

CREATIVE EDGE IN PLAYSPACES

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Gone are the days of the basic hot metal slides, swings and dull playground equipment.

Today's playspaces are unique, fun, functional, energetic learning environments with custom-made, colourful pieces that add excitement to outdoor activities.

Playspaces introduce innovation, inspiration and excitement to any child's playtime.

Hardy Landscaping leads the way in the Northern Territory, installing creative, leading-edge playspaces right across the NT, even into Arnhem Land.

"A wide range of elements can be incorporated - from textured concrete, rubber soft fall, hills, gardens, timber, mounded grassy knolls, stabilised boulders to sand and streams and different coloured shade sails to stimulate the children's senses," says Ed Hardy.

"We tailor playground designs to meet our clients' specific needs, considering safety, sustainability, efficiency and accessibility. Our team are creative, outside-the-box thinkers."

Having a young family, Ed and Emily Hardy know first-hand the importance of good landscaping and playground design - and they're passionate about creating playspaces that meet clients' needs.

They have exclusive partnerships with eight of the world's highest-quality playground equipment manufacturers.

The professional Hardy design team creates 2D and 3D perspectives for clients of their playground designs, making selection more straightforward.

"The Territory's hotter temperatures and dramatic weather conditions mean playground and playspaces encounter more issues," says Ed.

"We prioritise the location, design and materials used, ensuring paramount play opportunities for all children of all abilities, even the new variety of water play products before offering the best playground designs to clients."

The manufacturing process includes UV stabilisers, high-performance pigments, advanced polyester resin technology, marine-grade products and anti-graffiti solutions. Colour, gloss retention and durability are critical for all outdoor equipment, particularly in the Territory. Hardy Landscaping uses only the highest quality materials in all their projects, preventing additional costs in the future.

Whether a council, school, commercial building or an architect, Ed and the team guide their clients through each project, custom design ideas, assistance, and cost-saving advice.

More importantly, their expert team installs all equipment in-person, on-site, whether it's around town or in remote rural communities, including a customised Omnitech playground installation at Galiwin'ku School in East Arnhem Land.

"Playground equipment and children's lives are too important to be left to do-it-yourself installation instructions," says Ed. "The students at Galiwin'ku love their colourful playspace with over 40 different activities for them."

Hardy Landscaping has been looking after Territorians and their landscaping, irrigation and playground needs for more than 10 years.

They are renowned for their refreshing approach to residential and commercial projects, and it's earned them an enviable, personable and knowledgeable reputation.

Ed and his team's personal understanding of the Territory environment and its people

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is applied to all his landscape, irrigation and playground projects.

The Hardy Landscaping team consider all challenges, develop sustainable, visually impactful bespoke designs, and fully execute every stage of the project from start to finish.

Whether for commercial, government or residential, Hardy Landscaping offers a full service, significantly reducing project costs with no middlemen or subcontractors while always ensuring a higher quality finished product. They support all their clients long after project completion.

"That's what we Territorians do," says Ed. "We look after our clients every step of the way."

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