

Brett Leplaw

Brett first walked into the Degnan offices in 1990. Back then, we were still known as Degnan Constructions; a small operation with barely enough space for one desk. Today, we have offices across three states, and Brett's presence remains a constant, contributing to projects across Australia.

At just 17, fresh out of school and looking to start his career through a carpentry apprenticeship, Brett was determined from the start. As Graeme Degnan, our Founder, recalls:

"I remember thinking he wasn't very tall, but figured he'd catch up. What he may have lacked in size, he more than made up for in drive, determination, and capability—qualities that have earned him lasting respect. To this day, he remains a valued and determined presence in everything he takes on."

Brett quickly proved himself as a highly capable apprentice, known for his eagerness to learn, strong work ethic, and eye for detail. He took on every challenge with determination and steadily built his skills on site. Over time, he evolved into an exceptional tradesman and, eventually, into one of Degnan's most respected Site Managers. Today, as a Superintendent, he leads teams across major projects with integrity and precision. His career is a testament to loyalty, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to doing things right.

Over more than 30 years, Brett has contributed to countless projects across sectors including rail,

energy, education, and residential. His attention to detail, technical expertise, and commitment to high quality delivery are well known across the industry.

Recent standout contributions include leading the delivery of a new footbridge, platform upgrades, and improved facilities at Towradgi Station—delivered to the highest standard as part of the Transport Access Program. Brett has also driven sustainability initiatives across his projects, including the installation of solar street lighting and the first commercial use of air-entrained concrete made with recycled glass dust. These efforts were instrumental in Degnan achieving an ISC Leading Design rating, reflecting Brett's deep commitment to environmental performance.

Brett's impact extends beyond construction. He actively builds meaningful community partnerships across all projects; working with schools, local Elders, and community groups to create employment pathways, incorporate cultural narratives, and deliver inclusive design outcomes. He ensures Aboriginal design elements, inspired by local stories and landscapes, are delivered with authenticity and respect.

In recent years, Brett has taken on a mentoring role, supporting emerging Site Managers on Queensland Rail projects. His steady presence and hands-on knowledge are fast-tracking the confidence and capability of our Queensland-based teams. From major projects like the Normanby Train Wash Facility to the Corinda and Caboolture Feeder Station upgrades, Brett has helped new leaders navigate complex environments, uphold safety and quality



"Brett's ability to navigate high-pressure situations is unmatched. From his early days as an apprentice to his leadership now as Superintendent, he has maintained an unwavering focus on safety. His influence on-site culture, collaboration, and innovation has been felt across every Degnan project he's touched."

David Fazio
General Manager Construction, Degnan



"Brett has a unique ability to bring everyone together. He's firm when necessary but always fair, and people trust him because he leads by example. His attention to detail and professionalism is truly inspirational. He's the kind of person you want on every project."

Andrew Rosier
Site Manager, Degnan



"Working alongside Brett has been one of the best parts of my apprenticeship. He's patient, explains things clearly, and always makes time to share what he knows. You can tell he genuinely wants us to succeed."

Jarryd Pitt
Carpenter, Degnan