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Department of Property Graduate Profiles **2021-2022**





A warm welcome to the Department of Property

I am delighted to introduce you to the most recent cohort of resourceful, articulate, well-trained and enthusiastic students from the University of Auckland Department of Property.

Ranging from mature students with earlier careers to those with local or overseas work experience, these students have the capacity to add value to your business, to the property industry and to society as a whole.

Alongside theoretical and practical concepts and widely applicable professional skills specific to the industry, they have developed important interpersonal skills in communication and personal relations. They also have a keen appreciation of real-world practice gained from the department's buddy programmes and from mentoring by industry professionals.

In this brochure you will meet a number of successful graduates who have completed their degree with the Department of Property, and are ready to move into the profession, confident in their knowledge of the industry and committed to succeeding within it.

I encourage you to contact our students directly to discuss any work opportunities you may have.

Professor Deborah Levy

Head of the Department of Property
The University of Auckland Business School



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Department of Property

The Department of Property offers one of the most comprehensive undergraduate property degrees in Australasia.

Innovative research produced by the department's lecturers underpins the academic programme. In addition, close links with the property industry ensure the programme is relevant to industry requirements. The Bachelor of Property is currently recognised by the Property Institute of New Zealand, the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand, the Valuers Registration Board and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The Business School's mission:

- We inspire and enable people to develop ideas, knowledge and skills that shape their personal and professional development, advance Aotearoa New Zealand business, influence the global economy and enhance society.
- We will achieve our vision and mission by focusing upon four strategic research and education themes as we share knowledge and ideas developed through research; and as we educate students and businesspeople to become competent, confident and positive contributors to business.
- Innovation and value creation
- Succeeding in international markets
- Productivity and sustainable business
- Leadership and governance

Subjects taught in the Bachelor of Property include:

- Building Construction
- Building Surveying
- Property Valuation
- Property Marketing
- Property Management
- Land-Use Planning and Controls
- Property Finance
- Property Economics
- Property Law
- Property Development
- Property Investment
- Māori Land Issues
- Property Analytics
- Property Project
- Property Issues and Trends
- Property Technology and Analytics

In addition to a Property degree, many of our graduates have completed conjoint degrees majoring in areas such as Accounting, Marketing, Finance, Law and Science.

For further information on the department, visit

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Olivia Andrevski

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/Bachelor of Property conjoint

My Commercial Law and Marketing majors have complemented my studies in Property, allowing me to combine a wide range of skills and knowledge. Upon combining my marketing and property skills, my team and I were awarded first place by Precinct Properties for our development proposal.

Furthermore, my commitment to helping others and supporting my peers allowed me to be rewarded as the inaugural recipient of the Grace Shi - Acts of Kindness and Support of Fellow Property Students Award in 2020.

I have developed a particular interest in property management, project management, property development and property valuation.

Although I have enjoyed my academic studies, I am looking forward to starting my career in the property industry.

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Chanin (Ben) Chungsuvanich

Bachelor of Property

As an international student, studying property in New Zealand has been a rewarding experience that allowed me to experience New Zealand culture and gain insight into the property industry. I have developed a passion for the industry and I plan to continue staying in New Zealand in order to grow my professional career.

During my time at university, I had to balance my time between networking with peers, studying and maintaining a healthy lifestyle with my personal passions of travelling and investing. I will be pursuing a role in the property industry next year and am excited to see what opportunities come my way.

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Anna Creahan

Bachelor of Commerce
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conjoint

I have had an interest in property since a young age, and I am grateful that the University of Auckland has provided me with a pathway into the industry.

I began my journey at the University of Auckland in 2018. Some highlights of my time at University have been receiving the JLL Scholarship, being elected as the president of ALES and completing a facilities management internship within the Business School. Equally as valuable are the connections I have made with other students, staff and industry professionals.

I am pleased to have accepted a full-time graduate role in the retail valuations team at CBRE and look forward to beginning my career in the property industry.

