

## A fifth generation electrician

Hayden's great great grandfather, Robert Clay Jones formed a partnership with Robert Turnbull (Turnbull & Jones) and started one of the largest electrical firms in New Zealand from 1899 to 1984.

Robert Jones was responsible for electrical installations on gold dredges in Central Otago which was one of the world's first. Hayden's great grandfather, Robert Longton Jones, left Turnbull & Jones in Dunedin in 1933 and started his own business R. Longton Jones. Robert's three sons Burt, Ralph and Ivan all became electricians.

Burt worked for Turnbull & Jones in Wellington as an electrical engineer. Ralph and Ivan (Hayden's grandfather) stayed on with R Longton Jones until they retired in 1977. Hayden's father (Ross) started work with the NZ Electricity Department and is now an electrical technician, working in the high voltage industry (power and substations in Central Otago).

### Why did you consider a career in the electricity supply industry?

My dad actually suggested that I try the industry out and I really enjoyed it. I reckon there will always be jobs out there for electricians so there's job security and the money is good.

### How are you finding your job and training?

Well, I have recently qualified as a High Voltage Electrical Fitter with Connetics Limited in Christchurch and I'm loving it. It's a great job! I normally work on substations, installing kiosks and do maintenance on all high voltage equipment.

### What's the best part about your apprenticeship?

The best part about my apprenticeship is the guys I work with! They are a cool bunch.



*Hayden Ross Jones*

