

Meet Craig Harrington



Craig is the newest member of the Burwood Limb Centre staff having started there as a Prosthetic Technician in May this year. Craig was born in Christchurch in 1974 and lives at Rolleston with his wife Ana, their 4 year old son, 6 year old daughter and he also has a 16 year old daughter with whom he describes as having a "best friend" relationship with. His parents still reside in Christchurch and he has one older sister and 3 step-sisters. Craig completed all his schooling in Christchurch and it was when he was a 15 year old student in the 5th form at Christchurch Boys High School that he was involved in a motorcycle accident which necessitated him.

having his right leg amputated below knee. He had 6 months off away from school while he recuperated and entered the 6th form but as he describes, school was not for him and he left at the end of that year. Prior to his accident, Craig had been involved in the ATC, (Air Training Corp) and had visions of entering the Air Force but the accident put paid to those aspirations. At the age of 17, he did apply to the Limb Service to become a prosthetic technician but feels his tender age was against him and he did not get the job. His first job was with a wool press and hydraulics distributor and then moved on to become a manufacturing jeweller for a year but found this type of work very mundane. For the next 5 years he worked as a plastic welder before setting up his own business in the same field and ran this business for 18 years. It was while at the Limb Centre earlier this year getting an adjustment when Dion mentioned to him that a position was available and encouraged Craig to apply. Craig has nearly 24 years' experience in fabrication and composite work so his skills are very relevant to his new position and he states that he is enjoying his new role immensely.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Japanese.

FAVOURITE PLACE: Byron Bay, Northern NSW.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rock genre and the band Metallica.

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Dead Pool.

FAVOURITE BOOK: Silence of the Lambs.

ACTIVITIES/HOBBIES: Martial arts, Cross fit, Drumming and anything to do with motorcycles. He said he loves to "tinker".

Craig said that he had a very happy childhood and apart from his accident, he has great memories. He enjoys catching up with his extended family and playing golf with his Dad although he would like to do that more often. In looking back, Craig feels that he has taken every opportunity presented to him throughout his life and loves to take on new challenges. He feels the greatest risk he has taken in his life to be leaving his successful business to start his new career but is pleased everything has worked out so well.

Craig has travelled quite a lot around Australia and has seen much of his home country. He finds it hard to sit still and is happy when he is able to "fix things"

Welcome on board Craig and we look forward to seeing your smiling face when visiting