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Jason Crombach

Bachelor of Property

Growing up in a 'mum and dad investor' family fueled my passion for property from a young age. Throughout my time at University my curiosity for the property industry only grew as I progressed through my studies. Meeting like-minded people and networking with property professionals gave me valuable insights into what working in the industry is like and established my desire to excel within the property sector.

My main areas of interest include property management, development and valuation. However, I am eager to experience all the aspects that the property sector has to offer.

My time spent at the University of Auckland has been incredibly valuable and has provided me with all the necessary tools and knowledge to support my entrance into the property industry. With an open mind and a hunger for learning, I am ready to begin the next step of my journey.

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Michael Fisher

Bachelor of Commerce (Finance,
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Bachelor of Property conjoint

As a graduate who once held strong reservations about University, I am extremely grateful that I chose to see through my conjoint degree.

For me, the experience has been a transformative one. The BProp degree has opened so many doors for me already, allowing me to gain work experience at both JLL and Attune Asset Management in a variety of roles. Most importantly, it has also given me the base skill set required to confidently enter the industry and pursue my own property investment aspirations.

As a graduate relocating to Australia next year, I am looking forward to carrying many of the invaluable skills I've attained from the BProp programme to create an impact abroad.

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Emmersen Foster

Bachelor of Property

After enrolling in my programme, I was eager to gain as much knowledge as possible and I am now fully equipped with an extensive understanding of the property industry's dynamics and various disciplines.

With a strong family background in property, I have grown up around many discussions involving residential and commercial real estate, which has allowed me to gain a diverse understanding of the industry.

In my final year of study, I had been fortunate enough to work at Bayleys Real Estate part-time, which has been invaluable. The job has further advanced my learning and has given me greater knowledge of how a large agency works behind the scenes.

With my property degree, I feel I will be fully equipped to tackle this exciting industry and am really looking forward to the future and what it has to offer.

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Emma Gorst

Bachelor of Property

Beginning my journey at University, I quickly fell in love with the BProp degree and was captivated by seeing what I was studying unfold in the world around me.

I have enjoyed studying a vast array of subjects and immersing myself in several networking and social events held by the department, allowing me to expand my network with industry professionals and fellow peers/soon-to-be colleagues.

Completing my BProp degree during a global pandemic has come with its challenges, however, it has also equipped me with the valuable skills of resilience and adaptability, which I am ready to bring to the industry.

I am very proud to have completed my degree and I am looking forward to launching my career and being able to apply all I have learnt so far to this ever-changing field.

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Charndeeep Grewal

Bachelor of Property

As I have always been fascinated by property around me, it only felt natural to pursue a Bachelor of Property.

Throughout my time at the University of Auckland, I have thoroughly enjoyed the broad range of courses available. What stuck out to me were property valuation, building construction and property management. I have gained extensive knowledge in each course, which encouraged me to recognise the multiple diverse pathways that the industry has to offer. I am eager to see where this degree will take me in the future.

Upon completing my studies, I look forward to pursuing a long-term career in the property industry. I am enthusiastic about learning and achieving greater industry insight and I am open to any discussions about future opportunities alongside my studies.

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Kate Herdson

Bachelor of Property

I have been fortunate to learn from industry professionals from many sectors over the past three years whilst gaining a comprehensive Property skill set. During this time, I have realised my passion for commercial property development and construction, and I look forward to pursuing this further. I believe my practical knowledge and strong interpersonal skills will assist me in building a successful career in property.

Alongside my studies I have been undertaking my commercial helicopter license. This has been an incredible experience from which I have gained many skills and made valuable connections. Through this training, I have developed a keen eye for detail and learned to work well under pressure. I am always looking to challenge myself and my goal is to pursue flying alongside a career in property.

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Anton Hitchcock

Bachelor of Commerce (Finance)
/ Bachelor of Property conjoint

I have been grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Auckland University property programme over the past four years. I have been exposed to current market situations in different sectors of the property market, which has improved my critical thinking skills and developed in me a methodical approach to solving problems.

