

STEVE WARNER

PAVING THE WAY FOR FUTURE LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS



STEVE WARNER, LANDSCAPE DESIGNER AND OWNER OF OUTHOUSE DESIGN IN NEW SOUTH WALES, WAS ALREADY SUCCESSFUL IN THE CORPORATE WORLD BEFORE CREATING HIS OWN COMPANY.

He worked as a senior manager in HR/recruitment for some time before realising that "creating money for corporations doesn't feed my creative ambition and customer service orientation, and therefore did not make me happy". Steve took some time off to evaluate what he was truly interested in and passionate about, and ended up returning to school to study Landscape Design.

"Best decision I ever made," Steve says. "I was always driven by money and a corporate role, maybe because of the life I had as a kid, but I never felt really complete. I wanted to feel inspired and since joining this industry 10 years ago my passion has been ignited and it just feels right."

His wife's sacrifice to give up a successful corporate career to do something she is passionate about started that flame within Steve to seek the same thing, follow his dreams and find something that inspires him.

Steve is proud of the fact that he was able to summon the courage to "give up a senior corporate role on a six-figure salary to go back and study and take up a new role in this industry that wasn't even paying the minimum wage".

"It takes guts to make that decision and a small amount of stupidity maybe," he says.

Since then, Steve's career has gone from strength to strength after winning the National Landscape Award for Best Residential Design and more recently

being asked to become President of The Australian Institute of Landscape Designers and Managers (AILDM).

Steve's award-winning landscape design consultancy has a clear focus on creating bespoke landscape solutions.

"The more difficult the outlook, the more satisfying is the solution. I love what I do for a living. I am very lucky to work with wonderful people to create unique and desirable landscapes for happy clients," he says.

In 2006, Steve started OUTHOUSE design as a fresh, customer-focused landscape design and horticulture consultancy. "The focus for me and the team is always the client. Our role is to listen to our clients' needs and inspire them with our ideas."

Since then, the team has consistently delivered a broad range of projects from innovative, award-winning residential gardens to extensive master planning of community spaces.

"The key strength of our team is our drive to deliver sustainable places for people to live, work and enjoy. We are passionate about creating the 'outdoor living experience' and we are grateful for the trust that our clients have in us. We appreciate that the planning involved in creating a garden is becoming more intense, but seeing the end result, months or years later, makes it all worthwhile."

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