinery.



2004

Jemson launches its first website jemson.com.au to showcase lecterns, computer desks, height adjustable tables, chairs and other technical furniture.

1999

J.E.M. Joinery collaborates with audio-visual companies and architects to rapidly expand the lectern business into the educational sector.

2004

Lecterns are manufactured in the Jemson factory alongside commercial and residential fit-outs and bespoke joinery.



Our Milestones



2005

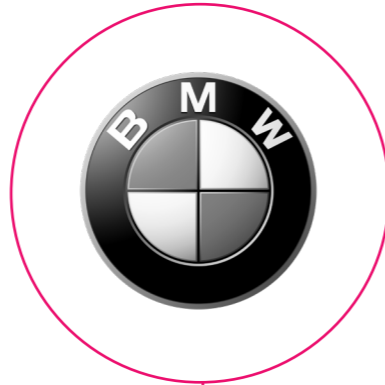
Jemson experiences rapid growth balancing residential fit-outs (e.g. Ravid Homes), commercial fit-outs (e.g. Hewlett Packard, Phillip Morris) with bespoke joinery and lecterns.



2008

Jemson enters the automotive fit-out space with the roll out of the Launceston BMW fit-out.

Jemson refurbishes over 50 dealerships over the next 10+ years.



2014

Jemson becomes the official contractor of choice for the production and installation of BMW CI-Retail elements for authorised BMW dealers and MINI Garages in Australia.



2015

Jemson is awarded the project management role for rolling out the three brands for BMW - BMW, Motorrad and MINI.



2015

Jemson launches a redesigned website jemson.com.au aimed at the automotive and commercial fit-out market.

2005

Jemson continues to manufacture lecterns for architects, the Australian Government sector and Australian universities, including Victoria University, RMIT and Latrobe University.



2010

Jemson collaborates with Monash University and the University of Melbourne. First generation POD-4, MML and MML-WC range are released.



2015

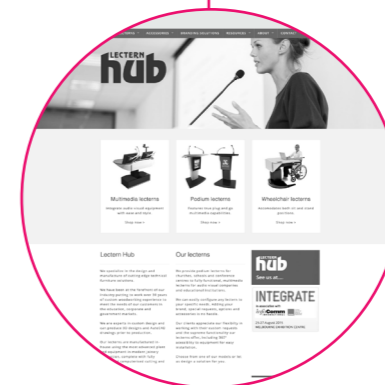
Jemson launches a new division, Lectern Hub Pty Ltd.

Lectern Hub continues to operate from Jemson but becomes a separate entity to accommodate growth.



2015

Lectern Hub launches a new website lecternhub.com.au



2015

Lectern Hub launches its first lectern catalogue.





2018

Lectern Hub enters the overseas markets with the export of lecterns to Dubai, Mexico, USA and other countries.

2015

Lectern Hub launches its new identity at Integrate, Australia's premier annual audio-visual and integration trade show.



2017

Lectern Hub releases the POD-X, its first complete aluminium AV height adjustable lectern with no timber components.



2017

Lectern Hub moves into a brand new facility with large stock holding capacity, assembly zone and a modern 2 storey office and showroom.



2018

Lectern Hub launches its lectern range at the Infocomm Audiovisual and Integrated Experience Trade Show, in Las Vegas USA.



2019

Lectern Hub is renamed Podion on 1 July 2019.



2019

Podion launches the new website podionglobal.com





Innovative

Podion innovation fits perfectly into every type of space where people come together – today, and long into the future.

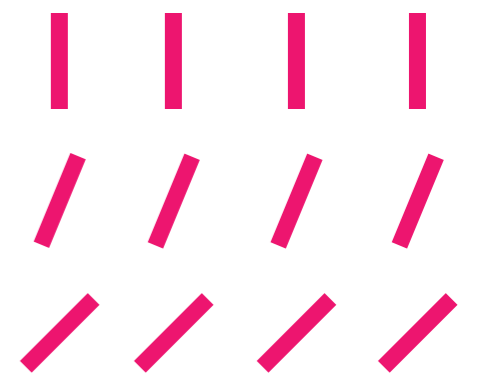
AV/IT technologies are rapidly converging. Modern learning environments that foster stimulating, interactive and immersive content are quickly becoming the norm.

Education institutions are increasingly turning to technology to better prepare and engage students.