My aspirations post-university are to become a Registered Valuer and to travel abroad. I have been told to be a sponge in my early 20's, so experiences and interactions within my profession are of vital importance to me.

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Max Hoonhout

Bachelor of Property / Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) conjoint

In my final year of study, I was a member of the Executive Committee of the Property Student Association, which involved organising networking events for students and industry professionals. This role grew my confidence, facilitated my network development and improved my public-speaking skills.

I maintained a 7.75 GPA across my Property papers and I was selected as the recipient of the Colliers International Scholarship. The highlight of my studies was being awarded first place in the Property Case Competition 2021.

In addition to academics, I volunteer at RMHC and I am also training for the Taupo IRONMAN 70.3 later this year. The skills I have gained through my studies, work experience and extra-curricular activities have formed a strong foundation for success in my career in the property industry. My long-term aspiration is to become a capital markets agent after gaining valuable experience in both NZ and overseas markets.

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Gurjapleen Kaur

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Business Analytics) / Bachelor of Property conjoint

My time at university has been rewarding and provided me with an abundant skill set. Having developed an understanding and appreciation of fundamentals in various areas such as development, valuation and finance provides me with great confidence to take on opportunities and challenges within the industry. Through this learning journey, I am humbled to have received the UOA Research Scholarship, as well as the First in Course Award in Advanced Property Finance and Investment. I am also thankful for the opportunity to have received guidance from such a well-reputed property CEO as my mentor, which will be one of the most memorable moments in my learning journey.

I will soon be joining the Collier's CBD investment Sales team and look forward to embarking on a successful career filled with lifelong learning.

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Amarita Khun Khun

Bachelor of Property

I will complete my Bachelor of Property degree outfitted with an in-depth comprehension of various property disciplines. This experience has initiated my interest in valuation, property management and building surveying. I've acquired exceedingly valuable insights and proficiencies that will enable me to prosper in future career opportunities.

I've had the opportunity to be a class representative for two papers and to work part-time as an assistant for an agent at Barfoot & Thompson. Presently, I'm assisting a remarkable team at Colliers as a Valuation Assistant. It's been the ideal beginning, getting the opportunity to watch and learn from brilliant professionals.

I possess a vibrant personality and love to build connections. With my positivity, passion for learning and excellent work ethic, I can accomplish fantastic results. I'm looking forward to starting my professional career in the property industry in 2022.

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Sarah L'Amie

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This year I was honoured to be awarded the Property Student of the Year 2021. The award recognises exceptional Property students based on academic performance, communication (written, informal and prepared speech), service to the community, extra-curricular activities, and motivation to succeed and make a difference in the property industry.

Since November 2020, I have gained invaluable experience as a student intern at Kāinga Ora in the Tenant Rehousing Team. This role has been incredibly eye-opening and I am grateful to have this insight into the New Zealand public housing sector.

I look forward to joining the team at Beca as a Graduate Valuer in January 2022.

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Meadta Menorath

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In July 2022 I am delighted to be completing my Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Property conjoint degree majoring in Marketing. Both these degrees have provided me with valuable skills that will help me thrive in my future endeavours.

In 2020 I worked for CBRE's research team as a Research Surveyor. I gained further experience in Yinsy Brother's Construction at the start of 2021 as their Assistant Property Manager. I am now working for Metro Commercial Real Estate as their Team Assistant and aiming to attain a real estate licence after my graduation.

I believe I am a hard worker with a creative side and a genuine love for people and property. This can be reinforced with my multiple certificates of achievement in my third-stage marketing classes. I look forward to beginning my professional career in 2022.

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Brittany Morgan

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Bachelor of Property conjoint

During my time at university, I have been awarded first place in the Property Land-use Planning and Controls course, second place in the University of Auckland/Colliers Property Case Competition and have been nominated as the class representative for Advanced Valuation. Alongside my degree, I have been fortunate enough to work at Bayleys Real Estate, where I gained invaluable insight into the commercial and industrial property market.

