

**Founded: May 2014 by Jason and Rachel de Vries.**

**Where: Rolleston, Canterbury, New Zealand**

### **OUR BACKGROUND**

Jason has been a long-standing LEGO fan, collecting his first set at four years old (and he still owns it, too!). He continues to collect and enjoy LEGO sets today, with a particular passion for the LEGO TECHNIC range. Jason is very clever at using TECHNIC as a base for his creations. He designed an amazing dragon, covered in parts that glowed under a UV Light. In January 2017, Jason took it to Melbourne for Brickvention. It survived the plane trip with some very clever and careful packaging and received a prime display table.

After eight years of marriage and years of watching Jason enjoy LEGO, Rachel finally bought her first LEGO piece! This pack of 500 bricks was meant for the children to use, yet only Rachel used them. She proceeded to purchase MANY more of these pieces and built a replica of the house they live in, including having it lit up with TECHNIC power function lights. Rachel's LEGO building skills show an artistic side of LEGO, designing mosaics and sculptures. Rachel's largest project created a large mosaic that used 18,000 bricks and a further 4,000 parts to form the base. This mosaic was an exciting project with a very colourful outcome.

In April 2014, Rachel started planning the business, including developing all the educational programmes and services. The business opened in August 2014 with us launching our Birthday Party and Education Programmes. In 2015 we expanded our services, refining what we offered based on feedback from our clients. Since 2016 the House of Bricks team has grown to have three Event Leaders running programmes, and now our services are available to the whole of New Zealand!