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BMus (CCM),
Qualified Carpenter ,
Front-End Developer

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🎓 Education

- Level 5 Diploma in Web Design and IT at Whitecliffe College (95% + average)
- Level 4 Certificate in Carpentry (2019)
- Bachelor's Degree in Contemporary Christian Music – BMus (2015)
- Completed Introduction to Computer Science (COMP103) at Waikato University (2012)
- NCEA Level 3 with Excellence (Te Kuiti High School, 2012)

✂ Core Values

- Communication is key
- There is always something new to learn
- Team-work makes the dream work
- Flexibility
- Strive for excellence

References available on request.

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Professional Profile

I am a quality driven carpenter with 6 years experience working in high-end residential homes throughout the Waikato and Canterbury regions. I work hard on my improving my skills wherever I can and enjoy all aspects of carpentry, from building homes to creating furniture that will last generations. I have worked in tight-knit teams for my entire professional career and thoroughly enjoy meeting new people. I have the ability and knowledge to hit the ground running and am confident that, with skills I do not currently possess, I learn quickly and complete them to a high standard. I also have experience in running small jobs and training apprentices which I enjoy doing.

Core Skills

- Efficient problem solving
- Fantastic interpersonal skills
- Physically fit
- Adaptable
- Always keen to learn new skills
- Attention to Detail

Work Experience

Residential Carpenter | M O Brown Builders

FEBRUARY 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

While working at M O Brown Builders, we worked mostly in teams of three, a foreman, qualified builder and an apprentice. My responsibilities were mainly to help train the apprentices and complete the majority of the building work while the foreman focused on managing the site and completing more complicated sections of the build.

Residential Carpenter | Waikato Homes

JUNE 2016 - DECEMBER 2020

I started at Waikato Homes fresh out of university and completed my apprenticeship within three years of starting (average completion time is four years). By the end of my time here I was the foreman for a few small jobs and helping my colleagues with all parts of their sites.

Shift Manager | Waitomo Orchards

FEBRUARY 2009 - MAY 2016

Skills (please turn over page)

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Problem Solving

During my time as a carpenter I oversaw multiple projects that required me to think on my feet to solve problems. One project that I thoroughly enjoyed was building a set of floating steps for the entrance to my previous employer's home. Working alone, it was not only a challenge to ensure the design would be structurally sound, but also to work out the best approach to the job on my own while maintaining efficiency. The finished result was an impressive set of stairs and one of the jobs I am most proud of.

Team-Work and Communication

In construction, it is often essential to work closely with a team to ensure that the job is completed safely, efficiently and to a high quality. I thrive when working in an environment where you have a team to bounce ideas off and keep you accountable for the work you produce. I believe that having a great team to work with and learn from helps hone your skills no matter what your industry and greatly improves the quality of the work you produce.

Adaptability

Having to apply my skills and knowledge in so many different ways has strengthened my ability to adapt and perform well in jobs that I have little to no experience in. I'm always willing to learn something new and thoroughly enjoy the learning process. During the course at Whitecliffe, I have found that relying only on the lectures has often left me lacking in the knowledge needed to complete my assignments and have had to seek out other online courses to supplement my learning. This has helped me earn an average of over 95% during my time at Whitecliffe.

Leadership

It was often my responsibility to help train younger apprentices and cover for the foreman when they were off-site. This includes a time where my foreman sustained an injury that saw him off work for nearly six weeks. In that time I was put in charge of liaising with my boss and sub-contractors while building a large deck with one of the apprentices. I also currently help lead the Youth Group at my church which involves organising, creating and running the games for up to 20 teenagers every Friday night.

Great Attention to Detail

I take great pride in all the work I undertake and strive to complete everything to the best of my ability. Working in high-end residential construction, I have learnt to pay close attention to the finer details and to take my time refining my skills to consistently produce high quality work.

Personal Interests and Volunteer Work

I have always had a big love for sport, particularly those that get the adrenaline pumping like surfing or snowboarding, but really anything with a ball I'm keen on too!

As a musician I am blessed to have had the opportunity to travel around NZ playing at ASB stadium in Wellington, country music festivals and most recently touring in an AC/DC tribute band I helped found.

Other hobbies I have include wood-working, painting and cooking. I also have a keen interest in travel and welcome new experiences in any shape or form.

I have always been heavily involved in volunteering at church, where I serve on the music team and, as mentioned above, help lead our Youth Group. Churches I have been a part of often do community out-reach projects like beach clean-ups, graffiti removal and garden clean-ups which I regularly put my hand up for.