

Russell Walsh

Masterlink Central North Island Regional Manager



As a Certifying Plumber/Gasfitter, I started and ran a mid-sized plumbing/gas business before selling up and moving into sales and operations management. In subsequent years, I held several roles for corporates, including Nova Energy and Genesis Energy.

During this time, I was also a volunteer youth mentor for the Foundation for Youth Development and participated in the Big Brother Programme.

After parting from the corporate world, I sought a role in the plumbing industry, which ultimately led me to Masterlink. As the Central North Island Regional Manager, I cover the Waikato, Bay of Plenty including Taupo, Taumarunui and Rotorua.

The training I have received from Masterlink in this role has built on my industry knowledge and enabled me to connect constructively with all levels of the industry. My experience as a plumber and gasfitter also enables me to mentor apprentices through their apprenticeships.

Having trained at Wintec myself, I have good working relationships with the tutors, which allows me to stay close to the apprentice's progress, aiding where and as required.

I am fortunate to be working with a range of the best plumbing companies in New Zealand and pride myself on being able to build a rapport with quality businesses.

My objectives are to match quality candidates with suitable hosts, facilitate the apprentice in becoming a valuable, qualified member of the plumbing industry, and ensure the host business receives value for money, with the potential of securing an ongoing qualified staff member.

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"Russell has a real passion for the plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying industry, and a genuine level of care. Russell took the time to learn about our company, its needs and the culture we have. With this knowledge, he is able to seek out candidates and make recommendations that consistently hit the mark."

Michael Foote, General Manager – Plumbing and Gas Works

"Russell is the go-to guy for any apprenticeship related issues, which made things so much easier for me. He always has your best interests at heart and is ready with advice, possibly because he has been through an apprenticeship himself."

Richard Shore, Apprentice – Brian Goodwin Plumbing