

a small Boddy of determined spirit fired by an unquenchable faith in his mission can alter the course of history

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A steady diet of Judge Dredd at the back of my father's comic shop meant there was never a master plan beyond wanting to write. In New Zealand there's a steady supply of two things; sheep, and road cones. I couldn't construct a lego set without going off plan, and any farmer who says they don't mind the smell of animal poo is lying. You can probably count the number of successful kiwi comic book writers on one finger, at a stretch. So, without paying heed to the signs of frustration and squalor I embarked into the mercurial world of playing with words, not the ones you find in speech bubbles, but instead on the silver screen. It quickly became apparent that if you wanted to write a cohesive screenplay that made sense, you had to understand the world of direction, to direct you needed a good understanding of the frame, and to shoot you needed to know how to edit. So here I am 20 plus years later, still churning out typos, still telling people what to do, still getting a sore back holding a 9kg hunk of metal, and still eating junk food in the dark at 2am.

Main disciplines;

Screenwriter

Directs an assortment of moving pictures Camera pointer, current setup utilises the trusty Sony F5 Offline editor on Avid and Prem Pro

Other handy bits and bobs;

Knows which way to bounce a light

Can balance your yellow and cyan images back to something useable

Photoshop human heads onto barbie doll torsos

Slipping on fake blood expertise

Learnt stuff at New Zealand Broadcasting School, class of '00

When someone else slips I have a certificate saying I know how to give mouth to mouth

Have a car that's just about too small to fit a tripod, camera, and set of lights in

Most recent work and clientele;

Rayla Tunu Kai - Whispers From The Past (Screenwriter - Feature, 2024)

Location, Location, Location (Camera - TVNZ, Banijay Screentime, 2024)

First Responders (Director / Camera - Discovery, Banijay First Responders, 2023)

A Dish Served Cold (Screenwriter - Feature, 2023)

Castrol Toyota Formula Racing Championship (Post Director - Discovery, Volt Media, 2023)

Police Ten 7 (Director / Writer / OCP / Editor - TVNZ, Banijay Screentime, 2018 - 2023)

Rodin Cars Super GT (Post Director - Discovery, Volt Media, 2022)

Dogs Best Friend (Camera - Link Road Pictures, 2018)

References;

Chris Brokensha - Camera Operator - tv@xtra.co.nz - 021882739

Sarah-Luise Whatford - Producer - sarah-luise.whatford@screentime.co.nz - 021626796

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