

# Building excellent careers



The Livingstone brothers – David and Mike – were just 24 and 18 when they first bought into a Waikato construction business with roots dating back to 1947 in Te Awamutu.

These days, as Directors of award-winning Livingstone Builders, they are committed to offering excellent work opportunities to young people keen on careers in construction, just like they were.



Livingstone has a large pool of directly employed, highly skilled carpenters and a complementary apprenticeship scheme.



The team works across all key sectors including commercial, industrial, residential, and have a facilities and maintenance division for ongoing maintenance and small works.



## Zach's Top Career Tip

“You can teach skill, but you can't teach hard work. Your attitude makes all the difference!”

## ZACH POSA

Quantity Surveyor Cadet

Former St Paul's Collegiate student



FutureForce® sat down with Zach, a Quantity Surveyor Cadet, to talk about his role at Livingstone...

### ■ How did you get into this role?

I was originally interested in construction and becoming a builder. When I finished high school, I moved to Dunedin to study a Diploma in Quantity Surveying. I moved back to Hamilton when I was offered a cadetship with Livingstone.

### ■ What does your job involve?

There's quite a bit of admin work, managing drawings and specifications, sub-contractors, writing up weekly reports and making sure everything is up to date.

### ■ What kind of person would you recommend pursue a career like yours? **YOU NEED //**



good attention to detail



good communication skills



good relationships with people

Essentially, you're working with someone else's money and this could be the biggest investment they make. It can be a high stress environment, but you need to be polite and keep up those good communication skills.

### ■ What school subjects would you recommend someone else take that help in your role?

Maths // Accounting // English

### What advice would you give someone looking at this sort of work?

Uni is good but it really isn't everything. If you're a practical person, have a look at the trades. Do your research and don't be afraid to reach out - Quantity Surveyors are in demand both locally and internationally and provide a solid pathway into various construction careers.

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