

# DEEP SEA CAREER PROVES FRUITFUL

## HOOKED ON SUCCESS

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**Working hard and sticking to his goals has provided real benefits for BEN HARWOOD.**

The 20-year-old deep sea fisherman already owns two houses in Christchurch, achieved by working two jobs and saving the money he earns.

Ben says he was motivated to get ahead in life from a young age.

"I didn't want to get trapped in the rent bubble and be struggling week to week, so I set myself that goal. There were a lot of people who didn't get it and said, 'You won't be able to buy a house before you're 20' but that just gave me even more motivation to prove them wrong."

Ben works for Talley's on a deep-sea fishing boat based out of Nelson. He goes to sea for 10 weeks at a time before returning to Christchurch for five weeks. Rather than put his feet up during that time and spend the money he has earned, he works at New World.

So why deep sea fishing?

In Year 13 at St Bede's College, Ben attended a careers expo. Rather than queue up for certain stands, he went over to a fishing company site.

"I didn't really have an idea on what I wanted to do, and after attending that expo I felt like Talley's had so much to offer and it gave me a job idea I had never previously considered.

"Jobs such as fishing can allow someone young to save so much as the expenses are minimal while at sea. The money is really good and you get to meet some really amazing people."

Ben studied Statistics, Outdoor Pursuits, Physical Education, Chemistry and English in his final year at St Bede's.

He says for a career in fishing, success mostly comes down to your attitude and not the specific subjects you took at high school.

The transition from high school to working fulltime on a deep-sea trawler took some getting used to.

"I came straight from school and had no tickets or experience on a boat. You learn that along the way. Attitude is a big thing. The main thing is to have a positive attitude and always be keen to learn and try new things.

"It's okay not to know what industry you want to go into in your last year of school. I didn't and now I own two houses and have a great job."

And what are Ben's future property goals?

"I plan to purchase several more houses and get them paid off as soon as possible, which will give me less stress and more security for my future.

"A little hard work and sacrifice now will pay dividends and allow me to retire and do what I want at a younger age than most."



### KEY FACTS



- **BEN HARWOOD** WORKS FOR **TALLEY'S** ON A **DEEP-SEA FISHING BOAT** BASED OUT OF **NELSON**. HE IS **ROSTERED** TO GO TO SEA FOR **10 WEEKS** THEN RETURNS TO LAND FOR FIVE WEEKS.
- HE BEGAN THE JOB **STRAIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL** WITH **NO DEEP SEA EXPERIENCE** OR **QUALIFICATIONS** AND HAS LEARNT ALL HE NEEDS TO KNOW **ON-THE-JOB**.
- **BEN** BELIEVES HAVING A **POSITIVE ATTITUDE**, A **DESIRE TO LEARN** AND **TRYING NEW THINGS** ARE THE **KEY ELEMENTS** TO SUCCESS IN HIS CHOSEN CAREER.



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