

Landscape

Capability Statement



ACE

LANDSCAPE SERVICES PTY LTD





About Us

Ace Contractors Group Pty Ltd is a mid-sized, vertically integrated contractor operating in the civil, infrastructure, electrical, landscape, water, environment and energy sectors. Our seven specialist divisions combine to offer clients an integrated service, mitigating interface risks.

Founded in Melbourne in 1971, our clients benefit from deep local knowledge and hard-won experience — the type of experience that can only be gained from being in the industry for more than 50 years.

Our team has a well-deserved reputation for successfully delivering projects that exceed expectations for price, service, quality and timely completion.



We make it happen!



Group Profile

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ACE Infrastructure Pty Ltd

Design and construction of works for statutory authorities such as VicRoads, V/Line, PTV, VicTrack, councils and Department of Defence. Infrastructure projects include roads, bridges, shared paths, public open spaces, and bus/tram/rail infrastructure.



ACE Electrical Infrastructure Pty Ltd

Design, manufacture, installation, commissioning and servicing of switchboards, motor control centres, high voltage switchyards, substations, PLC, control and SCADA systems. They also support other ACE divisions with general electrical works and public lighting.



ACE Water Services Pty Ltd

Design, manufacture and construction of water and wastewater infrastructure for water authorities. Works include pump stations, treatment facilities, water storage, channels, regulators, and meters.



ACE Landscape Services Pty Ltd

Construction and maintenance of major landscape projects, including commercial developments, municipal parks and gardens, sporting facilities, streetscapes and plazas, and landscape works associated with public infrastructure.



ACE Civil Services Pty Ltd

Civil works associated with the construction of major roads, commercial and industrial developments, schools, universities, hospitals, defence sites, correctional facilities, etc. Scope elements include earthworks, roads, footpaths, drainage, car parks and lighting among others.



ACE Environmental Services Pty Ltd

Operation of waste transfer stations, landfill disposal sites and resource recovery facilities; landfill cell and leachate pond development; soil remediation; asbestos removal; and general environmental services to industrial, municipal and commercial customers.



ACE Equipment Services Pty Ltd

Hire of construction plant and equipment. ACE Group has a modern fleet of GPS/LPS controlled earthmoving plant (excavators, dozers and graders).



Ace Landscape Services Pty Ltd

Recognising a marketplace opportunity and a complementary service offering to our established civil and infrastructure services, the landscaping division became an independent company in 2008. Ace Landscape Services has delivered multiple high-profile projects which have significantly transformed and upgraded commercial landscapes, streetscapes and community hubs throughout Victoria.

Our extensive experience and capability includes:

- ▶ Municipal streetscapes and plazas
- ▶ Parks, playgrounds and community spaces
- ▶ Wetlands and open spaces
- ▶ Commercial/industrial/residential developments
- ▶ Public infrastructure
- ▶ Podium landscaping
- ▶ Sports fields and sporting facilities
- ▶ Fully automatic irrigation systems
- ▶ Maintenance services

The team operates across a diverse spectrum of projects, ranging from hard and soft landscaping works related to large-scale commercial projects, to technically challenging streetscape projects for large statutory and municipal clients where multiple stakeholders need to be managed, and communication and planning is paramount.

Our clients include:

- ▶ Federal, state and local government bodies
- ▶ Large commercial builders
- ▶ Commercial/industrial/residential developers
- ▶ Schools and universities
- ▶ Road and rail authorities

We've built a reputation for a 'can-do' attitude and a commitment to mutually rewarding outcomes. Working in the public domain, often on projects with an emotional connection to the community, our team is proud of the many projects we've successfully completed that reflect our capabilities.



Puffing Billy Lakeside Visitor Centre — Stage 2 Emerald Tourist Railway Board (ETRB)



Contract Value
\$3.3M

Location
Emerald, VIC

Program
Jun 2021 – Mar 2022

Contract Type
Lump Sum, Construct Only

Referee
Bret Butler
Group Manager
Infrastructure
ETRB
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ETRB engaged ACE to construct carparking, access roads and landscaping to the Lakeside Visitor Centre. The scope of works included complex detailed excavation over multiple tiers, large-scale retaining walls, asphalt carparking and access roads, balustrading, FRP stairs and walkways, street furniture and surrounding landscaping.

