

WHAT does a LANDSCAPE DESIGNER DO?

*A Landscape Designer is like a **creative interpreter of your needs and your site's abilities.***

*The Designer works with your ideas, listens with care and helps to transform those **ideas into reality.***



The design process usually includes the following steps:

SITE ANALYSIS

~ taking levels and measurements of the site, soil analysis and noting existing vegetation.

PREPARING A CONCEPT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION

~ in essence a scaled layout of the new garden, based on the brief and expanded with the designer's ideas.

PREPARATION OF THE MASTER LANDSCAPE PLAN

~ includes levels, measurements, materials to be used, specifications, plantings. This is the working drawing that can be used by clients for obtaining quotations to install the works by landscape contractors.

How much does it cost?

Designers' fees can vary, with some charging an hourly rate, whilst others simply charge a lump sum for plans. The cost is dictated by how grand your plans are, how much information needs to be factored into the working drawings and how complicated. Ask the designer for a fee schedule up front so you know what you are buying.

Know what you are buying

Anyone can present themselves as a Landscape Designer so look for these four things:

- do they have qualifications in horticulture, landscape design or architecture?
- do they have Professional Indemnity Insurance?
- are they a member of Landscaping Victoria?
- what is their fee schedule?

