



'THE CITY SLICKER'

THE CITY SLICKER FROM SYDNEY WHO ALWAYS LOOKS SHARP AND THINKS HIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL WHEN HE'S ON THE TOOLS WILL SET HIM APART FROM THE OTHER CONTESTANTS IN HIS BID FOR THE JACK TITLE



NAME: Andre Dietiker

OCCUPATION: Builder/ carpenter/ landscaper





BUILDING HISTORY:

Andre finished school at 16 years old to begin his career as a tradesman. After struggling to find a start as a carpenter, the young school leaver's persistence finally paid off. After enrolling in a practical TAFE course, Andre found a carpentry job with a neighbour where he gained experience in 'the lot' – brick laying, concreting, framing, plastering, wall/floor tiling and even electrical wires. The Housing Industry Association's (HIA) training and apprenticeship scheme then helped him gain experience in a variety of fields by passing him to various contractors. He began with a city builder, gaining experience in commercial style building; followed by a timber frame carpenter and a larger development company building residential units, before winning apprentice of the year in his third year at HIA.

Andre spent the next few years in his early twenties, working with a builder on architecturally designed houses and was given the huge responsibility of having to direct and work to finish four houses in a very short time after his boss, and great friend passed away. After this period of working fourteen hour days, seven days per week to get the jobs done, he took some much needed time off before jumping back on the hard slog work trail and getting his builder's certificate.

Andre's proudest moment then came when he started his own company, 'Insideout Construction', with his father working as a landscaper under him. After a very challenging stint working as a foreman for a builder on some very high profile and wealthy estates around Sydney, he began working on his own company again, hiring four more contractors, doing renovations, bathrooms, deck pergolas and landscaping work. After fourteen years in the industry, Andre is still very enthusiastic about his work and believes working under pressure is still what he does best.

BEST PROJECT:

The most challenging project I have taken on is a 110 meter long x 2.5 meter high shock creted retaining wall. The wall was built on Iron rock ground which stopped us from having a strip footing. The Iron rock was unable to be penetrated.

FRIENDS DESCRIPTIONS

I would say that my friends would describe me in many different ways! I'm an honest, loyal and outgoing person who loves to make the most of every day! Some would say that I'm a bit of a prankster and I love to have a laugh.

WHY COMPETE:

I class myself as an all rounder. I can pretty much do every trade really well. So due to that, I would like to take my skills up against other tradesman from all over Australia. The guys that work with me, think I'm a smart ass, because I can do all of the other trades.





NAME THREE PEOPLE YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH AND WHY?

Michael Hutchence INXS- my favourite band

Tiger Woods- golfer

Kylie Minogue

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OFF?

Getting old!

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN TEN YEARS?

I don't have a ten year plan, but I'm definitely looking forward to what will follow from this event , plus what might happen with work from this point with my business.

Definitely successful and have a family.

IF YOU HAD TO LIVE IN A TROPICAL ISLAND AND COULD ONLY TAKE THREE THINGS WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

A beautiful woman, 100 foot Yacht, Petrol tank full of Vodka!

FAVOURITE FOOD?

Crumbed Veal Schnitzel with Potato Rosti Swiss dish with cream bean sauce and Klare Sauce (Gravy) - I'm a typical son of a Swiss chief.

WORST FOOD?

Egg Plant , Bananas , Pumpkin ,Lamb !

NAME ONE PERSON YOU NOT WANT TO LOCKED IN A ROOM WITH AND WHY?

Kyle Sandiland, he needs to do a real mans day of work for the stupid pay he gets, any one can be loud mouth. He is just Kyle.

Kevin Rudd, he would take my money & bore me to death.

FOOTY CODE? AFL, NRL OR UNION?

NRL





FAVOURITE TEAM?

PARRAMATTA EELS

FAVOURITE SPORTING IDENTITY AND WHY?

Tiger Woods

He is the most amazing golfer in the world, he has amazing wife and earns millions every year, plus he plays on the best golf courses around the world.

MOST HATED SPORTING IDENTITY AND WHY?

LLeyton Hewitt- he stole my tennis racket when I was 10, because I beat him!

FAVOURITE MOVIE?

Zoolander

When you were a teenager what posters did you have on your bedroom wall?

Kurt Cobain poster, NoFX Band posters and skate boarding posters.

TOP CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

When I learned how to drive a moke car with rust right through the floor panels on my mums bosses farm. It looked like the Flinstones car without the motor.

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

I wanted to be a fireman & a pro lego champ.

FAVOURITE PERSON?

My best mate and his wife!

HOBBIES/ PASTIMES?

Golf, gym, drinking at the pub, fishing & wakeboarding.

Being single; heading out with friends; boating; fast cars; typical boy stuff; big cook offs!





ARE YOU FAMOUS FOR ANYTHING?

Reversing a car trailer; My spaghetti Bol; Being an idiot and having fun; Having scratched CD's in my car.

FAVOURITE MOVIE STAR?

Bruce Willis

FAVOURITE MODEL?

Miranda Kerr, or the one and only, 'the body', Elle.

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