I am now an Assistant Valuer at CBRE in the Retirement Housing and Healthcare team working towards obtaining my registration. I have quickly established myself as a valued team member, known for my "go-getter" attitude and determination to achieve excellence at both work and university. The property degree has provided me with the foundation required to progress my career within the industry.

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Filip Ograbek

Bachelor of Property

In 2019, I started my programme, unsure of what that entailed. Three years later, I couldn't imagine having gone down a different path.

I've endeavoured to make the most of my time at university, serving as Marketing Coordinator for ALES, acting as a Student Representative for numerous papers, and partaking in the variety of networking events on offer. Additionally, in my final year of study, I've had the opportunity to work part-time as a Research Assistant at Colliers, applying my analytical skills to real-world scenarios. These experiences have enriched my soft skills, whilst the department's talented lecturers have built the foundation for my hard skill set.

I'm thankful for my peers who've supported me in completing my degree amid a pandemic. I'm eager to begin my career and continue a lifetime of learning, facing further challenges head-on.

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Matthew Posa

Bachelor of Property

Having always had a real passion for property, the decision as to what to study wasn't a hard one and, over the past three-and-a-half years, my studies have well equipped me to enter the property industry, with a wide and in-depth understanding of various disciplines within property.

Following on from my time at university, I am now ready to immerse myself in and conquer the property industry. I am a dedicated team player, who isn't afraid of hard work and who will embrace any opportunity to learn. 2022 will bring its challenges in these unprecedented times, but I will look to gain a full-time role in commercial sales and leasing, where I can apply my skills and develop my knowledge of the industry further.

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Sophie Stone

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The last four years has allowed me to develop crucial academic and networking skills across multiple disciplines that I will forever be thankful for. Over the last two years, I had the pleasure of working at Barfoot and Thompson Commercial, where I was able to apply these skills. I was also fortunate enough to have won the Argosy Scholarship in 2019. Most of all, in my final year, I became part of the Women's Mentoring Programme, where I was paired with a mentor in the property industry.

My degree and the experiences have fueled my passion for property and I am very excited to build a successful career in the industry.

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Matthew Tan

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Through this degree I've gained valuable lessons, which have contributed to the development of my skills and growing passion for the property industry.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the University of Auckland, where I have been fortunate to be presented with many opportunities, facilitating the growth of my interpersonal skills and gaining lifelong friends. This included the opportunity to gain industry experience as a vacancy Survey Assistant at CBRE, sparking a keen interest in industrial property valuations and sales.

I am eager to see what lies ahead after academia and I look forward to beginning this new chapter in my life, along with the challenges that I may be presented with.

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Anisha Bains Tooley

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I entered the University in 2018, an achievement gained after two years working to move and study Property at the University of Auckland. What was once just a dream is now a reality.

These past four years have provided me with a good understanding of the industry and its disciplines, allowing me to develop and enhance a wide skill set, which will aid me in future career opportunities. I consider myself to be a reliable and hardworking individual -- these past few years are evidence of that -- and I have only further nurtured my passion for property.

I look forward to graduating, starting my future professional career and further developing my knowledge and experience within the industry.

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Anthony Tran

Bachelor of Commerce
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After 17 years of schooling, over 120 exams, hundreds of assignments, countless tests, the day has finally come where I graduate with a conjoint degree, marking my completion of this journey.

In 2021 I was fortunate enough to be a finalist for the Jarden Case Competition and win the Deloitte Business and Tech Competition. These competitions have allowed me to extend my understanding of different sectors and learn the skills required to be a team leader and member.

During my studies, I have gained an in-depth understanding of the industry and a newfound passion as I explored numerous fields within the property world. Most importantly, I have gained a lifelong skill in networking, allowing me to build personal and professional relationships.

Although I have learnt a lot from my studies and experience, the end of my tertiary education is not the end because life is a learning process.

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Callum Walsh

Bachelor of Property

While I initially enrolled three years ago with the intention of pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce, after doing a Property paper as General Education, I decided to change direction and do a Bachelor of Property instead.

