## **Danny Ledwith**

Masterlink Otago/South Canterbury Regional Manager

As a lifelong football player, I got the opportunity to move to New Zealand to work in sports mentorship. Working with players, coaches and administrators highlighted my passion for helping people learn and achieve their goals.

Now working as a Masterlink Regional Manager based in Dunedin, I am delighted to channel this passion every day. My region includes Otago, Oamaru, Timaru, and Twizel.

Honesty, loyalty, and innovation are values integral to my role. These values allow me to grow great relationships with apprentices while helping them navigate their training journey. The apprenticeship can be demanding at times, but my aim is to keep a constant line of communication with them and push them to achieve to the best of their ability.

The main goal for all apprentices is to gain their qualifications. Helping them keep their head down and achieve their New Zealand Certificates is really rewarding. It's also great to see hosts being able train apprentices their own way and come out the other side with talented tradespeople for their businesses.

I get huge satisfaction from finding the right fit for hosts and apprentices, to ensure it works out well for both. There's nothing better than seeing a new apprentice who is delighted with their decision to pursue a plumbing career and learning a huge amount from a good host.

In my free time I love playing golf—even if I've been playing for a long time and seem to be getting worse. I enjoy anything active. A Saturday morning walk on the beach with my partner and dog is my happy place, apart from the golf course.

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"Danny looks after the pastoral care and background training plans while we focus on training the apprentices to be good tradespeople. He supports both of our apprentices providing assistance with training providers, block courses and other training opportunities."

## Jeff Burrow, Team Leader – University of Otago Property Services Division

"I am currently ending my first year of my five-year apprenticeship. During my apprenticeship I have hit a couple of walls and had a few challenges along the way. I have found Danny Ledwith to be a very helpful and approachable person who is always available when necessary. Without Danny's swift and effective approach, I feel I may not still be doing my apprenticeship."

Liam Bentley, Apprentice – HiFlo Plumbing



