Brian Feary: Curriculum Vitae

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Yoobee School of Design – Diploma of Web Development

Skills gained include: Responsive web design using HTML5, CSS and Javascript (including JQuery and Twitter Bootstrap); Wordpress theme creation, and PHP server-side application development using the Laravel framework.

2007

Natcoll School of Design – Graduate Diploma of Digital Media

This qualification at Natcoll was focussed on becoming a good designer and solving design problems. Design projects included designing for a number of different mediums, idea generation, bountary-pushing experimental design, and team work.

2006

Natcoll School of Design – Diploma of Computer Graphic Design

Skills gained include fluency in Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator and Macromedia Freehand as well as knowledge of basic design principles.

2003-2005

Greymouth High School – NCEA Level 1,2,3

Subjects studied at Level 3 include Photography, Computer Graphics Technology, English, Land Studies and ICT.

February 2015-July 2015

Web Designer – Meta Digital

Meta Digital is a small web design company with a focus on quality and a best-in-world customer experience. I created websites for a number of varied and different clients including Johnston Architects, Ngai Tahu, Careerforce, and re-branded the company from Meta Solutions with a new logo and new website of my design. Skills gained included creating websites from initial consultation with clients, creating mockups (composites) in Photoshop to show the look and feel of the website, and then coding themes from scratch in Wordpress using Twitter Bootstrap and various Wordpress plugins including Advanced Custom Fields.

Reason for leaving: contract expiry

January 2011-September 2014

In-House Graphic Designer – Knight Frank New Zealand

Reporting to the COO, this role was an education in working for a large company with high-stakes deals and large clients. Key responsibilities of this role involved the application of strict international brand guidelines to prepare marketing material including billboards, signage, surveys, newspaper advertising, and portfolio magazines for nationwide distribution. Brand development and positioning, copywriting, social media/website maintenance, photography and creating office signage were also parts of this role. Negotiating with suppliers for best value and service is also a skill I learned at Knight Frank.

Reason for leaving: left to study Web Development full-time

September 2008–January 2012

Advertising Creative – Fairfax Media/The Press

Fairfax Media is the parent company of The Press, the most widely-read newspaper in the South Island with a circulation of 235,000. Key responsibilities of this role included production of print-ready advertisements, adherence to strict deadlines, use of style guides, and direct contact with many different clients. Typography, conceptualization of effective adverts and speedy creation of advertising material were definite strengths. Technical knowledge was very important in this role, and I quickly gained expertise in the field of print production. I also had a three-month stint as temporary Advertising photographer, which involved taking portraits and product shots in a professional environment. A key client was Donnithorne Simms Mitusbishi and templates of my creation are still in use today.

Reason for leaving: voluntary redundancy due to company restructure

October 2011-Present

The Sheep Technique - RDU98.5FM

A New Zealand alt/indie guitar music show on RDU 98.5 FM. Since learning the ropes of being a radio show host I have progressed from a shaky amateur and the show has been moved to a prime-time Monday Drive slot between 4-6pm. Interviews have given me experience in talking to people in a studio environment over the phone, and have given me experience in preparation of interviews. Via a strong social media presence the show has gained an international following and is a go-to for indie bands throughout New Zealand as a way to be heard.

2013-Present

Freelance Music and Audio production

Production of music for my own bands as well as others, and relief work as advertising production at RDU while the production manager was on leave. Songs I have produced include current RDU high-rotate songs Knuckle Cut by Nervous Jerk and Why At This Time by Music Sucks as well as releases by X-Ray Charles, The Dance Asthmatics, BNP and Thrill Collins; advertising production for RDU included two stints totalling approximately one month of work in 2013 and included writing advert scripts. I am an expert at using REAPER, have experience in Pro Tools, Apple Logic and Ableton Live and know principles behind good sound recording.

