

Meet the Future Team

James Allen | SMSF Strategist

BCom(FinPlan), PC SMSF, SSA™, FTI

James has been involved in the finance industry since 2008. He has completed a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Wollongong, majoring in Financial Planning and moved on to complete a Professional Certificate in Self-Managed Superannuation from the University of Adelaide.

James is also a SMSF Specialist Adviser accredited with the SMSF Professionals Association of Australia and a Fellow member of the Tax Institute. He is an integral part of the financial planning team and a SMSF Specialist. James has worked with a multitude of clients on a range of different projects – most with property and all with Self-Managed Super Funds.

James spends the majority of his time working on how to better position a client for their future investment and retirement. He clearly identifies the benefits to his clients and only proceeds if the benefits are great, therefore the results he has achieved for his clients have been outstanding.

When he's not in the office you can catch him in either the surf at one of the local breaks, fishing in Lake Illawarra or playing a round of golf.

Brooke Howard | Office Manager & Financial Planner

Cert IV Administration | Diploma of Financial Planning | SMSF Specialist

Brooke began with the firm in 2010. As Office Manager, Brooke organises and supervises all of the administrative activities that facilitate the smooth running of the office. Brooke is intrinsically involved with the Financial Planning sector of the business and works alongside Kurt and James.

Brooke is passionate about providing holistic advice that will enhance her client's current and future position. She enjoys engaging on a professional and personal level with her clients via social media, various functions, golf days and educational events to build solid relationships. She believes there are choices out there that she can offer to clients that will provide solutions to their problems.

Brooke can assist you with your Insurance needs, Superannuation advice and SMSF administration needs.

Outside of work, Brooke loves being a mum to her two children, keeping fit with yoga, boxing, bushwalking & netball. She enjoys cooking, spending time at the beach and listening to live music.

Kurt Brabender | Financial Assistant

Joining Future Accountants & Advisers in 2017, Kurt is our in-house Financial Assistant, collecting and entering data for various financial purposes, preparing financial and superannuation applications for clients and assisting stakeholders with their queries. Kurt's main goal is to ensure efficient and prompt communication when dealing with client matters to ensure the best possible outcome and for the company.

When he's not working, Kurt enjoys travelling to the U.S (he was a U.S resident for a year!), spending time with his family and friends (and his best friend Jack D), engaging in political discussions, reading up on international affairs and bike riding around the Illawarra.

Jan Mandelson | Administration

Cert IV Admin | Diploma of SMSF | Diploma of Financial Planning | diploma of Insurance Broking

Jan joined our team in 2017. As the face of the office, Jan's main objective is to ensure all clients are greeted with a smile and all their requirements are efficiently dealt with, with any queries directed to the appropriate person. Jan has exceptional administrative and organisational strengths, which she endeavours to employ in her dealings with our clients. She loves to go above and beyond for our clients!

In her downtime, Jan loves walking, stand-up paddle boarding and politics.

Joshua Balmer | Administration Assistant

Josh has been with Future Accountants & Advisers since 2012, fresh out of graduating from Warilla High. Josh's role as an Admin Assistant entails many roles around the office, including assisting all members of staff to complete their tasks. Josh would love to work toward his goal of becoming a qualified Tax Accountant in the future. In Josh's spare time, he loves reading a good fantasy or historical novel and playing professional lawn bowls (under 25's State champ!).