

The component creators

Twenty seven years in business have seen CNC Machining Co Limited grow into a leading supplier of quality manufactured componentry to New Zealand industry.

The company was formed in 1986 by managing director John Houston, who began as a one man business operating a single machine. Today Houston leads a skilled team of machine operators, who run 14 CNC machines from the company's modern manufacturing facility in East Tamaki.

CNC Machining does not manufacture any of its own products, but has instead focused on manufacturing componentry for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in New Zealand and Australia.

Houston says this deliberate move has resulted in CNC Machining Co growing into a diverse company with a wide range of skills and services.

It offers a CAD design service and computer-aided manufacturing, as well as machining, turning and finishing, all done under strict quality control processes.

"We've always tried to be as diverse as possible," he says. "We started off with one machine and we've progressively grown. We're going to continue rotating and changing direction and adding capabilities."

Servicing local industry

The CNC team works for customers in a wide range of industries, including sport and leisure, and has made components for go-karts, luxury yachts, bicycle pedals, fly wheels, model boats and amusement park rides.

The company has manufactured parts for some of Auckland's most striking architectural buildings, including dual-purpose tactiles, frameless glass fittings, display stands and architectural sculptures.

Along the way it has developed strong relationships with many producers of dairy equipment and maintains the high quality of machined parts required for the dairy industry. Many of CNC's partners are also involved in manufacturing equipment to improve productivity in the agricultural industry. The company's machined parts can be found in water supply systems, chemical distribution and state of the art fruit testing equipment.

It also manufactures electronic housing solutions, from marine power point housing to electronic soil-testing devices. In addition, it supplies stainless steel balustrade fittings to the glass industry, as well as finished plastic mouldings and inserts for mouldings to the plastics industry.

Relationships are the key

Houston says the skillset within his company is extensive and the business has continued to grow through difficult economic times.

"One of the biggest mantras we've got is our focus on relationships; that is paramount. We have two clients I set up with who have been with me for 27 years and up to 30 who have been with me for 10 years," he says.

"We stand out from our competitors through our service and relationships."

CNC Machining Co has developed its own production planning system in house and controls every aspect of its customers' requirements.



^ CNC Machining operates 14 CNC machines at its manufacturing facility in East Tamaki



^ CNC Manufacturing managing director John Houston and production manager Ally Houston

Growing the family business

CNC Machining Co has employed many members of the Houston family during the years, with the next generation now preparing to take hold of the company's reigns.

Houston is working to diversify the company's manufacturing capabilities even further before handing the business over to his son Ally Houston, who currently works as production manager.

"The business was originally a vehicle to my retirement in the next four or five years. Ally has been so integral to the development of the business and we have a succession planned. I've had nieces and nephews work here over the years and even my mother-in-law came to work for us once. It's very much a family business."

CNC Machining's range of services includes:

- Computer assisted design
- Computer aided manufacturing
- Machining: turning, chucking, threading, milling, trapping, drilling and material cutting
- Bar-fed and twin spindle
- Finishing: welding, broaching, powder coating, electroplating, zinc plating, galvanising and anodising
- Quality control
- Customer service.

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