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**YOUR CAREER IN
LANDSCAPING**
DESIGN CONSTRUCT MAINTAIN

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Landscape Designer

- Advanced Diploma of Horticulture -



What drew you to a career as a landscape designer?

From a young age I had a love of plants and understood the pleasure being in a landscaped environment brings. I wanted to work in an industry which allowed me to create those environments and make a difference to people's lives.

What study did you undertake and what skills are required?

I started my study part time while working in the industry with a Certificate III in horticulture and progressed through to completing an Advanced Diploma of Horticulture through TAFE.

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

I worked for a nursery for 10 years which was a valuable time learning about plants, client relationships and being part of a team all of which has been very beneficial for then becoming self-employed.

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

Landscape designers are passionate about the industry and love sharing that passion with team members and clients. You are constantly learning and there is always something new to incorporate into design ideas.

What is a common myth about working as a landscape designer?

You don't need to be a Landscape Architect to be a garden designer.

What does a typical day look like for you?

6am watering and plant care checking nursery stock | 7am onsite undertaking a landscape brief for the day with my team | 9:30am back to office for design time, quoting, plant and materials research | 3-4pm client meetings | 6pm office time checking emails etc.

What would you say to someone considering becoming a landscape designer?

If you have a passion for plants and a connection with the landscape, then this is a perfect industry for you!

Describe your career highlight so far

I've been in the horticultural / landscape industry for 40 years and it offers constant daily reward providing and sharing the pleasure of the landscape with my team and clients. I couldn't see myself doing anything else!