ANDREW HARRISON | PROJECT MANAGER

QUALIFICATIONS + MEMBERSHIPS: BTECH: CIVIL ENGINEERING (CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT), NATIONAL DIPLOMA: CIVIL ENGINEERING

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When he's not managing complex projects or navigating the ins and outs of a client brief, Andrew is an avid sports fan and can often be found engaging in various outdoor activities with his family on the weekend. With almost two decades' experience in the construction industry, both here and abroad, Andrew Harrison is an accomplished project manager who thrives on nurturing meaningful connections with stakeholders to get the best result.

For Andrew, relationships are key to moving the project from inception through to satisfying completion.

"Relationships with clients are really important to me. If I can get to connect with my clients on a more personal level, it helps me understand what exactly they are looking for which generally leads to a better outcome and repeat works. It's great when you are halfway through working on a project and the client wants to talk to you about the next project."

Andrew's leadership style is all about substance. He sets the example, believing that you can't expect anything from anyone when you aren't giving the same. "Trust, honesty and loyalty are the three must-have qualities and behaviours I try to implement in most aspects of my life," he says.

Most of all, though, Andrew brings a sense of ease and enjoyment to his interactions. Not taking himself too seriously is what endears him to colleagues and clients. "I try and enjoy myself in whatever I do, and not to take things too seriously. My favourite quote is 'esse quam videri' which means 'to be, rather than to seem to be'."

Andrew's multifaceted experience in the construction industry means he brings a unique perspective into every project he manages. He has worked in a consulting environment as a qualified civil engineer, and now a project manager. This depth of experience allows for a comprehensive approach to problem solving and a deep understanding of how the design process can unfold.

Open dialogue with the clients makes all the difference, he believes. He takes in multiple viewpoints to make a decision that best meets the long term goals. His approach is true to his personality type: "I have spent the last 39 years being true to myself, I doubt I could pull off being anyone else."

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