

NELSON PRINTER (THE COPY PRESS) BUYS NEW RELEASE BOOK BINDER

Nelson digital printer, The Copy Press, is the first in New Zealand to have purchased the new Duplo DuBinder released at drupa last year, a move it says will widen its niche in the self-publishing market.

Director Dave MacManus, who owns the Stoke-based digital printing company along with his wife Philippa, says he's passionate about the publishing market he operates in because "everyone has a story to tell."

He has clients all over New Zealand and in the five years the MacManus' have owned the business, they've published literally hundreds of titles for families, individuals, schools and clubs.

"We have always bound our own books, but we had the original book binding machine that came with the business which was adequate at the time. However, with our work load as it is it had become the source of a bottle neck because it was hand operated," he says.

"We needed something much faster which produced a better quality job, and gave us much fewer overs."

He says TS Wilson Jnr Ltd had always been very helpful to them since they took over the business, advising on equipment needs and when it came to a new perfect binding machine they had come up trumps.

"This machine runs a lot faster and does a much neater finish than what we'd been achieving previously. And now we have the capacity to offer perfect binding to other printers," Dave says.

The new Duplo also means they can be of more use to the small run publishers who are part of their customer base.

The new fully automatic Duplo DPB-500 features a single clamp design which allows an output of up to 525 cycles per hour. It has a user friendly touch screen monitor to allow the operator to quickly adjust the programme and it will save up to 20 different jobs.

It has been designed with the short-run market in mind and it requires minimal operator skills.

TS Wilson's Geoff Wilson says that once the size change is completed from one job to another, the cover feed section has controls that give the operator the ability to make any fine adjustments. This system has a sensor to detect missed and double feeds and various cover types. It also has two modes, one for books the same thickness and the variable mode for jobs requiring the ability to run various book thicknesses.



Dave MacManus with his new perfect binder.