

Jamie De Palma

Role: Civil Project Leader – Pritchard Francis

Age: 28

Qualifications: Bachelor Engineering (Civil) (Honours) UWA, MIEAust, CPEng, NPER

Brief Biography: In the role of Civil Engineer at Pritchard Francis, I have developed particular interest in Urban Development and have focused my career on this part of the industry. My experience working in this area has provided exposure to a variety of interesting opportunities and challenges. I have had the opportunity to work on a range of unique Urban Development projects across Western Australia, resulting in site visits to Broome and Albany, including everywhere in between.



My responsibilities include design and documentation, tender administration, tender estimation, compilation of contract documents and overseeing the contract and site supervision in order to satisfy the relevant service authorities or government bodies.

I believe the delivery of the projects requires attention to detail from the inception through to completion, to ensure the project can be delivered on time and within budget constraints. I aim to apply these principles to the projects I work on to ensure the delivery runs smoothly.

Outside of work, I take a keen interest in local and international sporting teams, and travelling abroad.

Q: What challenges do you see the property industry facing in the next 5 years?

A: The industry will continue to face challenges associated with sand fill as we move further south and east into the low lying, clay based soils. It will be imperative that the building industry becomes familiar with constructing on these soils to mitigate the costs associated with imported clean sand fill.

Q: Within the urban development industry what is the most significant project that you have worked on/been part of within your career to date?

A: All projects contain their own unique challenges and hurdles. The most recognised urban development project I have led to date was Stella Success Stage 2, which won the Medium Density Development and Rising Star awards at the UDIA Awards for Excellence in 2011.

Q: Within the urban development industry what influence does your role have on the future of our state (Building design, new estates, etc.)?

A: In my role, I am able to shape the future of our state by working close with colleagues to implement new design or construction techniques to benefit the industry as a whole. With brown field sites becoming ever more common, the treatment or containment of hazardous waste on site will be an interesting debate.