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<b>Website System Checklist</b> The following is designed to provide you with an assessment checklist that relates to the selection of the website options under consideration. The capabilities listed below are a combination of the most common requests / questions being asked by business people that we speak to when they are considering an upgrade to their current website or establishing their first website as a start up business.		
Have you seen a demonstration of their Content Management System? Being able to create and edit content yourself allows you to avoid ongoing costs. Make sure you see a demonstration of the system.	Webforce 5	Other Website Developers 1. 2. 3.
<b>Do other systems provide Free advice and support?</b> Having access to dedicated "Australian" based support staff will ensure you realise the full potential your website presents.	$\checkmark$	
Is the website hosted in Australia? Websites hosted outside of Australia or in inferior hosting environments may load slowly and/or be unstable or lack the security you require.	$\checkmark$	
<b>Can you manage Search Engine visibility yourself?</b> Having the ability to optimise your website to search engines yourself will save you thousands of dollars.	$\checkmark$	
<b>Can you send newsletters or other online alerts or promotions via the website?</b> The ability to communicate with your prospects/customers for free saves money and enhances your relationship with stakeholders	$\checkmark$	
Is the shopping cart an integrated system or has it been "bolted-on"? An integrated system will usually be more stable than external systems and will avoid any additional costs.	$\checkmark$	
<b>Do you get a personalised design service?</b> A custom look and feel enhances your image and supports your branding objectives in a way that "templated" systems cannot.	$\checkmark$	
<b>Can you create a staff extranet (staff login area)?</b> Creating a central portal for staff that contains business processes and staff resources provides efficiencies to and adds value to the business	$\checkmark$	
<b>Can you integrate social media within the website?</b> Social media integration will help drive traffic to your website, make you look contemporary and provide another option for interaction with your target audience.	$\checkmark$	
<b>Do you receive free upgrades to the website software?</b> Technology changes quickly. Having a system that is continually enhanced for free protects your investment and keeps you current.	$\checkmark$	
<b>Do you receive all of the functionality (modules) for free?</b> Business changes. Integrating new functionality in the future can be expensive and in many cases may not be possible.	$\checkmark$	
<b>Does the website system provide you with reports on the traffic to your website?</b> Detailed scoping documentation will remove ambiguity and help you avoid frustrations and unexpected costs.	$\checkmark$	