

First licensed bricklayer and blocklayer

Hillary Haggerty is the first bricklayer and blocklayer to be licensed under the Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) Scheme.

'It's not too difficult to go through the application process and become an LBP,' he says.

In spite of the economic downturn, Hillary says 'people should just get on and do it – get it done'.

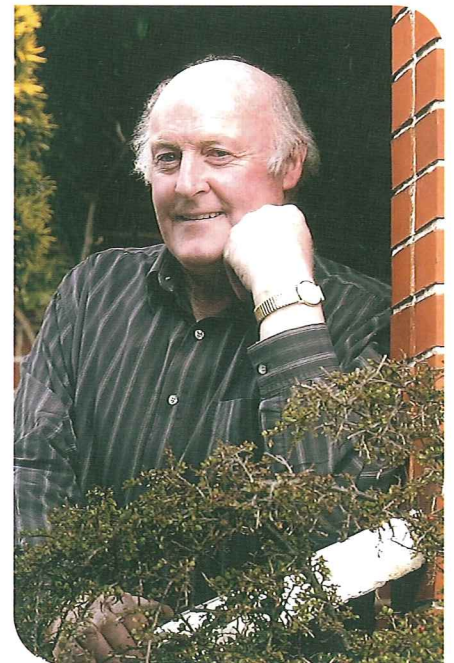
Hillary has always agreed with registration as a way of ensuring high standards in the industry, which is why he is also a registered master mason. He was also recently made a life member of the Southland Master Brick and Blocklayers Association.

Hillary is a strong believer in the value of training. He himself started his five-year apprenticeship in 1960, and says his boss gave him a good foundation in the trade, and the confidence to eventually run his own business.

He is still working, although he 'doesn't do too much block work these days'. As well as bricklaying, he also does stone laying, tiling and some plastering.

Born and bred in Southland, Hillary took up painting as a hobby six years ago, and takes art classes once a week. He likes to paint southern landscapes around Tuatapere and Fiordland, and says there's no need to go anywhere else.

'I'm a Southlander through and through,' Hillary says.



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The Department of Building and Housing publishes a wide range of information on the Licensed Building Practitioner Scheme.

- Application packs for the first 10 licensing classes (three Design, three Site, Carpentry, Roofing, External Plastering, and Bricklaying and Blocklaying)
- Brochures and fact sheets which introduce the scheme and include information on the responsibilities of being licensed
- Standards and competencies for each class
- Forms for practitioners who are already licensed

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