

Birgit Seidlich Earl is a Landscape Architect and Environmental Planner inspired by the beauty and complexity of nature.

With over 25 years of professional experience, she has acquired a wealth of knowledge in Landscape Design, Environmental Restoration and Horticulture.

Birgit has worked on a diverse range of landscape projects in Melbourne, Sydney and presently in the Southern Highlands of NSW. Her portfolio includes garden and park designs, environmental management strategies, reports and plans of management for Government agencies and private land owners.

In 2002, Birgit established her landscape design firm *Brigit Earl Landscaping* in Kangaroo Valley, NSW, where she has designed and implemented a diverse range of landscape plans for rural properties.

Her projects include the design and construction of gardens around newly built architect designed houses, renewal and extensions of existing gardens, design of farm infrastructure, food production systems and large scale planting schemes for rural and lifestyle properties.

In her work, Birgit pays close attention to environmental aspects of each project and site. She has an interest in environmental protection and conservation and incorporates the principles of Ecological Sustainability in her work and personal lifestyle.

This involves the use of native plants to provide habitat for birds and wildlife, the inclusion of productive plants for food, fodder and shelter, and the conscious use of environmentally friendly products in favour of non-renewable or unsustainable materials. Her clients generally wish to create a setting that is sympathetic to the natural landscape and facilitates a healthy, down to earth country lifestyle.

In her landscape designs, Birgit aims at creating harmonious spaces for human use whilst maintaining ecological diversity in the outdoor environment. She is guided by her understanding of natural life processes and her love for animals. Her gardens reflect this by being relaxed and harmonious outdoor spaces that bring to you the pleasure of natural sounds, the colour of flowers and the texture of leaves and bark.

This is visually expressed through the application of naturally flowing lines and sinuous curves that form the shape of the spaces, paths and garden beds in her landscape plans.

People that inspired her are Edna Walling, Andy Goldworthy, Roberto Burle Marx, Bill Mollison, Walter Burley Griffin, Frank Lloyd Wright and Rudolph Steiner.

Birgit is also a committed member of WIRES and cares for injured and orphaned wildlife. She has set up her rural property in Kangaroo Valley as an animal sanctuary where she releases native animals back into the wild.

P r o f e s s i o n a l E x p e r i e n c e &
E m p l o y m e n t H i s t o r y

Brigit Earl Landscaping

Principal
Landscape Architecture &
Environmental Planning
2002 - present

OCULUS

Sydney, NSW
Director, Proprietor

Landscape Architecture,
Urban Design, Environmental Planning
1996 - 2002

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Sydney, NSW
Environment Officer
Environmental Planning and Policy
1992 - 1995

University of Western Sydney

Sydney, NSW
Lecturer
Landscape Design & Environmental Management
1990 - 1991

KEVIN TAYLOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Melbourne, VIC
Landscape Architecture, Environmental Planning, Community Art
1987 - 1988

National Parks & Wildlife Service

Student internship
1982-83

E d u c a t i o n

**University of Technology, Berlin,
Germany**

Landscape Planning & Development. 1980 -1982

**Royal Melbourne Institute of
Technology**

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture -
Graduated with Distinction.
1984 - 1986

**Control Data Institute, Berlin,
Germany**

C.A.D. Designer, certified
1987

Permaculture Institute, Australia

Permaculture Designer, certified
1988

Melbourne University

4 subjects completed in Masters in Environmental Studies

1990

Tafe NSW
2003

Certificate 2 , Animal Attending

Metavision Institute
2010
Diploma in Applied holistic Counselling

B R I G I T E A R L L a n d s c a p i n g

Landscape and Garden Design, Kangaroo Valley, NSW
Position: Director and Proprietor

Since the establishment of Brigit Earl Landscaping in Kangaroo Valley in 2002, Brigit has designed and implemented a diverse range of landscape plans for rural property for her local clientele.

Brigit Earl specializes in country and cottage gardens, the revegetation of rural properties and the creation of wildlife habitat.

Her projects include design and construction of gardens around newly built architect designed houses, renewal and extension of existing gardens, design of farm infrastructure, food production systems and large scale planting schemes for rural and lifestyle properties.

Ecological sustainability and environmental protection are an integrated part of Brigit's work. This involves the use of native plants to provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, the inclusion of productive plants for food, fodder and shelter, and the conscious use of environmentally friendly products in favour of non-renewable or unsustainable materials. Her clients generally wish to create a setting that is sympathetic to the natural landscape and facilitates a healthy, down to earth country lifestyle.

OCULUS Landscape Architecture - Environmental Planning, Sydney
Position: Director and Proprietor

As a director of OCULUS, Brigit worked on large scale public projects for Government agencies.

Her expertise were

- Landscape design,
- Environmental planning,
- Ecologically sustainable design,
- Environmental policy and
- Natural resource management projects.

Birgit specialized in landscape restoration and the re-establishment and management of vegetation for habitat and biodiversity conservation. She prepared several landscape restoration plans and plans of management with a focus on implementation by local Government and community consultation.

Leichhardt Municipal Council -

Position: Environment Officer

Leichhardt Environment Strategy & State of the Environment Report, 1992 - 1995

In the position of Environment Officer for Leichhardt Council, Birgit had a key managerial position with the responsibility of directing environmental policies and management across all Council Department.

Birgit worked closely with Councillors and the local community in developing the comprehensive Environment Strategy "*Towards A Sustainable Future*". Birgit then spent three years co-ordinating the implementation of the strategy. She single-handedly developed an integrated Energy Efficient Housing Program, prepared State of the Environment Reports and a draft stormwater management plan, managed revegetation projects at Pioneer Park and Callum Park, initiated a wetland restoration project, contributed to the ESD framework for Leichhardt's New Town Plan and participated in the development of the EPA guidelines for State of the Environment Reporting. In 1994, Leichhardt Council won a series of environmental awards including the National Energy Awards from the Local Government Association and a commendation for Innovation in Local Government for Birgit's work.

Responsibility: *Corporate development of environmental policy and management for Leichhardt Council, environmental research and policy development, liaison with Councillors, Directors, Managers and State agencies in all environmental matters, Project initiation and management, funding applications, advice to council officers and residents.*

Single Practitioner and Lecturer in Landscape Architecture

Position: Lecturer in Landscape Architecture at RMIT, University of NSW and University of Western Sydney

Creative Village Project, 1990

Birgit worked in a team with architect Ian Woodcock and artist Stacey Pollard and three students for the Creative Village Program (sponsored by the Arts Council of NSW). The team prepared two landscape masterplans for the town centres in Coleambally and Darlington Point (NSW) proposing public meeting places and an improved main street while bringing the qualities of the rural landscape into the town centre. The design focussed on working with the community to improve the appearance of the main street and local shops by improving access and by developing design ideas for street planting, seating, murals and sculpture.

Project Responsibilities: *Project management, community consultation, landscape masterplanning, report writing.*

Awards

A.I.L.A. NSW Award for ACHIEVEMENT IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
IN ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION, 1999

FOR
GREEN CORRIDORS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

NATIONAL ENERGY AWARD 1994
FROM DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND ENERGY
FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT HOUSING PROGRAM FOR LEICHHARDT COUNCIL

NATIONAL AWARD FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY 1994
FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT HOUSING PROGRAM
FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATION

STATE AWARD FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY 1994
FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATION
FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT HOUSING PROGRAM

COMMENDATION FOR INNOVATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 1994
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY FOR LEICHHARDT COUNCIL

I N T E R E S T S :

- Nature and Wildlife
- Ecology
- Conservation
- Literature
- Psychology
- Philosophy
- WIRES