



KIAMA LANDSCAPES AND CYCAS LANDSCAPE DESIGN

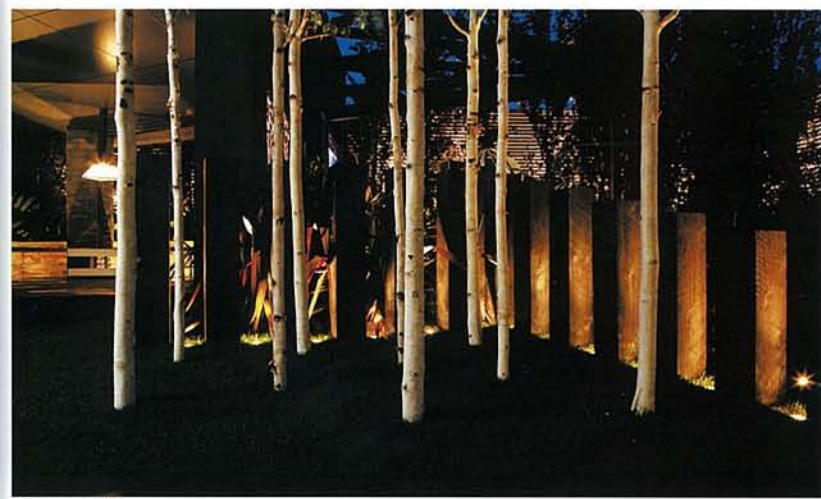
TEAM BUILDING

A TRULY WINNING COMBINATION

In the landscaping industry, very rarely does a team emerge whose creative ingenuity and construction skill truly transcends the realm of imagination. With designs that capture the eyes and the soul, and flawless garden formations which enrich the lives of those lucky enough to dwell there, the dynamic partnership of renowned landscape designer, Mark Browning, and Kiama Landscapes and Paving, achieves all of this and more.

Recently celebrated at the world's most prestigious horticultural event, The 2007 Chelsea Flower Show in London, by winning a coveted Silver-Gilt, Mark Browning of Cycas Landscape Design and the experts at Kiama are fast emerging as Melbourne's most sought-after creators of luxury outdoor living solutions.

Their exhibit in Chelsea, the *'Fleming's and Trailfinder's Australian Garden'*, showcases Browning's sharp, edgy style, and affinity for vertical elements. The use of Australian bluestone in differing formats throughout gives the garden a quintessential 'Melbourne' feel, which is so desired by architects and renovators alike. Design elements aside, the sublime quality of the garden's construction can be attributed to the expertise of the Kiama team. The *Australian Garden*, like many of Cycas and Kiama's creations, was designed for busy people, described as "... a haven where time slows down and simple pleasures can be enjoyed".



Trees were central to the garden, as they are to all of Browning's designs. "Trees are the backbone of any real landscape" Mark says. "Yet so many people are reluctant to use trees, which is such a shame". With the urban canopy diminishing rapidly, Cycas and Kiama believe landscape designers and contractors must lead by example regarding sensible and sustainable landscape practices in this climate-conscious new era.

Cycas has been operating for 22 years, developing unique landscape designs services for some of Melbourne's finest homes, winning a multitude of housing industry awards in the process. In addition to landscape design, Cycas also offers material selection advice and sourcing, plant brokerage, and project management. The creativity of Cycas designer Mark Browning is especially complimented by the construction expertise of Tim Sprague and Stephen Lloyd of Kiama Landscapes and Paving, who have been building innovative luxury outdoor living areas for over 26 years.

Their award-winning business has been based firmly on their philosophy of "employing and training the best people, ensuring excellent quality of work and providing outstanding customer service every time." This philosophy has ensured their continued success, culminating in international recognition at Chelsea.



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Prior to Chelsea, Cycas and Kiama Landscapes and Paving had already enjoyed great success as a team. This was demonstrated at the 2006 Landscape Industry Association of Victoria Awards when a distinctive Mark Browning design, constructed by Kiama, won the highly-contested *Residential Landscape over \$100,000* award. When another Browning design was selected as the only Australian entry for the 2007 Chelsea Flower Show, Kiama was the obvious choice to bring his extraordinary vision to life. Mark says he chose Kiama Landscapes because "they are simply the best there is – their skill and workmanship is unsurpassed, and this allows me to be even more creative with my designs."

Cycas and Kiama modestly attribute their success at Chelsea to a team effort, gratefully acknowledging the dedication of their extended network of landscape specialists; Wes Fleming and the team at Fleming's Nurseries, David Pontifex, Dean Atkinson, Chris and Timothea of Lump Sculpture, Blair Thompson of Gardens at Night, Chris Webb, Scott Wynd, Ken Hitchcock of KHD Stone Merchants, Anthony Van Schaik from BioGro, and photographer Martyn Rushby.

Having already achieved so much as a dynamic team, Cycas Landscape Design and Kiama Landscapes now seek their next challenge. Whatever the project, this award-winning partnership will continue to astound and delight their clients with the breathtaking design and superior craftsmanship of truly exceptional landscape creations.