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## YOUR CAREER IN LANDSCAPING

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**PHILIPPE**

Landscaper

**- Various Diplomas in Landscaping & Horticulture -**

### How did you come to be involved in the landscaping industry?

I was at Gatton Agricultural College (studying beekeeping) and I started doing garden works at my parents' home. I enjoyed it and went from there to work on a turf farm and then started basic landscaping in Brisbane.

### What study did you need to undertake?

A lot of TAFE courses from turfing, landscaping, horticultural and small business management.

### What skills are required?

Good communication with clients and suppliers. Good understanding of a variety of trades by observing and asking questions of how to do things properly. Physically fit and with a good work ethic. Able to visualise the garden at completion. Being able to sell your ideas to a client through plans, and photographs.

### Once qualified, did you work for someone else prior to commencing your own business?

I started on my own and slowly grew bigger.

### What do you like about working in the industry and being part of a team?

I love working outside, I love the creative side of the job. The satisfaction of seeing a job come together, grow and change over the years.

### What is a common myth about working as a landscaper?

They are the best-looking tradies out there!

### What does a typical day look like for you?

That is the beauty of the job – no two days are anything alike. I could be seeing clients, overseeing employees, setting out scope of the job, organising materials and plants, as well as still pushing a wheel barrow and wielding a shovel myself.

### What would you say to someone considering becoming a landscaper?

If you love being outside, like to be creative, love plants and hard work this job is for you!

### Describe your career highlight so far

Winning awards from Landscape Qld for Glenlyon property at Ashgrove.