The Bachelor of Property programme has exposed me to a wide variety of fields within the property profession, and allowed me to build connections within the industry through networking events. This has enabled me to gain practical experience in the industry. Over the course of this degree, I have worked as an Assistant Valuer and Property Manager, and I have now found my passion for contract and project management. I am looking forward to joining Greenstone Group as a Project Manager and kick starting my professional career.

I am truly grateful for my experiences over the course of this degree and have been motivated by the passionate lecturers and supporters of this course. I don't think I would be where I am now without this degree and I can't wait to embark on my professional career.

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Amala Warriar

Bachelor of Property

As I sit on the threshold of completion of my degree, it is time to reflect upon my three years at university. The COVID-19 pandemic did not pose any impediments to a rewarding university experience as opportunities for networking and collaboration were still accessible. Transitioning to online lectures was only slightly challenging but learning to adapt to the new normal was a lot easier than anticipated.

My degree has helped me understand the multi-faceted nature of the property industry, and the theoretical and practical elements of each course have equipped me with the skills required to succeed.

Through ALES, I was fortunate in securing a graduate role with a reputed company and I am looking forward to embarking on an exciting and fruitful career by putting the skills and knowledge I have learnt into practice.

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Darryl Ze Huong Tan

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During my four-and-a-half years of study, I've taught myself the significance of time management as I had to juggle between my studies as well as handling the social media platforms and planning events as part of the UMSA and AIESEC Committees. During my time on the committee, I've garnered essential skills such as teamwork. We had to work remotely during the pandemic, and effective collaboration allowed operations within the club to continue smoothly.

I look forward to utilising the essential skills that I've gained during my Bachelor of Property and Commerce studies to contribute positively to the property industry.

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Xu (Rocky) Zhang

Bachelor of Property

As a mature student, I started my Bachelor of Property studies in 2018. I previously worked in the construction industry for five years and wanted to pursue a career in property.

My work experience included communicating with people who need an understanding of the property industry and providing a professional introduction, from basic information about property through to the construction process.

During my studies at the University of Auckland, I gained more knowledge about the overall structure of the industry. I became more confident to use that knowledge and further my career. Moreover, I gained teamwork experience as I supported my cohort to work out a task or project. I would be happy to challenge myself and resolve issues in the property industry.

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Rocky Adams

Master of Property

Over the last 18 months of study, I have come to invigorate my passion for the property industry. I have enjoyed being part of the Property Department and the University and have met and made wonderful friends as a result.

During my studies, I was privileged to encounter exceptional advice and discussions from various property experts and enthusiasts who have contributed to my success. Even though I was far away from my family during the pandemic, I was able to strive on with my studies to the end of the programme.

As I continue pursuing my property career, I will depend on the knowledge and ideas acquired during my studies and wish to build on and further explore the theories and knowledge learned from the programme.

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Muhammed Bolomope

PhD in Property

For me, studying towards a PhD is a dream come true. Coming from a construction management background and having worked in the industry for over ten years, I was prepared for the challenges that could come with earning a PhD. However, with the support and encouragement of my supervisors, the journey turned out to be pleasurable and highly rewarding. While studying, I was able to access the support I needed towards conducting my research. I also had the opportunity to help with some academic roles within the department, which assisted me when I started to look out for employment opportunities towards the end of my study.

Apart from getting my dream job, I have been able to publish articles in high-ranking peer-reviewed journals and I feel confident about a brighter and promising career ahead.

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Chuyi Xiong

PhD in Property

I have greatly enjoyed everything the University and the Department of Property have provided me, especially the mentoring from my supervisors and professor in the department, and the knowledge of industry and academic research.

Over my years studying in the Department of Property, I developed a comprehensive set of research skills through various courses, concrete knowledge in Property through numerous seminars and diverse workshops offering many inspiring opportunities to engage with scholars in academia.

My research interests focus on residential property market, property agency, urban economies and mobility. I am eager to apply my Property knowledge and research skills to pursue my passion and look forward to moving into my career.

