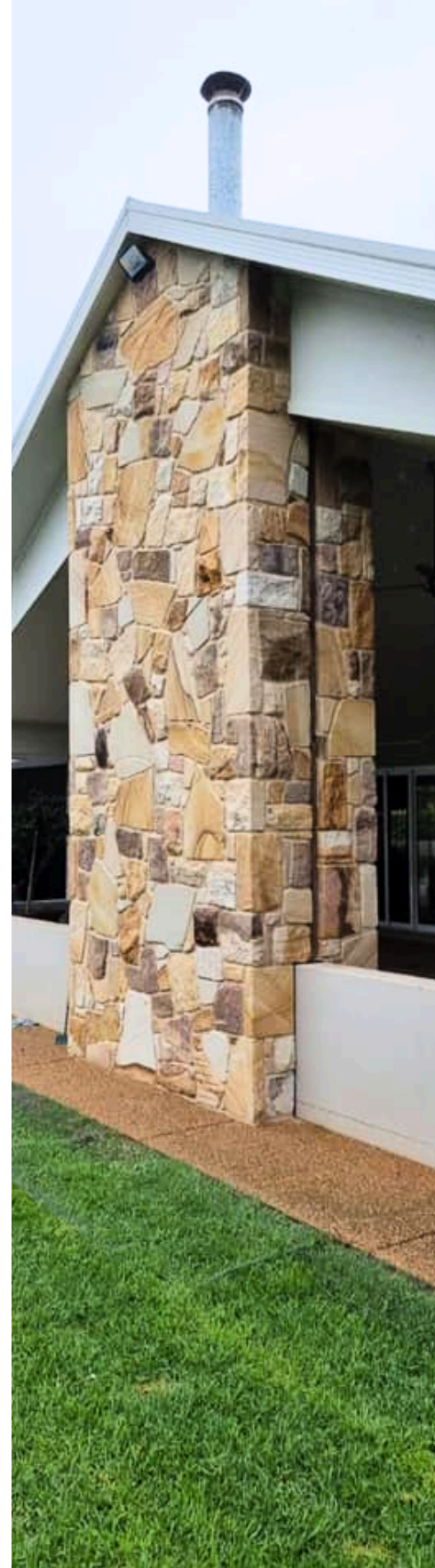


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Clad Stone Installation Training

FOUNDATIONS AND ADVANCED
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS



Facilitated by Master Stone Mason with 18 years experience

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Overview

WHO IS MICHAEL HARFORD?

For more than 28 years Michael has devoted himself to mastering many forms of trades, 18 of which to stone masonry. A craft that allowed his creativity, precision and integrity to thrive. Over the decades Michael has proven himself as a Master Stone Mason with a pristine reputation and quality of work that demands a 6mth wait list.

WHAT IS THE HARFORD METHOD?

A comprehensive training (online video modules with optional in-person workshops) for both personal (**Foundations**) and professional (**Advanced**) installation of Clad Stone Masonry. The Harford Method will teach you more than just how to lay stone like a professional, it'll teach you how to become the type of craftsman people trust, respect and who can create a finished product that will stand the test of time.

WHERE WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

The Harford Method offers online training with optional in person workshops that will take place at **BCP Building Supplies**, 85 Travers Street, Wagga Wagga, NSW



THE
HARFORD
METHOD

FOUNDATIONS WORKSHOP
ADVANCED WORKSHOP

The Difference



WHY THE HARFORD METHOD?

Craftsmanship Before Speed:

- Every stone is placed with purpose and intention. You'll learn to build walls that are not only strong, visually balanced but timeless.

Reputation-Driven Results:

- Learn how to deliver work that speaks for itself. Clean, safe and professional from start to finish. This isn't just another job, it's part of your reputation.

Think Like a Master:

- In Advanced you'll go beyond the basics. Understanding layout strategy, job flow, client expectations and how to make smart decisions on-site like an expert.

Precision and Planning:

- Learn how to use dry-lay previews, photos and visual guides to plan your work before you commit (especially in complex areas).

Tools for Craftsmanship (Not Just Gear):

- Foundation teaches safe use. Advanced teaches how to stage, maintain and instruct others. Including field-proven checklists, visual guides and pro tips.

Leadership Through Action:

- Advanced learners are shown how to lead teams, train apprentices and uphold the standards of a true professional.

Hands-On Mentorship:

- With optional in-person workshops, you'll learn directly from Mike. Observing, learning and applying the subtleties that can't be taught in books or videos.

A Living Legacy:

- Every module is built from decades of on-the-job expertise and is now passing on this mastery (not just theory) to you.

This is trade learning at it's best, taught by the best.

To enrol contact:

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What you'll learn



FOUNDATIONS

This training is intended for Foundation Level learners, DIY enthusiasts and personal home projects. It covers the essential skills for safe, professional and esthetic small clad stone projects and installations you'll want to show off to your neighbours.

- Basic PPE and site safety
- Identifying and using the right tools for the job
- Simple job setup and stone balancing
- Understanding stone formats and styles (e.g., dry stack vs grouted)
- Prepping and applying walls correctly (inc. cleaning, glue mixing, grouting)
- Proper site clean-up and tool management
- Basic quoting using \$/m² and budgeting

PRICE

\$300 – Online training only

\$500 – Online training PLUS 1 day in-person hands on workshop

ADVANCED

This training is intended for Advanced Level learners, experienced tradespeople and professionals. It includes techniques, strategic planning and project management skills for small and large clad stone installations that have taken 2 decades to master.

- Leading site safety, dust and debris control and OH&S PPE requirements
- Advanced tool prep, maintenance and team management
- Full job layout planning for efficiency, safety and aesthetics
- High-level format control (feature lines, format transitions, tight joint dry stack)
- Advanced surface prep, glue/grout application and pinning for structural installs
- Coordinated pack-down with final walkthroughs and documentation
- Strategic quoting (e.g., when to use hourly vs m², estimating special conditions)

PRICE

\$1200 – Online training only

\$1500 – Online training PLUS 2 day in-person hands on workshop

In-Person Workshops

No matter if you are a DIY enthusiast or a professional trade – The Harford Method teaches you exact skills, knowledge and experience that took decades to master.

Nothing beats learning with your own hands under the watchful eye of Master Stone Mason Mike himself at either the 1 day Foundations and 2 day Advanced workshops.

Your preferred workshop date will be able to be selected up to 90 days in advance, with the next available round noted below (spaces limited).

DATES:

Contact for next dates
Advanced (10 spots only)

Contact for next dates
Foundations (10 spots only)

INCLUDED:

- All stone materials and adhesives
- Use of tools and safety gear
- Hands-on instruction and demonstrations
- Support and Q&A throughout the day
- Expert instruction and practical insights
- Access to a library of demonstration videos (post workshop)

LOCATION: BCP Building Supplies, 85 Travers Street, Wagga Wagga, NSW

TO ASK QUESTIONS OR SECURE YOUR ENROLLMENT:

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