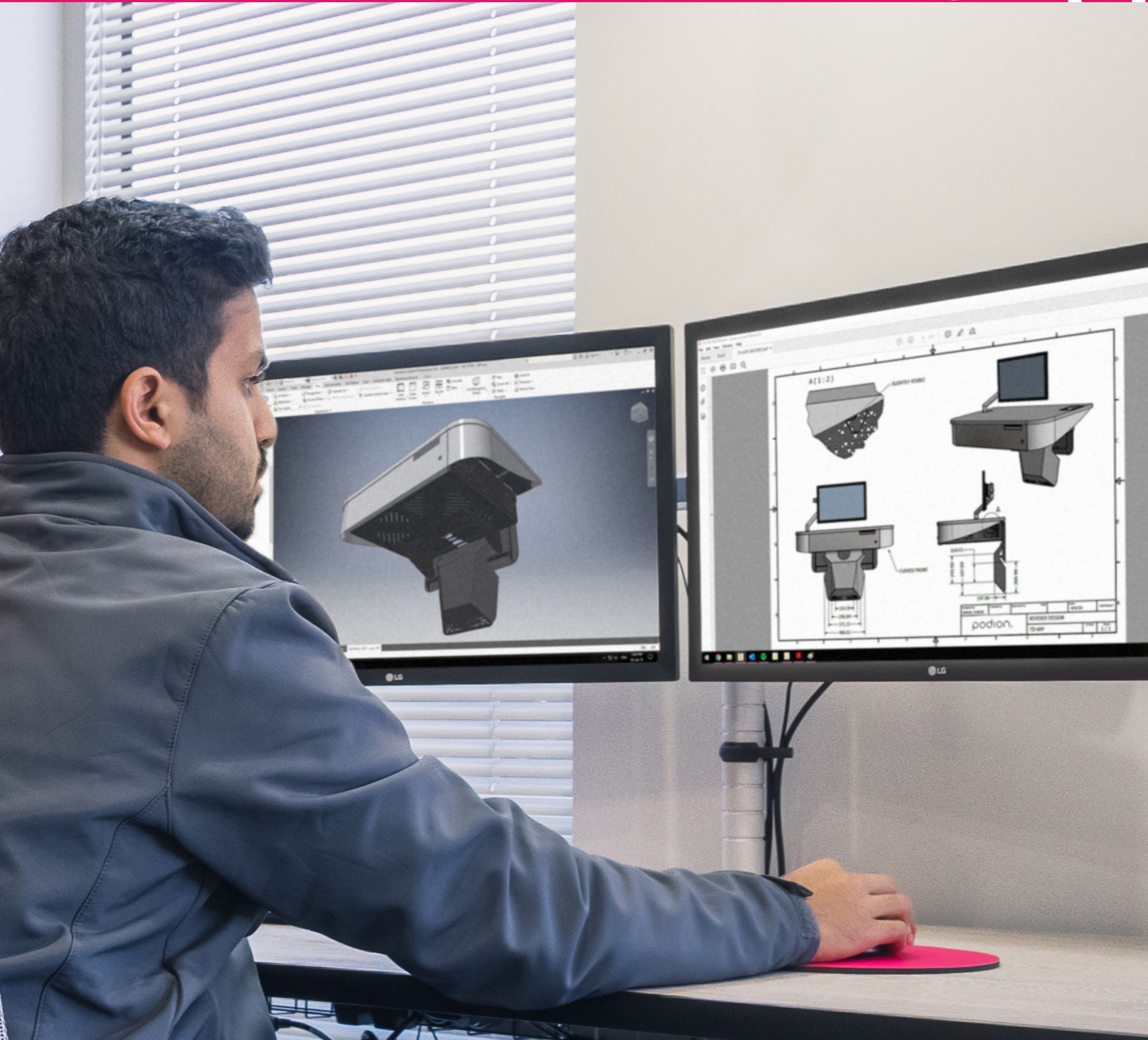
Corporations are demanding powerful integrated solutions that deliver multimedia presentations for large teams, whole-of-business events, and training rooms that effectively engage their audience.

Podion constantly monitors these new developments and technologies so we can innovate, evolve and continue to deliver the newest and best innovations to our clients.

Our active engagement in R&D has produced core components that offer unmatched functionality not available elsewhere. Our lecterns combine functionality, durability, reliability with style and custom solutions - earning global recognition and inclusion in educational institutions around the world. Be it in a classroom, lecture theatre, conference room, board room, assembly hall or training room.



