

Cloud solutions

FOR YOUR

CAFE

AS A CAFÉ OWNER, YOU KNOW THAT TIME IS EVERYTHING. BUSY DAYS JUGGLING STAFF, ROSTERS, CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS MAKE IT HARD TO KEEP ON TOP OF RUNNING YOUR BUSINESS FINANCES WITH THE BOOKKEEPING PUSHED FURTHER DOWN YOUR PRIORITY LIST.



There are lots of brilliant software solutions available to make running a busy café easier. Whether its online accounting through Xero, a point-of-sale (POS) system, online ordering & loyalty solutions, or software that manages your weekly employee scheduling, the multitude of options can be dizzying.

Let's take a closer look at our top business apps for cafés to show you how they can help you. These apps made our list because they are all cloud based, they integrate & connect with each other and they include the features you need most to manage your cafe.

Being able to drive your business from a platform that is flexible & secure, can run from work, home or on the go, is essential. Cloud software offers you all this and more! It means the end of cumbersome software and hardware that can only be accessed by one person in the one spot. The best apps are cost effective and easy to use. They allow you to stay connected with your team, customers and suppliers.

At the centre of your cloud software stack is Xero. Xero is an online accounting system that has an abundance of time saving features. Best of all you can log in at the café or from home. The software is easy to use and there is inbuilt help and video tutorials to access.

Daily bank feeds make reconciling your accounts a breeze and automated super payments take the hassle out of paying staff superannuation. You can set your staff up with the Xero app to complete their timesheets on their phone, making it even easier to process your payroll.

However, if you struggle with staff rostering, attendance clocking on and off, calculating payroll with overtime and penalty rates then Deputy is a great add-on app for Xero. Deputy allows you to publish rosters and notify employees

of their shifts by email or SMS. Timesheets are approved in Deputy and exported to Xero payroll with a click.

Central to your café is a good POS system which should help in a variety of ways. The ordering and payment functions should be quick and simple to use and allow for easy item lookup, split bills, credit card processing and receipt printing. The better systems will also include sales reporting to show you those items selling well, customer membership and loyalty programs, stock control and the ability to work on and off-line.

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We love these cloud POS systems for cafés and they all integrate with Xero.

Kounta is a café inspired POS system that tracks not only your sales but your inventory, menus, customers, employees, vendors, and purchases. Kounta is lightning fast and can keep on working even when the internet is down. It also supports a wide array of printers, barcode scanners, credit card swipers, PIN pads, and cash drawers.

Square is a tap and go card reader that accepts debit and credit cards and comes with a free POS app. Square connects to any iPad for a neat point of sale stand. Download the free Square POS app, plug in the hardware and you're ready to accept a variety of payment methods. Key features include

the ability to email or SMS receipts to customers, print coffee orders and generate sales reports.

Impos is a complete end-to-end POS solution. If you are after POS software that is packed with features, then Impos is worth a closer look. It can manage rostering, inventory tracking, sales reporting, membership & loyalty, online ordering, faster payment methods, split bills and more.

Tyro is a business bank account with counter top & mobile EFTPOS terminals that can be linked to your existing POS system. The terminals are fast and reliable with payments processed in less than 2 seconds and 99.9% uptime. Connecting Tyro and Xero will save you time by allowing you to pay your bills directly from Xero. No more logging into internet banking to pay your suppliers.

Your café does not need expensive software to run efficiently but your software needs to be available when and where you need it. There are so many cloud software options out there to make your café work smarter and faster so why wait? Get in the cloud today.

Sandra Magann runs SeaChange Accounting in Port Macquarie on the Mid North Coast of NSW. The use of smart technology solutions allows her to guide Café owners around the country through the complexity of running their business in this unique industry. Her clients are provided with tailored solutions, reducing the many hours spent doing paperwork and allowing them to focus on the far more beneficial 'people' side of the business. Sandra and the team know and understand the café business including complex GST rules. SeaChange are happy to chat with you about your specialised accounting needs.

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