ACE overcame multiple challenges during construction including a reduced workforce due to COVID-19, existing and unknown authority assets and a complex natural topography. ACE successfully delivered the project to a high standard, to budget and on time.

ACE's scope of works included:

- ▶ Bulk earthworks
- ▶ Sleeper retaining walls
- ▶ Heavy duty pavements
- ▶ Asphalt roadways and carparking
- ▶ Stormwater drainage
- ▶ Electrical & lighting
- ▶ Pedestrian walkways
- ▶ Balustrading
- ▶ Soft landscaping

Paine Reserve Landscaping and Playground Upgrade Hobsons Bay City Council



Contract Value
\$1.6M



Location
Newport, VIC



Program
May 2020 – Dec 2020



Contract Type
Lump Sum, Construct Only



Referee
Georgia Richards
Senior Project Manager
Hobsons Bay City Council
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Situated in the heart of Newport and surrounded by a range of community amenities, Paine Reserve is an important open space area and community reserve for a range of different users.

The new play area (re-opened to the community in late February 2021) has increased opportunities for play suitable for a wide variety of ages.

ACE's scope of works included:

- ▶ D&C playground items
- ▶ Supply and install specified playground items
- ▶ Logs and rocks
- ▶ Lighting
- ▶ Shelter
- ▶ Custom-made furniture
- ▶ Specified furniture items
- ▶ Signage
- ▶ Decking
- ▶ Irrigation system
- ▶ Paving
- ▶ New garden beds and turf

Dandenong Park Redevelopment — Stage 3

Greater Dandenong City Council



Contract Value
\$1.5M

Location
Dandenong, VIC

Program
May 2020 – Jun 2020

Contract Type
Lump Sum, Construct Only

Referee
Glenn Mawson
Greater Dandenong City
Council
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Ace Landscape Services were contracted to continue their construction from the Stage 2 public open space plan for Dandenong Park North. Stage 3 continues the theme of high-end designer steel work, flowing brick walls and exposed pathways.

A series of key design moves have strengthened park circulation, planting, recreational and social amenities, while establishing its greater urban function as a gateway to the city, and respectfully embedding into the park's design a celebration of its heritage fabric. The reframed park has become a place of cultural joy, a contemporary design enjoyed by all ages across Dandenong's diverse multicultural community.

Working in conjunction with ASPECT Studios, ACE delivered the following scope:

- ▶ 260 lineal metres of feature brick wall
- ▶ Over 12 bespoke custom steel works items
- ▶ Large tan walking track
- ▶ New public BBQs
- ▶ Street furniture
- ▶ Exposed aggregate concrete paths
- ▶ Fitness station

D&C of Diamond Creek Regional Playspace

Nillumbik Shire Council



Contract Value
\$1.4M



Location
Diamond Creek, VIC



Program
Jan 2020 – Oct 2020



Contract Type
AS4902-2000, Lump Sum,
Design and Construct



Referee
Enrique Gutierrez
Manager Capital Works
Nillumbik Shire Council
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Ace Landscape Services were engaged by Nillumbik Shire Council to design and construct a playspace with a high level of play experiences for all ages and abilities, within a unique landscape setting which reflects its proximity to the Diamond Creek.

Works involved engaging in community consultations and incorporating both public and council feedback into the design. ACE created a nature-themed playspace while also acknowledging Diamond Creek's gold mining history.

ACE's scope of works included:

- ▶ Full design of playspace, tram café landscape and labyrinth areas
- ▶ Supply and installation of all playground equipment
- ▶ Supply and installation of associated hard and soft landscaping

The focus of the design and construction was to make the playspace as accessible as possible and suitable for children of all abilities. This involved accessible and inclusive slides, flying fox, merry-go-round and the use of wheelchair-friendly soft fall made of recycled materials.

The use of natural timber enhances the natural character of play equipment and provides a tactile experience for sight impaired children. Built within a tight budget, existing timber logs were repurposed into play elements, seating logs and sculptural elements. The labyrinth is a simple non-intrusive contemplative pathway, nestled away from main paths, used for walking exercise and meditation.