Leaning into the future



Collaborative

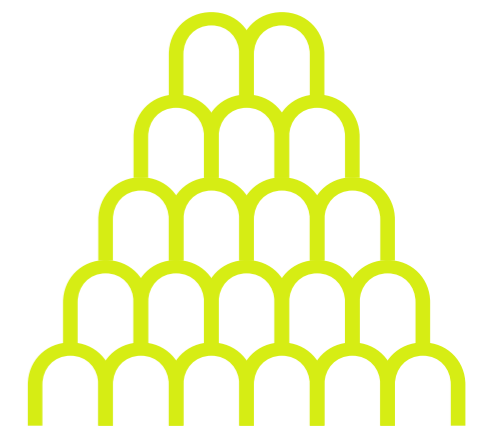
Podion collaborates with audio-visual companies, architects and universities every day, to create world-leading solutions.

We work as a team and handle all-sized projects, from the single class-room requiring projection and presentation systems, through to a multi-location university campus requiring a full suite of lecterns and collaborative furniture.

No matter what the project demands we have the in-house resources, technical expertise and manufacturing capabilities to get the job done right. It's why we have such an enviable track record of exceeding architectural styling briefs, functional requirements and user needs.

We can provide full 3D rendered drawings and prototypes prior to manufacture and encourage feedback to produce the optimal solution. A solution that is long lasting and highly adaptable to rapidly evolving technology.

Let's create more effective collaborative learning spaces together and start building and developing the skills for the future.



Building together

Our Values



Trusted

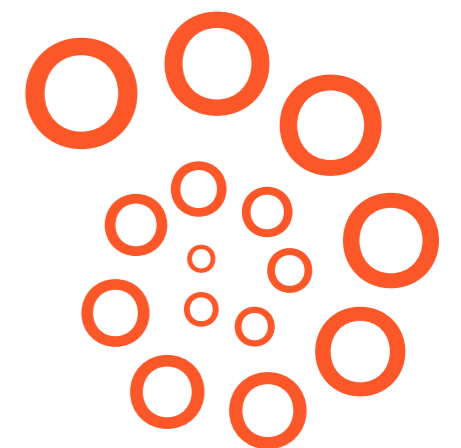
Customer service is important to us.

We are a genuine partner to our clients. We pride ourselves on our outstanding reputation for building long-lasting client relationships that go well beyond one-time projects.

We are respected for our 'can do' approach and build relationships based on trust, integrity and teamwork.

It's why our network continues to grow and it's how we drive a culture of innovation and collaboration that allows our people to make the most of their remarkable skills and experience. We really do enjoy delivering value to each project.

We look forward to continually expanding our products and services to meet our client needs in the rapidly evolving environment.



Ever expanding network

Meet the Team



We've had an amazing journey coming to where we are today. We have sourced an incredible group of enthusiastic and friendly people who are accessible, approachable and responsive.

Our Team has extensive skill in the following areas;

- Giving you the best possible experience in working with us
- Creating innovative, functional designs from the ground up
- Modifying existing designs to suit your exact needs
- Answer queries over the phone, via email or video teleconferencing

We always strive to exceed our customer's expectations. We encourage video teleconferencing to help us connect, listen and collaborate with our customers. This not only enhances their experience with Podion but boosts their confidence in our products and service.



John Spezza
Sales Manager



Samuel Purdie
Lead Designer



Swaroop Shridar
Design Engineer



Ethan Ngieng
Design Engineer

What our peers say



My name is Peter Nanscawen and I am a Capital Works Project Manager at University of Melbourne (UoM), responsible for the capital and infrastructure upgrades in teaching spaces at UoM, the number one ranked university in Australia.

Three years ago, I was delegated to be part of a working group assembled to review teaching delivery points at the university. As our research evolved, we made enquiries with Lectern Hub and a developmental relationship was formed.

Lectern Hub [Podion] proved to be excellent listeners with a brilliant capacity to fabricate a conceptual design. The service is very attentive and the ability to deliver on time, as well as to urgency time constraints, has proved invaluable in every instance.

The workmanship is the quality of luxury standards. As such, the Lectern Hub [Podion] iterations of the UoM design have become the standard recommended in the UoM Design Guidelines and we are yet to find a supplier of comparable standard to compete with the Lectern Hub product.

We have installed approximately 35 new units to shared teaching spaces over the past 3 years. I have been extremely pleased with all our dealings with Lectern Hub [Podion], from initial concept design to multi-unit delivered, and particularly proud of the product, being both aesthetically pleasing and functionally compliant.

I am happy to discuss any aspect of our relationship with prospective clients and will gladly field any enquiry to discuss the details.

- Peter Nanscawen, University of Melbourne

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