

LOCAL EXPERTISE PERSONAL CARE BUILT TO LAST

Quality, craftsmanship, and care —
from first conversation to final handover.



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BRAND PROMISE

We build homes the right way — with precision, professionalism, and pride.

For over 40 years, Millar Construction has delivered quality projects across the South Island. We're a family-led team known for our personal approach, trusted subtrades, and unwavering pursuit of excellence.

From concept to completion, you'll work with an experienced crew who communicate clearly, sweat the details, and stand behind the result.

- Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP).
- Registered Master Builders.
- 10-Year Master Build Guarantee.
- 12-month maintenance support.

OUR STORY

Where It All Began

Millar Construction was founded more than 40 years ago by Des Millar, who immigrated to New Zealand from Ireland with a determination to build a better life. With a strong work ethic and a passion for both construction and motorsport, Des established a reputation for quality, reliability, and community spirit. His dedication laid the foundation for a business built on trust and craftsmanship.

Over the years, Des was joined by his son Sam, who officially stepped into the business in 2004. Together they worked side by side, combining traditional skills with modern methods, and setting a standard of excellence that continues to guide Millar Construction today. The company's story is one of heritage, family values, and an unwavering pursuit of quality — carried forward now by Sam and Sarah as second-generation leaders.



THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE BUILD

Sam and Sarah Millar are more than business owners — they're the heart of Millar Construction. As second-generation leaders of a proud family business, they've combined heritage and innovation to carry the company forward, while keeping people at the centre of everything they do.

From Builder's Son to Business Leader

Sam grew up around the trade, watching his father and learning the ropes long before he officially joined the industry. That early grounding shaped his eye for detail and his belief that quality is non-negotiable. Today, he leads the construction team with the same practical wisdom, clear communication, and hands-on involvement that his clients value most.

Family and Community Roots

Together, Sam and Sarah are raising two young boys in Mid-Canterbury. They love the outdoors lifestyle and value the strong sense of community the region provides. For them, construction isn't just about buildings — it's about creating homes where other families can thrive.

A Hands-On, Personal Approach

Clients don't get shuffled between departments or left guessing who's responsible. On site, an experienced Site Manager runs the day-to-day, while Sam is never far away — visiting weekly, checking workmanship against their quality assured checklists, and ensuring details aren't missed.



Our Philosophy

Sam and Sarah believe that building should be collaborative, transparent, and enjoyable. Their guiding principle is simple: treat every project as if it were their own home. That's why clients return, refer friends, and trust Millar Construction to deliver at the highest standard.



MEET THE TEAM



Sam Millar

Director

Second-generation builder with a lifelong grounding in the trade. Sam leads the construction team with hands-on involvement, weekly site visits, and a sharp eye for detail.

Clients value his practical wisdom, clear communication, and commitment to quality on every project.



Des Millar

Founder

Des established Millar Construction over 40 years ago after immigrating to New Zealand from Ireland.

With a reputation for craftsmanship and determination, he laid the foundations of the company's quality-first ethos.

Beyond building, Des is known for his passion for motorsports and community involvement, a heritage that continues to shape the Millar Construction culture today.



Sarah Millar

Office Manager

Sarah has been supporting Sam by managing office administration, initially becoming involved in the work alongside founders Des and Carol Millar.

Sarah first experienced being surrounded by building dust when Sam completed a major renovation to their first home.

Sarah remembers Sam working inside the "big red shed" at Des and Carol's property where the business was originally based—not a thing was out of place inside that shed, everything was tidy and organised.



Paul

Construction Manager

A true asset to Millar Construction, Paul has been with us for over 25 years, starting as soon as he left school. Paul has a strong eye for detail, and always executes a highly-organised, seamless job.

Paul is kept busy with his three sons and wife, Amanda, and has an interest for watching all sports.



Phil

Construction Manager

"Fisherman Phil", is a perfectionist carpenter, who has been with Millar Construction for over 15 years. With a background in furniture building, Phil is the absolute master craftsman.

Fishing and hunting are Phil's passions, although the backpack feels heavier now that he and his wife, Alisha, take their two young sons along on the hike.



Ash

Construction Manager

Ash has been a part of some outstanding projects at Millar Construction for over 10 years. He has an ability to work through tricky details with a can-do attitude.

Ash is a natural leader, both on the construction site and the rugby field, with brilliant communication skills. His dedication to rugby has seen him represent Mid Canterbury and this carries through to his sharp ability in leading a team on the building site.

WHY CHOOSE MILLAR CONSTRUCTION

Proven craft, trusted team

With over 40 years of experience, Millar Construction has built a reputation for craftsmanship and reliability. Our close-knit network of trusted subtrades and suppliers ensures consistent quality across every project.

