

The networks of pipes for utilities such as water, gas, sewage and waste water are a vital part of infrastructure. They are installed by people like Everardus Schreurs, who provide an important service to the general public.

Everardus completed an Apprenticeship in Infrastructure Pipelaying at Fulton Hogan in Silverdale, Auckland. As part of this he achieved an introductory level qualification, followed by National Certificates in Infrastructure Pipelaying, Water Reticulation, and Road Opening Trenching.

An Apprenticeship with Fulton Hogan enabled Everardus to gain specialist industry skills through on-job training. He explains, “My training covered skills in plant operation, opening and closing road trenches, traffic control and pipelaying.



Infrastructure pipelaying is really varied. One day I could be working on new subdivisions, and the next I could be replacing existing pipes. A while back we worked on a big local authority project in Rothesay Bay, doing concrete and kerb channel works and safety improvements.”

Working safely is also important - especially when operating machinery. Everardus has gained his Full Class 1 and Wheels Tracks and Rollers Licences, which means he can drive compactors, diggers and rollers. Health and safety, and First Aid were also included in his training.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, Everardus replies without hesitation – “The people. I have a great mentor and work with a really great bunch of guys. We all help each other out and get on well together.”