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nature intended.*



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## Our Four-Step Process

It's not your budget that is important to us. Taking you through our four-step process is our main priority. Whether you have \$10,000 to invest in your landscape, or a limitless budget, you're in control of the process.

It's up to you if you only complete step one, or go through all four.

### Step 1: Consultation



### Step 2: Design



## We work with nature, and not against it.

We design, build and maintain landscapes that are inspired by Mother Nature's most beautiful work.

Our philosophies and practices centre on recreating habitats in Australia, in the form of native and indigenous wonderlands with water capture and conservation at their core.

We're renowned for our billabongs and natural pools, where you can swim in pure water that's chemical free. We've built some of the most ambitious vertical gardens in the southern hemisphere and are assisting in greening cities with our unique rooftop garden solutions.

Our landscapes require minimal maintenance and are rarely connected to mains water. They evolve naturally and will last for generations to come.

Havens where you can retreat, wildlife can flourish and children can be inspired.

### Step 4: Maintenance



### Step 3: Construction



# The Research Lab – Our Olinda Display Property

Olinda is in the stunning Dandenong Ranges in Victoria – an area known for being highly fire and drought prone.

Innovative on-site water capture and conservation at our Olinda display garden means the site has the ability to store 190,000 litres of water – 45,000 litres more than water authorities estimate the average household uses annually from mains sources.

Whilst neighbouring properties dry out, our property has excess water. Olinda is not connected to mains water and is also solar powered. It's our lush research laboratory.



## The Billabong

In nature, a billabong is a naturally occurring water feature that fluctuates with the seasons. Our billabongs are designed to do the same. They sustain the surrounding environment – providing water for irrigation, fire safety and wildlife.

Chemical free, they use natural filtration systems for crystal clear swimming water. Converting traditional swimming pools into natural billabongs has enormous environmental benefits, and is a core strength at Phillip Johnson Landscapes.

No matter what size area you have, we can scale the billabong to fit.



*Four species of frogs, kookaburras, robins, lyre birds, king parrots, rosellas, wallabies, wombats, echidnas, lizards & more than 95 types of native & indigenous plants are just some of the other species who call our Olinda property home.*

# Our philosophies at work

Sustainable landscape design can be applied to any size space and can work with any budget. Our four-step process ensures the creation of natural habitats that are functional for the environment and for you, and feel beautiful to be in. From vertical gardens for apartment balconies, to low maintenance/low irrigation native landscapes for smaller suburban blocks, and large-scale rural properties, our philosophies and design principles work with each space.



## Ashburton, Victoria

A suburban wilderness inspiring children to roam and re-engage with nature. Jump along stepping-stones and explore secret paths to hidden pockets. This 630 square metre property is low maintenance and requires no irrigation. The soft permeable paths allow rainwater to percolate through to the sub-surface soil, and the use of bush mulch on garden beds further aids water retention.



## Box Hill, Victoria

A 390 square metre site in suburban Melbourne has been transformed into a billabong oasis. Water sensitive design means the landscape requires no mains water. Bird attracting planting coupled with the sustaining billabong creates an urban escape for wildlife, and a sanctuary for you.



## Vertical gardens at Olinda, Victoria

Vertical gardens beautify previously bland spaces, and are ideal for small backyards and apartments. By increasing the plant life in an area, we further assist in filtering CO<sup>2</sup> from the atmosphere. Vertical gardens hang as natural art forms. You can even grow produce in your “green wall”. Pluck fresh strawberries and harvest your herbs. We’ve developed innovative construction and maintenance methods designed to work with grey water, or in combination with the nutrient rich water from our trademark “billabongs”, otherwise known as natural pools.



## Lubra Bend, Yarra Glen, Victoria

Set in the Yarra Valley, sprawling wetlands meander across this 300+ acre property, assisting with fire safety and home to an abundance of wildlife. Requiring no mains water, storm water management systems sustain the vast network of billabongs, where a habitat corridor has been created with the Yarra River. Hand selected boulders showcase Nature’s sculptural brilliance.

