Stephen Bertram

AILA REGISTERED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT | HORTICULTURIST

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Education

- Permaculture Design and Homesteading Certificate - 2026.
- First Aid Certificate - 2025.
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment - 2024.
- Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business - 2023.
- Diploma of Horticulture - Playground Auditing (PlayRight) - 2017.
- Graduate Diploma in Local Government Management (UTS) - 2008.
- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, 1st class honours (UNSW) - 2002.
- Associate Diploma of Applied Science (Landscape) (TAFE NSW)- 1998.
- Advanced Certificate in Farm Technology (TAFE NSW) - 1992.

Personal Attributes

- Creativity, ideation, and big-picture thinking.
- Communication of complex ideas with varied audiences.
- Highly motivated, self-directed and focused on outcomes.
- Highly collaborative and able to work with teams on complex projects.

Professional Skills

- Landscape design, including streetscapes, parks, playgrounds and residential developments.
- Visual impact assessment, including preparation of visual impact assessment guidelines.
- Photography, landscape photography, technical photography for visual impact assessment.
- Farm design and design for food production.
- Industrial design, including playground equipment, park furniture and signage.
- Landscape documentation, including tender documents and cost estimates.
- Community consultation and stakeholder engagement.
- Public speaking and design presentation.
- Preparation of design reports, approval documents.
- Project management, scheduling, cost estimating.

Software

- Computer aided design (CAD) - highly proficient with SketchUp 2D and 3D including visualisation and detailed design. Proficient with AutoCAD, Vectorworks.
- Graphics software - InDesign, Photoshop, Scribus, Gimp.
- GIS and VIA software - QGIS, WindPRO, ForgeSolar.
- Daily user of MS Office suite, including Outlook, Word, Excel and Teams.
- At home with Windows and MacOS.

Experience

Landscape Architect, Stephen Bertram Landscape Architecture- June 2022 - Current

Working on wide variety of domestic and commercial developments and private gardens.

Landscape Architect / Visual Impact Assessment Specialist, EMM Consulting - July 2023 - October 2025

Visual impact assessment for large scale mining and renewable energy projects.

Landscape Architect, Sydney Organic Gardens — June 2022 - December 2022

Concept design for residential gardens and small farms with an emphasis on permaculture, sustainability and regenerative design. Production of 3D concept designs.

Landscape Architect, Lake Macquarie City Council — 2004 - 2008 & 2009 - 2022

Design and documentation of over 100 projects, preparation of planning approval documents, community consultation, stakeholder engagement.

Projects included:

- Lake Macquarie Variety Playground Stages 3 - 5, 2011. Cost estimating, concept design, documentation.
- Toronto Streetscape Master Plan, 2012/3. Community consultation, cost estimating, concept design.
- The Boulevarde, Toronto - community consultation, cost estimating, concept design.
- Speers Point Park Master Plan Stage 2, 2016/7. Cost estimating, concept design, review of environmental factors, stakeholder consultation, construction documentation, sub-consultants.
- Webb Park Playground, 2017. Concept design, cost estimating, construction documentation.

Landscape Architect, Development Assessment, Lake Macquarie City Council — 2008 - 2009

In this position I worked as Council's landscape architect specialist in assessing development applications and working with applicants to achieve high quality landscape outcomes. Frequently assessed visual impact assessments for large projects and projects on the foreshore of Lake Macquarie.

EJE Landscape Architecture, 2004

Landscape architectural work, including subdivision design and design for redevelopment of the Catherine Hill Bay coal loader. Preparation of visual impact assessments for several residential developments.

Landscape Architect, Aspect Landscape Architecture, 2001 - 2004

Landscape architectural work as a student and following graduation including residential garden design, subdivision design, landscape design for mixed-use residential developments.

Student Urban Designer, Olympic Co-Ordination Authority, 2000

Student Urban Designer during the year of the Sydney Olympics. Work included urban design, wayfinding, custom furniture design and visualisation.

Student Landscape Architect, Spackman and Mossop, 1999

Student landscape architect working on various mixed-use and commercial developments.

Horticulturist and Gardener - 1993 - 2003

Various full and part time positions including garden maintenance, landscape construction and retail nursery sales. Broad experience providing horticultural advice to the public.

Memberships

Registered Landscape Architect with the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) and member International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA).

Referees

Available on request.