

Welcome to working with Babylon Gardens

Hi, we want to let you know a bit about working with us, what to expect from the process from design all the way through to finishing your job and then... what happens after that...



WE CREATE designs that add real value to your real estate, adding immense pleasure to your daily life, being able to live how you want, picking veggies, swimming under the stars and entertaining 'your style'. To us every job is one of our babies, we can't wait to start and are excited to hand it over to you to enjoy at the end. It gives us great pleasure to enhance peoples lives in creating a magical environment for them to live in.

CRAFTSMANSHIP and attention to detail are very important to us. A great garden should stand the test of time and get better with age. As every garden evolves with time, it is important to continue improving, adding and maintaining the gardens as they grow.

Whilst on site we are acutely aware that it is your home. Our team are immensely respectful of your property and private life and will always try to minimise the impact of construction as much as possible.

JARED has been landscaping professionally for 20 years, he has established numerous procedures for every phase of the project. We are prepared for all situations with ready contingency plans. Our team are talented, hardworking, trustworthy, and genuinely very nice people, which you may get to know quite well. It will be our pleasure to install your garden.

CONTACT US

we like to get the nitty gritty paperwork done by email ,but when it comes to discussion re bits and pieces going on with your job we like a good conversation by phone or on site rather than a to-and-fro email, so give us a call on -

Sandii - 021 802 800

Jared - 021 802 890

Rachael -(design) 020 4079 4509

Jacki - (accounts, tuesday, wednesday and thursday only) 027 243 9349

We dont really take work calls in the weekend to protect our family time but will always answer for an urgent situation if you text.

LANDSCAPING WITH US

what to expect...

DESIGN...First things first, if you don't already have one we like to get a design underway, this starts with one of our site visits- (see the price list at rear) then we give you a quote for your site specific design. We then book you in a time frame allowing us to dream up a beautiful design, we put this onto paper and in our 3d software. There is a bit of a queue for designs so get that booked in pronto! Note that we can do the whole works for you including progressing the drawings and paperwork through council for consents when the time comes.

At this stage we can give you some idea of what the project is going to cost, of course if you have a specific budget in mind we like to clear that up at the outset if possible so we can design to the allocated funds, most people however just want us to blow them away, with a gorgeous vision whilst keeping it realistic.

On acceptance of the estimated costings a time frame will be booked in for construction and a job confirmation and a contract if applicable will be sent to you with a deposit request.

Once the job is underway progress payments will be requested in a regular time frame with the full balance due on completion.



SITE WORK WHAT TO EXPECT

At the beginning of the construction job there will be a bit of coming and going, gear being dropped off, we will be organising materials and deliveries to site. We may not be on site full time for those first few days.

Then there will be a large change when we do the excavation and remove unwanted foliage and fill etc. This will be an exciting few days. After that things look like they slow down a bit but actually it's just the behind the scenes and on the ground preparation work taking place, this may seem to drag on a bit.

The main construction can take a while although we try our best to keep to schedule we are very much affected by weather (ahh auckland !!) so this can cause delays. Finally things really start to take shape, be patient the best days are the last when everything is put back together, planting goes in and is tidied up ground covers or ready lawn and decorative topping finishes go on.

We do maintenance on a number of our previous gardens we have installed so we will not be on site every second Thursday as we need to keep up with this schedule. We sometimes also run another job along side yours so may be on the other site at times.

Once your garden is complete we will come back in about four-eight weeks for a free maintenance and check, then you may choose to go on our monthly or bimonthly maintenance round to keep your garden growing in like we envisage.

Although we design our planting to be as suitable to the local environment as possible, planting is a large investment and so requires your care afterwards. It is a good idea to get us to put in a simple watering system and tap computer which we recommend to run if needed for the first summer or two giving the garden a good healthy start, as most people from our experience find hand watering to be a large time commitment.

SO YOU ARE GETTING A POOL!

what to expect...

WHEN A POOL GOES IN there are a many aspects to the construction some done by us and others undertaken by either our subcontractors or yours. Then of course there is the main pool contractor who does the build of the actual pool shell.

This is the general order of events and some rough price guides

1. Original concept pool plan/design from \$5400 + GST
2. Additional design to prepare plan for Building consent \$165 per hr + GST
3. Book in time frame for the job with us and pool builder
4. Resource consent, may be necessary depends on consent requirements deposit \$4000
5. Engineering for the pool design from \$4200 + GST plus inspections
6. Building consent from \$2875 plus inspections (note there is usually between \$800-\$2000) of extra charges from the council as the consent goes through for RFI's processing and assessment fees etc.)

