

BLAIR HOOPER

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SUMMARY

I'm a passionate Green Keeper/Groundsman from New Zealand with over 7 years of experience, who is willing to learn new things and eager to expand on my knowledge within the industry. I enjoy spending time in the outdoors and keeping active. Playing golf and senior football are some of my long-time hobbies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

STADIUMS ASSISTANT

FieldTurfNZ

2023-2024

- Responsible for the maintenance of multiple ryegrass/couch/artificial/hybrid playing surfaces across multiple venues.
- Involved in pitch preparation for numerous sporting codes to national and international standards including Rugby Union, Rugby League, Football and AFL.
- Involved in maintaining practice and captains run venues for the 2024 Women's FIFA World Cup.
- Involved in the North Harbour Rugby Union Bunnings NPC and FPC season, which included both practice and match day surfaces.
- Involved in the sand-slit drainage installation and grow-in of North Harbour Stadiums #1 pitch.

GREEN KEEPER

Waimairi Beach Golf Club

2017-2023

- Completed a level 4 Sports Turf Management apprenticeship under course superintendent Andrew Grimes. (2017-2020)
- Qualified Green Keeper. (2020-2023)
- Involved in the grow-in of 5 holes over a 4 year period
- Involved in the NZ seniors PGA tournament hosted at Waimairi Beach Golf Club in 2018
- Experienced with poa-browntop greens/tees and cultivars of fescue and ryegrass.
- 5+ years' experience in general Green Keeping practice: grooming and preparation of playing surfaces, spraying, renovations, mechanical maintenance, irrigation, etc

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

PRIMARY ITO

New Zealand Apprenticeship - Sports Turf Level 4 and Growsafe certified

2017 - 2020

SKILLS

- Experienced mowing and tractor operator
- Fertilizer and chemical application
- Irrigation set-up and maintenance/installation
- Machinery maintenance
- Strong communicator
- Flexible/adaptable
- Works well in a team environment or independantly
- Time management

REFERENCES

Ryan Doubleday

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Andrew Grimes

Superintendent Waimairi Beach Golf Club

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