

PRECUT CONSTRUCTION - FRAMING & TRUSSES SPECIALIST



FRAMEWORK FOR SUCCESS

Precut Construction Limited is championing the impact of the BCITO Frame and Truss apprenticeships because it has been guaranteeing quality for customers and career prospects for budding trades people since its inception in 2004.

Company founder Chris Miller has run the firm since 1990 and has always put a premium on the importance of investing in staff.

Chris is currently working towards his accreditation as a framing and truss instructor himself. He says the 18-month-old scheme helps both individual businesses to grow and the industry itself to remain healthy by allowing people to turn their trade into a career.



“We supported it straight away because of the changes in the building industry and because it also means giving the guys a trade at the end of the day. It is very difficult to get people to work in this industry but now people can recognise it as a trade.”

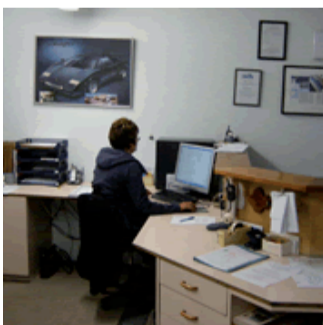
The distinction provided by a proper frame and truss qualification system working in the industry also gives potential customers a guideline on who to go to for quality workmanship. “It means everybody is now accountable for their own actions.”

BCITO stands for the Building and Construction Industry Training Organization, which has been in operation since 1994. But the BCITO only brought in an apprenticeship framework for the framing and truss sector of construction in 2004.

Fortunately the idea has really caught on with business owners and young people considering the frame and truss industry as a potential career path, with Precut Construction at the head of the list.

“We are probably the most informed people around when it comes to this apprenticeship. That is what we are trying to let the customers know.”

Quality is the number one priority for Precut Construction and Chris has always maintained that by investing time, money and energy into his staff to make sure dedication and craftsmanship is fostered within the team.



He describes himself as the mother, father, and babysitter to young lads working and learning their trade at the company.

“I am here every day of the week, including Saturday, and I am normally the first in and the last to leave. But I still believe they should not be doing anymore than 50 hours a week otherwise you do not get the best from your staff. If they come in with relish they are likely to work all day and not make any errors.

“At the end of the day the guys who have left here have gone on to different professions, successfully and I feel very proud they have been part of Precut Construction.”

Along with the apprenticeship scheme, Chris further ensures quality from day one of a staff member’s life at Precut Construction by only hiring budding trades people with forklift and OSH licenses.

While Precut Construction founder Chris Miller has worked hard to make his biggest investment his skilled and dedicated staff, he has invested in technology as well.

But not too surprisingly he has also done this just as much for the benefit of his ten staff as for his business as a whole. The recent acquisition of an CSS Spider Saw has not only seen productivity rise by a fair margin but also made the lives of his staff that much safer and more efficient.

The saw automates the framing process and minimises the potential for error by allowing designs to be inputted into a computer instead of being manually crafted.



“The new equipment has cut down our cutting time by quite a lot because of the virtue of it now being a mechanised process. All the work is now done inside the office with the bonding of the trusses. When it has all been designed it is then sent to the saw. It has cut down our cutting time to half.

“It’s really only been in the last five years we have made these types of changes - not to get any bigger but to help our staff cut out the slave labour of the job and cut down the chance for accidents in the workshop.”

The overall concern for safety and qualifications is just a small part of the Precut Construction ethos.

At the end of the day, like any business owner, Chris wants to meet his service delivery targets and maintain a good reputation.

But he does this by seeing the framing business as a profession and a career exemplifying high skills.

To that end Precut Construction commits itself to guaranteed onsite delivery on time and 100 percent accuracy in frame building.

It even has a company vision - rare for a firm its size - which reminds staff to always value customers, do what is in their best interests and respect them as well as each other.

“The client wants the best of everything and that is what we endeavour to give them.”

With a rapidly changing and competitive construction market many firms struggle to keep up, let alone maintain or improve the quality of their work.

However, with Chris’s commitment to providing his staff with a skilled career he is not only making a commitment of quality and service to his customers, he is also committing Precut Construction to a successful future.