Start of works:

- We clear the site and prepare for excavation, mark up the site and set the levels for the digger.
- Digger comes in and works with Jared to dig the hole for the pool, we may bring in bulk materials such as lawn mix garden mix, metal etc while we have a machine on site and we have good access.
- The Pool company takes over from here, they do the boxing and set the steel work (this gets inspected by the engineer).
- The pool then gets sprayed with concrete for the main form, It is then let to set and cure for around 28 days.
- During this time we may be able to continue other site works (pool pump shed construction) depending on the design and what other areas are involved. Or we will be back when the shell has cured.
- The pool tiler or us then comes and applies the waterline tile.
- The pool contractor runs the pipework.
- We back fill the surrounds of the pool shell with scoria, then top this up to a state where we can apply the coping tile or start decking.
- The pool fencing gets built by us or a sub contractor of ours.
- Prewire for garden lighting and pump shed by our electrician yours
- The remaining hard landscaping work around the pool area is completed by us
- The pool gets the final plaster coat and then is filled within two days if its getting polished it will be about 4 days (pool company)
- Remaining planting and finishing, lawns done by us.
- Other Costs from subcontractors to allow for :

Plumbing, Plastering, Electrical, Drainlayer, Extra Inspections, Furniture



What will it cost us

Each job varies immensely so will be estimated after the plan is completed but our set rates are below:

As of April 2022 our rates are:

(All prices are plus GST)

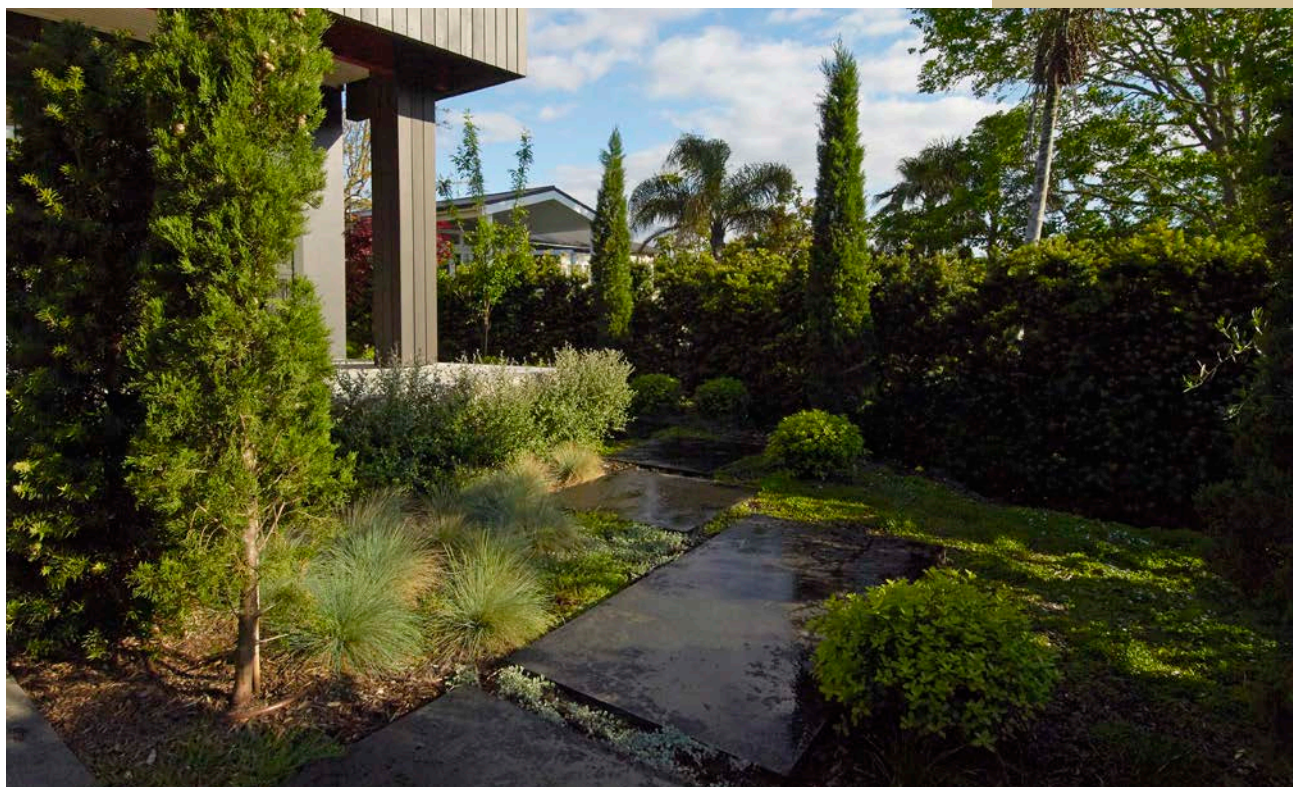
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| MID LEVEL STAFF | \$65 PER HOUR |
| SENIOR STAFF | \$70 PER HOUR |
| JARED | \$85 PER HOUR |
| SITE VISITS | \$85 PP PER VISITS |
| DESIGN FEES | \$165 PER HOUR |

