

NEW OWNER

DEAN BRIDGMAN

Meet
THE
EXPERTS
FOCUS FEATURE

Congratulations, Dean, on being the proud new owner of the Sawtell Kitchen Centre.

You have a long association with this business; can tell us about it? My dad has worked at SKC for over 30 years and when I left school, I started working there as a labourer. I then moved to the big smoke and started managing a cabinet making business. I decided to move back to my hometown with my wife, and I am so proud to have now bought this local business, which has such a long history in the area. My younger brother has also just joined the team. SKC has always been a family owned and operated business, and I am continuing on the family values of honesty, reliability and loyalty.

You are a man of many talents. What skills do you bring to SKC? The team and myself have over 200 years' combined experience in the kitchen and trade industry. Because of this, we have sound knowledge on what would work best for your kitchen. The team also receive extensive, regular training, to ensure we are all kept up to date with current

trends, be it modern and sleek or traditional and timeless. Each kitchen is designed with quality craftsmanship and attention to detail, which ensures our customers have an amazing experience and is why they keep coming back.

Many come back for their second or third kitchen with us!

How will you make your mark on this business?

With a combination of my business experience and the team's industry specific experience, we have been able to really create some masterpieces for the home - a part of the home that people want to show off. Our team all work together to make each step of the way of what can sometimes be a big and stressful decision on kitchen features a smooth and enjoyable process.

Kitchens and bathrooms are what sell a



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Always compare the quality of the hardware and materials used and don't solely base your decision on price. A high quality kitchen will stand out ...

home; what advice do you give to anyone looking to build or renovate? Everybody values the kitchen space; it's the heart of the home and where families often spend the most time, so do your

research to optimise your layout and ensure there is a nice flow. You want a space that's functional and easy to work and live in.

Who has inspired you to get to where you are now? I have been very fortunate to have some amazing people in my life who have given

great advice and inspiration. My wife, family and friends have supported me and given me the drive to be successful. Special mention to my grandmother, who has always been a prominent member of the community and always been a hard worker; she has inspired me from a young age and has always been my biggest fan.

What plans do you have for 2018/2019?

We have big plans to extend into more custom made furniture in the near future. I already run Ashton Designs (check out our Facebook page) and feel that we can offer more custom pieces for those looking for that something extra to make their home really special.



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