Personal, family-led service

You'll work directly with Sam and Sarah throughout your journey. There's no middle layer or confusion — just clear advice, open communication, and genuine care from a family business that values relationships as much as results.

A process you can trust

From first consultation to final handover, our proven step-by-step process keeps projects running smoothly. We break down the complexity, guide you through key decisions, and make sure everything stays on track.

Clarity on cost and scope

We provide itemised fixed-price contracts backed by Master Builders. You'll know exactly what's included, with changes always discussed and agreed before work begins. No budget blowouts, no surprises.

Built-in protection and aftercare

Every Millar Construction home is covered by the Registered Master Builders 10-Year Guarantee and a 12-month workmanship warranty. We stay in touch long after handover, making sure you're supported as you settle in.



“We treat every home like it’s our own — and we stay with you through the finishing touches.”



OUR PROCESS

Your journey with Millar Construction

1. Let's Meet

We begin with a free 1-hour 'Built To Last' consultation — a chance to sit down together, hear your ideas, and talk through what success looks like. Bring along any plans, site details, or just your vision. Sam will guide you through the right next steps, whether you're just starting out or ready to build.

2. Site Walkthrough & Feasibility

Your ideas take shape on site. Sam will walk the section with you, discuss layout options, and highlight opportunities and potential challenges. This early guidance helps avoid costly mistakes and sets your project up for success.

3. Design & Planning

We'll collaborate with your chosen Architect — or connect you with a Designer we believe best fits your brief. Together, we'll move from concept sketches through to council-ready working drawings. Along the way we'll help refine selections, materials, and finishes so the design truly reflects your vision.

4. Fixed-Price Quote & Contract

Once working drawings are finalised, we provide a detailed, itemised fixed-price proposal backed by a Registered Master Builders contract. This ensures clarity and confidence around budget and scope. Any revisions are discussed and agreed before signing, then we lock in your start date.

5. Construction Begins

With consent approved, your build gets underway. An experienced Site Manager oversees daily progress, while Sam visits weekly to check quality against our assurance checklists. You'll have access to our online construction management programme — giving you real-time visibility of scheduling, invoicing, and progress photos. Communication is proactive and transparent, so you're never left guessing.

6. Final Walkthrough & Handover

Together we carry out a thorough quality inspection, ensure compliance sign-off, and deliver a spotless, move-in-ready home. You'll receive all warranties and documentation — and most importantly, the keys to your home.

The final walk-through is both a detailed check and a celebration of the journey, marking the beginning of life in your new space with confidence and excitement.

7. Aftercare & Support

Our relationship doesn't end at handover. Every Millar Construction project includes a 12-month maintenance warranty. We'll be back to help with finishing touches, adjustments, and any niggles that arise as you settle in — keeping your home performing at its best.



GUARANTEES AND CREDENTIALS

At Millar Construction, we believe trust is built on more than just words — it's about rock-solid credentials and guarantees that protect you long after the last nail is driven.

Registered Master Builders

As proud members of Registered Master Builders, every eligible Millar Construction project can be covered by the Master Build 10-Year Guarantee. This industry-leading protection offers:

- Structural and weather-tight cover for 10 years
- Defects warranty for 12 months after completion
- Financial peace of mind — covering deposit protection and completion of your build should the unexpected occur

This guarantee is widely recognised as New Zealand's most comprehensive protection for homeowners — adding value to your home and confidence to your decision.

Licensed Building Practitioners (LBP)

Sam and the Millar Construction team are Licensed Building Practitioners, recognised by the New Zealand Government.

This means:

- We meet and maintain official licensing standards
- We complete regular professional development to stay current with code changes and best practice
- We can carry out and sign off Restricted Building Work (RBW) — the most critical elements of your home's structure and weathertightness

The LBP mark shows you're working with qualified professionals committed to excellence.

Workmanship Warranty & Aftercare

Every Millar Construction project also comes with our own 12-month workmanship warranty. This means we don't disappear once the keys are handed over. We check in, return for adjustments, and stand behind the details that make your home function beautifully. Need wall-hung fixtures added, or a small tweak after living in the home? We're there.

Why It Matters

When you choose Millar Construction, you're not just investing in a build — you're securing peace of mind. Between our Master Builders Guarantee, LBP credentials, and our own workmanship promise, you'll know your home is protected by layers of assurance that only experienced, accredited builders can offer.





FEATURED PROJECT

Lake View House

Project Type

Custom architectural new build (lakeside)

Brief

An elegant, timeless home designed for lakeside living with refined architectural detailing.

Highlights & Challenges

Gabled forms connected by a floating flat roof; dark roofing carried down exterior walls for texture against smooth plaster.