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| Maintenance per hour, per person | \$65 |
| Tip Bags (full bag), includes delivery to Green waste depot | \$35.00 |

TRAVEL FEE
per day when construction is underway one charge for all vehicles
depending on your area, as below:

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| St Heliers, Glendowie | \$19.00 |
| Eastern Bays: Kohi, Orakei, Meadowbank | \$45.00 |
| Parnell and Newmarket | \$55.00 |
| Mt Eden | \$76.00 |
| Central Auckland: Grey Lynn, Westmere, Herne Bay, Freemans Bay, Manukau | \$82.00 |
| North Shore: Northcote, Birkenhead, Titrangi | \$90.00 |
| Matakana | \$185.00 |

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| Meeting Fee: per person attending Per hour | \$85.00 |
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BOOK ME IN - HOW DO I GET STARTED?

BABYLON GARDENS PLANNING YOUR LANDSCAPING

How does this work?

Projects come in all shapes and sizes, the following information might not all apply to your home, we enjoy tailoring our process to each job.

All jobs do start with one our site visits. If you don't know which would be best for you, we can discuss options it at the meeting.

STEP 1.

INITIAL SITE VISIT

\$290 incl GST, plus travel suburb fee (see above)

Roughly one hour long. We will walk through your property with you and discuss your plans for the space give our feedback and offer suggestions and strategies for getting the most out landscaping with Jared's construction knowledge and experience, planting, paving, pools, driveways and entrances or what ever it is that you need on your site. We will offer ideas verbally and explain logistics and timeframes of jobs.

STEP 2.

FULL SITE CONCEPT PLAN

From \$3200 or Pool concept Plans from \$5200 plus GST

From an initial or comprehensive site visit we will come up with a fabulous concept plan containing the elements you have conveyed to us and more. The plan includes plant pictures and suggestions, vibe photos and examples of what we are imagining, material samples are brought to the meeting when we walk you through your plan. This plan can involve pool planning as well, please note a survey must be supplied to complete a pool plan.

PLANTING PLAN ONLY

From \$850 Plus GST

Renovate your planting or start from scratch, we will supply rough area sketches for placement and plant lists with pictures. We can then supply the plants if needed through our wholesalers (POA)

LIGHTING PLAN

from \$450 plus GST

Add a lighting plan to your concept plan included are pictures and examples of lights available. We can source and supply the products.

STEP 3.

JOB COSTING-CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATOR

\$350-\$1600 plus GST

After your plan is agreed upon and any minor changes are made we can provide estimates in several different ways for your job. In most cases this will take a few weeks to complete.

FILE UPLOAD FEE

\$85 incl GST

If you require your file sent to you as a DWG this is charged at \$85 plus GST. PDF files are not charged and will be uploaded to a folder for you in Hightail.com

INSTALLATION OF DESIGN

After estimates have been agreed upon construction of your design begins. We can source all plants and materials including furniture and accessories (including pots and planters) to complete the job.

Above costs are based on Auckland Central, please contact us if your property is out of Auckland Central.

Extra admin fees for research, council communication, sourcing product, email communication, revisions and printing incur fees of \$165 per hour plus disbursements, plus GST.

Please see our website for our full terms and conditions.

PAYMENTS

On acceptance of any of our estimates you will be sent a contract, once this is signed a 'deposit request' form with a job confirmation will be sent to you, the jobs which you want to proceed with in the first instance will be listed on here.

The deposit requested will need to be paid a week before commencement of the job.

For small jobs the balance will be required on completion, and for larger jobs you will be sent 'progress payment' requests weekly.

Payments must be made within 2 days of the request or invoice being sent.

Payment is by bank deposit.

Credit card will be accepted in person at our office incurring a merchant and processing fee of 3.5%

All OVERDUE invoices will incur interest at a rate of 2% per month, or 24% per annum.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final Payment will be due two (2) days after the completion of the project.

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Our full terms and conditions can be found on our website: [Babylon Gardens terms](#).



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