2012-Present

Curator, Graphics Guy, Co-founder – Melted Ice Cream

Noting that there is a lot of great bands in Christchurch that would otherwise be overlooked, I founded Melted Ice Cream with friend and fellow musician Joe Sampson as a platform to showcase the Christchurch alt/indie scene. Originally a cassette-only bandcamp label, Melted Ice Cream is gaining momentum with a new website underway and our first vinyl release being pressed presently for international release, with distribution channels in place throughout the USA and Europe, all acheieved on a shoestring budget.

April 2014-Present

An Evening Quiz, With Brian Luv – Darkroom (Pub Quiz)

An alternative to the standard pub quiz, this quiz has been a regular Wednesday gig for over a year and has a reputation as being oddball. Quiz categories have included plane crashes, potato chips, dad rock, Riccarton Mall and UFOs. This quiz is entirely written by me and requires approximately five hours of preparation weekly as well as four hours of presentation. Research into subjects, and crafting suitable questions to be answered in a pub quiz format are skills that have been honed here, and these skills have improved my written English and public speaking considerably.

Brian Feary: Portfolio

View more online including web projects: http://brianfeary.co.nz/



Ben Dodd and His Organ: "Play The Songs Of Young New Zealand" LP Junk Shop 1960s organ music styled album cover, 2013



Seth Africa: Fully Charged LP 90's styled novelty album cover, 2015

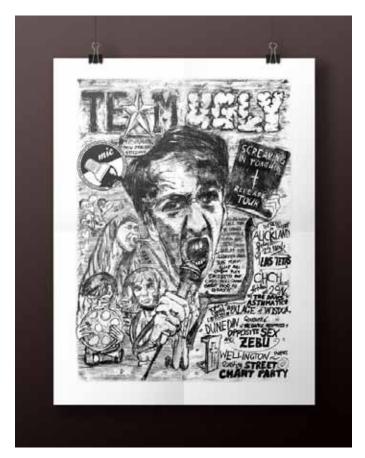


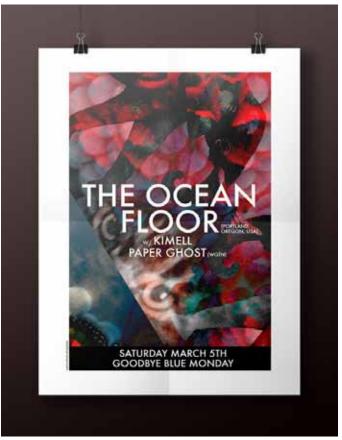


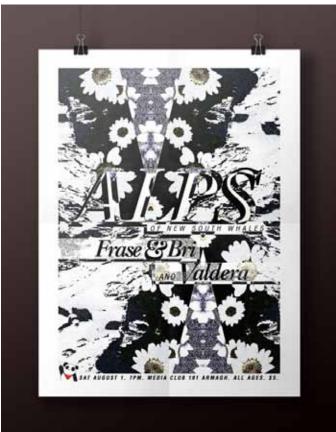


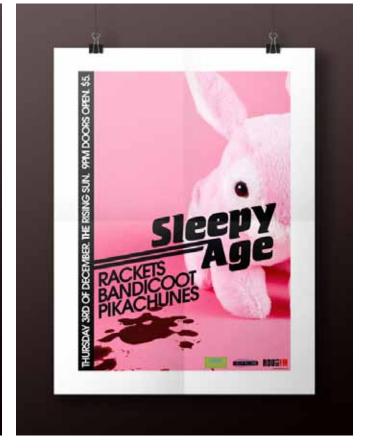
Meta Digital company rebrand

Logo, business card and style guide, 2015









Band Posters

Clockwise from top: Team Ugly NZ Tour, 2013; The Ocean Floor at Goodbye Blue Monday, 2011; Sleepy Age at The Rising Sun, 2010; Alps of New South Whales at The Media Club, 2009







Knight Frank

Selected design projects, clockwise: Scope of Valuation Service form (designed for both digital and printed use); entry signs; Knight Frank Property View quarterly portfolio magazine