

Botanical Traditions:

Autumn 2013 Update

Hello!

It has been busy at Botanical Traditions for the last year, with lots of exciting projects, new staff joining the team, and a new garden maintenance service offered.



We are also happy that our landscape at the Port Phillip Community Centre is completed and that the construction of the Lamdeni Rooftop Playspace has commenced.

New Staff

Damon Beeby joined the team earlier this year and is a fully qualified Horticulturist and Landscape Architect. He has previously worked in local government for Frankston City Council, City of Greater Geelong with a short stint at Hume Council. In addition to this he has experience in management and restoration of indigenous plant communities.



Ross Uebergang joined the team around 6 months ago.

Ross is a sustainable landscape designer, with a Diploma of Sustainability. He is a past winner of the Don Fleming Landscaping Victoria Student Design Competition Award at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, for his design

'Eden'. He also currently teaches Vectorworks at Swinburne TAFE.

Ross has mainly a studio support role at Botanical Traditions and is currently underway tackling the daunting task of streamlining our drafting program, Vectorworks. In the future he is considering returning to University to study Landscape Architecture.

We extend a warm welcome to Damon and a belated welcome to Ross which brings us to 5.

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Garden Maintenance



We often have enquiries asking if we undertake garden maintenance, planting and other small design projects. In the past we have offered a very limited general maintenance services and have tried to squeeze this in with our design services - this has not worked well. Many of you will know Kim, she has worked for Botanical Traditions for around 2 years. Although Kim enjoys landscape design she misses working outdoors and has moved into a role where she can get her hands dirty!

Kim has over 5 years experience within the nursery and gardening industry, her design qualification and over 2 years of design experience with Botanical Traditions. She is really enjoying her new role and would be happy to assist you with any small design projects, once off clean-ups or regular general maintenance such as the following:

-  Design and Planting out of small areas and garden make overs of existing areas.
-  Minor pruning and shaping of plants
-  Soil preparation and cultivation
-  Pest, disease and weed control
-  Other maintenance tasks and development of maintenance plans.

There is no garden too big or too small for her. For more information contact Ruth.



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Planning Landscape Plans

Did you know that many town planning applications require landscape plans?

As a general rule, all new developments usually have to submit a landscaping plan with each planning application. Many times the client is unaware that a landscape plan is required until after the architectural plans have been lodged. If this happens, often the condition that a landscape plan must be submitted is added to the Notice of Decision.

The main reason that councils need to see a landscape plan is to ensure that any new development is suitably integrated into the existing environment and neighbourhood character and that there are some permeable surfaces to assist with rainwater infiltration. Most councils are only interested in seeing a planting plan but some are now requesting an illustrative concept also be submitted.

We currently prepare between 20 and 30 such plans a year and have experience with plans for many local government areas.

During construction and if there are later changes to the landscape that have previously been planned and submitted, an amendment must be lodged. This is a step which is overlooked and catches people out at the end of the project. Another issue is that if the ratio of permeable to impermeable surfaces is too low or there is a decrease in the permeability of the surfaces the council may ask for the removal of the installed impermeable surfaces.

We can also assist with the preparation of plans for the approval of greywater treatment systems, tree removal and signage.



MIFGS 2013

In March the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (or MIFGS as we know it) wrapped up. Once again, it was a huge show filled with exhibitors with exciting products (new and old!), sculptures, many many visitors, and a high calibre of show gardens and floral exhibits.

Botanical Traditions' very own Ross Uebergang was involved this year in the overall construction and as project manager for a number of gardens produced by his students at Swinburne.

SILVER MEDAL AWARD

One of the gardens designed and constructed by Ross and his students was built to showcase the 35th Victorian Schools Garden Awards. The Victorian School Garden Awards is a program run by the Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria (NGIV) and aims to encourage schools to utilise their grounds and gardens effectively.

The concept behind this design was to symbolise the transition from a traditional "indoor" classroom to an outdoor oasis bursting with habitat, biodiversity, learning and fun. The left side of the garden depicts the "old" style classroom which transitions gradually to an open, outdoor classroom.

Excitingly, this garden was awarded a Silver Medal!



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