



'THE ARTIST'

“LANDSCAPING ISN'T FOR JUST ANYONE, IT'S VERY TOUGH PHYSICAL WORK, BUT IN THE MIDST OF THAT, YOU KNOW YOU STILL HAVE TO REMAIN CREATIVE IN MIND TO GET THE RESULTS” – A STRATEGY THIS MELBOURNE TRADIE THINKS CAN TAKE OUT THE CROWN.



NAME: Julian McDonald

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DOB: 02/06/08, Aged 28

OCCUPATION: Landscaper





WORK HISTORY:

Julian began his carpentry apprenticeship with Apprenticeships Victoria (a government run program that sub-contracts workers out to builders). He began work with an eccentric Dutch builder, who would shoot nails at his employees for laughs, which unsurprisingly caused Julian to seek work elsewhere. Julian then spent a few months travelling around Australia in a caravan with his girlfriend, before stopping for an extended stay in Port Douglas, after running out of funds.

He worked as a landscaper for eighteen months in the highly relaxed area, where he admits there was little to no work safety and he would turn up to the job in thongs! He fell in love with landscaping in Port Douglas, but returned to Melbourne where his girlfriend needed to finish her teaching degree.

Jules then worked for two years with a small builder in the area and finished his apprenticeship, however kept busy on the weekends doing freelance landscaping. Soon after finishing his apprenticeship, Jules started his own landscaping business which he runs to this day, while also picking up many other trades along the way.

BEST PROJECT:

Gutting and completely remodelling and renovating my unit. It started as an absolute dump and I have designed and created a complete renovation including tiling, painting, new doors, installing kitchen & laundry, removing walls, plastering, plumbing, concreting and creating a courtyard and outdoor area. Fitting it in around running my own business has been challenging but it has given me a huge sense of achievement and satisfaction and coming home every night to my place makes it all worth it.

FRIENDS DESCRIPTION:

Funny, creative, outgoing, temperamental, inventive, determined, stubborn, big, sociable, upfront, honest.

WHY COMPETE:

To put my skills to the test, challenge myself and show what I've got; to prove to myself and others that I am a great tradie to go on TV; and for fun- it's a great opportunity to win why not?

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

Jamie Durie- because he's an inspiration for business

Jamie Oliver- because he could cook dinner

Pete Murray- because he could give me a guitar lesson after dinner

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?





Probably drowning, I've come close a couple of times!

WHAT IS ONE OPPORTUNITY YOU LET PASS BY AND NOW REGRET?

I never regret anything I do. I am a believer that everything happens for a reason.

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN TEN YEARS?

Surfing my way around the world.

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

Spear gun, guitar and a surfboard.

FAVOURITE FOOD?

Any Cheese

WORST FOOD?

Mixed peel, if I were prime minister I would make it illegal to eat it.

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

A librarian, I don't believe in reading books!

FOOTY CODE? AFL, NRL OR UNION?

All are good

FAVOURITE TEAM?

Broncos, St Kilda

FAVOURITE SPORTING IDENTITY AND WHY?

Mark Occhilupo because he was a world champion after getting really fat and losing his competitive edge, then had the best comeback of all time. I can relate to that.

MOST HATED SPORTING IDENTITY AND WHY?

Nathan Buckley, he has a square head!

FAVOURITE MOVIE?





The Bourne identity

WHEN YOU WERE A TEENAGER, WHAT POSTERS DID YOU HAVE ON YOUR BEDROOM WALL?

Mostly pictures of girls and surfing posters

TOP CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

Building skateboard ramps in the driveway at home.

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

Either an actor or a builder.

FAVOURITE PERSON?

Me

HOBBIES/ PASTIMES?

Surfing, playing guitar, partying.

ARE YOU FAMOUS FOR ANYTHING?

Not yet

FAVOURITE MOVIE STAR?

Matt Damon

FAVOURITE MODEL?

Pamela Anderson

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