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Success stories



Tamba Carleton

Associate Director,
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Partway through my conjoint degree I started working in the CBRE research team as a part-time assistant and never left.

During those past ten years my role has evolved immensely, from commercial /industrial data work, to building our residential apartment database, utilising build-to-rent advisory capability and demand modelling.

My role today is hugely varied and always interesting. Lecturers and classmates from university are now colleagues and industry contacts and the skills learned during my degree are still being utilised on a daily basis.



Stuart Bent

National Director Property Management, Bayleys
Bachelor of Property Administration

In 1990, I completed what was then the Bachelor of Property Administration. With few opportunities available at that time due to the property market crash, I entered the property world as a graduate with North Shore City Council. This then opened the door to an opportunity to move into valuation with Darrochs where, after three years, I successfully became a Registered Valuer.

Heading overseas, my career again pivoted to property management with roles in London providing great experience across commercial, retail and industrial asset classes.

In 2001, I started my 12-year journey with CBRE, working with and leading asset-management teams in London, Sydney and, eventually, back home in Auckland.

In 2013, I joined Bayleys as General Manager of the Property Services division leading a team of 65 property and facilities managers throughout New Zealand. As a property professional, I am exposed to a diverse set of clients ranging from local private owners through to large offshore institutions.

Most recently, I have pivoted again to focus more on organic and inorganic growth for the national Bayleys business.

The above journey started with a broad induction into the fundamentals of property, both through my time in valuation and, since then, in asset management. For me, experience in either sector provides a strong foundation of property knowledge, which I regularly promote amongst young property graduates navigating their first move into the market.



Margrit de Man

National Property Manager, Farmers Trading Company
Bachelor of Property Administration

My Property degree from the University of Auckland has provided a great grounding in Property disciplines and has enabled me to enjoy a varied and stimulating career in the property industry.

After graduating, I spent three years as a valuer. Through my valuation experience I came to realise I enjoyed relating to people with a focus on solving their property issues. Property management seemed like a good fit for my skills and interests. I made the move into property management. Initially starting in residential property management, I worked for Housing New Zealand (now Kainga Ora) for five years. The property and people management skills I learnt through this period have proven invaluable.

I spent five years as a shopping centre manager and then progressed through landlord and tenant-side property management roles for major retail groups within New Zealand.

My current position at Farmers Trading Company sees me managing the property interests of the company across New Zealand. Farmers is an iconic New Zealand retail brand and has over 60 stores throughout the North and South Islands. I manage a team responsible for all aspects of new store development, new leases, property legal matters, asset, lease and facilities management. No two days are the same and it is rewarding to be involved with a company that is well known within the New Zealand retail landscape.

In my role, I deal with many different groups of people - property owners, landlords, shopping centre operators, local territorial authorities, lawyers and development managers, to name a few. Everyone in New Zealand has an interest in property and this makes my role both challenging and stimulating.

The property management industry needs keen, qualified graduates. I totally recommend it as a career path.



Vinnie Miles

Head of Property NZ, Fletcher Building

Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Property conjoint

As Head of Property NZ at Fletcher Building, I lead a team responsible for the transactional and strategic outcomes of Fletcher Building's New Zealand property portfolio, including the occupational and facility requirements of Fletcher's Auckland head office.

The portfolio comprises a significant annual rent roll and a high transactional workload across more than 500 leased and owned sites and is organised across 5 operating divisions and 27 individual business units. The Auckland head office houses over

900 employees over 14,000 square meters NLA.

Prior to joining Fletcher Building as a Property Asset Manager in 2013, I got my start as a Commercial Broker in Auckland, and then moved to London. I was responsible for the acquisition, asset management, development feasibility and disposal of a mixed-use portfolio on behalf of high-net worth clients.

My property degree has been the foundation of my career, providing a thorough understanding of all required industry disciplines including valuation, management, finance, construction, planning and law, together with the formation of lifelong and invaluable industry contacts.



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