



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
with Tim Goom

Spotlight on Talent: 2019 Young Landscaper of the Year!

In the October edition of Style Magazine we were excited to share with readers the success of Goom Landscapes at the 2019 Registered Master Landscaper 'Landscape of Distinction' awards.

A huge highlight of the awards for team Goom was when our very own George Trower was named Young Landscaper of the Year from a tough field of 9 finalists. His skills in terms of innovation, communication, leadership, career development and construction pushed him to the front of an extremely high calibre queue. With this national accolade under his belt, we thought it timely to shed some light on what drives George in his passion for landscaping:

What motivated you to become involved in the landscaping industry?

I grew up in the Waikato on a 40 hectare lifestyle property just out of the small rural town of Matamata. Living on a farm surrounded by native bush gave me a love for the environment and landscape. I gained a passion for construction through growing up with my father owning a building company which my grandfather started. These were the driving factors to pursue a career in the landscape industry. I moved to Christchurch to study at Lincoln University and graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture with Honours, during which I approached Goom Landscapes to complete the design based course requirements. Initially I worked with the design team, then the construction team. 2 and half years on I am a foreman.

What advice would you give to anyone considering a career in landscaping?

It is a competitive industry with some very talented designers and landscapers so you need to have an abiding passion and really want to be there to do well. A love of the outdoors and design and an eye for detail are vital. I also think remaining up to date with new methodologies is important, it is an industry which embraces innovators.



Before



After

by Goom

What is important to you in your own backyard? Describe your ultimate backyard?

For me, I want my outdoor space to have a focus on entertaining. I'm a fairly social creature, so my ultimate backyard would have a lush expansive lawn for backyard cricket contrasting with a detailed landscaped entertaining area including a built in BBQ bench and bespoke outdoor fire. Construction is in my blood and I'm pretty busy, so low maintenance is important to me, the soft-scaping and planting would be kept to a minimum!



You work on both residential and commercial landscaping projects, what are the challenges for these different types of project?

Whether it is a small residential project or a large commercial project, the fundamentals are relatively consistent. The big difference is managing the difference in volume. On a commercial project, everything is on a larger scale, it will have more individual components to project manage and more deadlines along the way.

What do you see as your next challenge in your landscaping career?

The next big challenge is competing in the Young Horticulturist of the Year 2019 awards in mid-November, this is 2 day competition which pits me against finalists from 5 other horticulture sectors. It's a huge honour so I'm pretty excited to be involved. I'm currently landscaping by day then spending my evenings focussing on my preparations for this competition.

We are extremely proud of George's much deserved Young Landscaper of the Year 2019 award and wish him the very best of luck for his next competition.

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