

# Jason Hodges

## *TV Landscape Gardening Expert*

Jason Hodges has been working with gardens his entire life. With a bricklayer father, an older brother who is a horticulturalist and two older sisters who are florists, it's probably inevitable that Jason chose to pursue a career in landscaping.

He completed Landscape Horticulture and Construction at Ryde TAFE, NSW, and enjoyed the course so much that he later taught the same course at the very same TAFE.

Jason's love of gardening and outdoor activities has also allowed him to expand into a media career. Most viewers would know Jason from his five-year stint as the resident landscaper on the successful Channel 7 series *Auction Squad* and, more recently, on *Better Homes & Gardens*, also on Channel Seven. In 2012, *Better Homes and Gardens* won a record 10th Silver Logie for Australia's Most Popular Lifestyle Program.

Jason also appears regularly on *Sydney Weekender*, *Sunrise* and, every Saturday and Sunday morning, on Radio 2UE.

Jason's big break into television came after he landscaped a house for TV producer, Stewart Clarke, who at the time was a producer on *Burke's Backyard*. Stewart asked Jason to do a screen test for *Auction Squad* and Jason has been on television ever since.

Jason has now been involved in the industry for over 16 years and has run his own business 'Green Art Gardens' since 1990. He started it with just a ute and a few trade tools, initially operating from his parents' home in leafy Willoughby, on Sydney's north shore. The business now employs a number of experienced landscapers, but Jason still oversees his team through every step of every project.

Jason Hodges is a four-time Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (MIFGS) Gold medallist. In May 2012, he went to the UK to build the only 'Australian Garden' entry in collaboration with Fleming's Nurseries for the Royal Horticultural Society's prestigious Chelsea Flower Show. The team, led by Jason, collected the Silver Gilt medal - the show's second highest honour - for designing the Australian-themed garden. It was their eighth medal in eight years.



Jason undertakes all scales of landscaping, from concept to design, construction through to maintenance in both residential and commercial properties. His services include garden renovations, lawn and turf establishment as well as virtually waterless irrigation systems.

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