Private, formal street frontage; open, relaxed lakeside aspect with raised infinity-edge terrace — an 'on-the-water' feel.

Floor-to-ceiling joinery, integrated hidden roller blinds, refined junctions; multiple redesigns to perfect the outcome.

Our Role & Solutions:

Collaborative build with architect/designer; meticulous set-out and weathering details.

Quality assurance at every stage; craftsmanship focused on crisp lines and durable finishes in a lakeside environment.

Result

A sculptural, highly liveable home — grounded to site yet open to the lake — with enduring materials and flawless detailing.



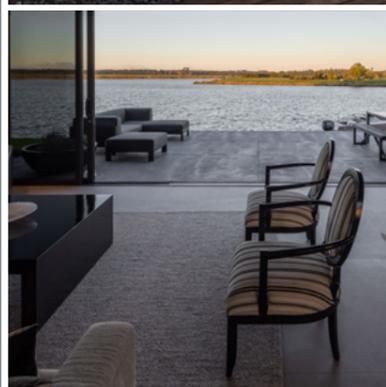
"Four years on Zdena and I are still talking about the importance of the ease of mind and confidence in team when building.

Sam Millar and his team were amazingly good to work with from the initial discussions to hand over of the keys. They involved us as much as we wanted to make the building a seamless and fun experience.

The Quality of workmanship and attention to detail is 100%

We can't recommend them enough and enjoy our lovely house that they produced every day."

Zdena and David West
Lakeview House



OUR SERVICES



New Homes

From Architectural Masterpieces to Smaller Builds

Building a home is one of life's biggest investments, and we treat it with the care it deserves. Whether you're planning a custom architectural residence or a more modest build, our proven processes and experienced team ensure the journey is smooth, enjoyable, and worth every cent. We focus on precision, communication, and quality — so you can feel confident at every stage.



Renovations & Extensions

Bringing Your Ideas to Life

No two renovation projects are the same. That's why we take time to understand your home, your goals, and your budget. From full re-clads to smart internal extensions, we deliver thoughtful advice and connect you with the right specialists to achieve quality results without surprises. Our aim is to add value, improve functionality, and make your existing home work harder for you.



Beyond Building

Labour, Landscaping & More

Our flexible team can also assist with smaller projects and finishing touches. From fences and decks to pool shelters and landscaping, we're practical and adaptable, helping you complete jobs that make a difference to everyday living. It's all part of our commitment to getting your project done properly.

WORDS FROM OUR CLIENTS



"We approached Sam of Millar Construction to build our new home as we knew the former Des Millar Construction had always held a good reputation for build quality and workmanship.

Sam and his team certainly lived up to our expectations with his excellent communication and efficiency at all times being much appreciated. Sam helped us with design ideas along with outstanding attention to detail which provided us with our beautiful new home without any hassle.

We would certainly have no hesitation recommending Sam and his team at Millar Construction to anyone looking to build a quality home."

Grant & Anthea Reith

"We had the pleasure of working with Millar Construction for our new build and the experience more than met our expectations.

From the initial planning with the architect to the final touches Sam showed professionalism and ongoing close communication. We did present one or two challenges along the way but Sam, assisted by the foreman Phil Andrew and his team, found a way to make them work. The whole team were so helpful, friendly, and respectful and worked very well with contractors, interior design people and ourselves always consulting us on the many decisions to be made. A very reliable team all round and their attention to detail certainly stood out and has been commented upon many times.

We are extremely happy with our new home and the high standard of workmanship and would certainly recommend Millar Construction many times over."

Carl and Dorothy Shannon

"We have been extremely happy with Millar Construction building our new home from the planning stage to the completion of the build.

Sam was very professional in all aspects and kept us up to date on progress. He gave us excellent advice and guided us through the entire project.

We found all his staff had very good work ethics and were always friendly towards us and treated us with respect. They were very knowledgeable on all the building products and were excellent to deal with. We never had any issues with them or their workmanship.

We are thrilled with our new home and overall we would certainly recommend Sam and his team to anyone planning on building or renovating.

Paul and Jude Stoddart





READY TO MAKE A START?

Let's sit down for a chat.

Book a no-obligation meeting to talk through your plans, site, and goals.

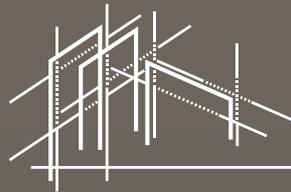
We'll outline the right next steps and what to expect.

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MILLAR
CONSTRUCTION

Local expertise. Personal care. Built to last.

**Founded by Des Millar over 40 years ago,
our family tradition of craftsmanship and care
continues today with Sam and Sarah leading
the next generation.**

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