Works were undertaken in a collaborative fashion with Council and local stakeholders, with ACE involved in the community consultation process to listen to residents and make them part of the decision-making process. Budget issues were resolved with open sharing of ideas and community engagement and donations from local community groups.

Wyndham Park Redevelopment

Wyndham City Council



Contract Value
\$11.3M



Location
Werribee, VIC



Program
Jan 2019 – Jun 2020



Contract Type
Lump Sum, Construct Only



Referee
Ramani Dorai Raj
Senior Urban Designer
Wyndham City Council
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Ace Landscape Services were responsible for undertaking all works as head contractor. The works included over 7000m² of concrete pavements, numerous timber decks and boardwalks, 2 adventure playgrounds, custom shelters, a new turf oval for events and an array of planting throughout the site. Additionally, an electrical package valued at over \$1M was installed by Ace Electrical Infrastructure, which included over 80 new light poles, charging tables and Wi-Fi throughout the park.

ACE's scope of works included:

- ▶ 7000m² concrete pavements
- ▶ Timber decking and boardwalks
- ▶ Electrical, lighting, Wi-Fi and charging tables
- ▶ 2x adventure playgrounds (including a 9m play tower)
- ▶ Custom shelters
- ▶ Bespoke street furniture package
- ▶ Turf oval for major events
- ▶ Soft landscaping and planting

Cultural and Environmental Sensitivity






We were faced with an existing site that had a large amount of cultural and environmental significance. Areas of significance also lined up with areas of major works. This meant construction methods had to be reconfigured to ensure culturally and environmentally sensitive locations experienced minimal impact during works.

Our team respectfully worked with the traditional custodians of the Wadawurrung land and with the environmental consultancy firm Biosis who assisted ACE with the archaeological salvage works on site.

Monash University Caulfield

Monash University



-  **Contract Value**
\$9.1M
-  **Location**
Caulfield, VIC
-  **Program**
Sep 2017 – Jun 2018
-  **Contract Type**
Lump Sum, Construct Only
-  **Referee**
Adam Higgins
Project Manager
Monash University
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As Head Contractor, ACE undertook the following two packages:

Monash Caulfield MADA East Landscaping:

Revitalisation of the Monash Art Design & Architecture (MADA) East courtyard, a shared space between the D&E fine arts faculty buildings. Scope included:

- ▶ Demolition
- ▶ Drainage
- ▶ Construction of pavements
- ▶ Electrical and lighting works
- ▶ Softscape and planting
- ▶ Irrigation
- ▶ Maintenance

Monash Caulfield Queens Avenue Landscaping:

Upgrades to Queens Ave thoroughfare and surrounding courtyards and walkways. Scope included:

- ▶ Demolition
- ▶ Drainage
- ▶ Earthworks
- ▶ Insitu concrete
- ▶ Construction of pavements
- ▶ Timber works
- ▶ Electrical and lighting works
- ▶ Installation of furniture
- ▶ Irrigation
- ▶ Maintenance

Cowes Jetty Triangle — Design and Construction

Bass Coast Shire Council



Contract Value
\$2M



Location
Phillip Island, VIC



Program
Oct 2017 – Sep 2018



Contract Type
Lump Sum, Design and Construct



Referee
Ravi V. Raveendran
Bass Coast Shire Council
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As part of the Phillip Island Cowes Revitalisation Project, Ace Landscape Services undertook redevelopment of the Cowes Jetty Triangle, with the aim of revitalising the precinct, creating functional space for local markets and public events, and increasing access for all persons.

ACE's scope of works included:

- ▶ Complete concept design, function design and detailed design
- ▶ Obtaining planning permits and Council approvals
- ▶ Undertaking community liaison
- ▶ Design and installation of street and feature lighting
- ▶ Demolition of existing car park
- ▶ Construction of new retaining wall, feature paving and new pedestrian piazza
- ▶ DDA-compliant access to foreshore
- ▶ Passive lawn areas and garden beds planted with indigenous species suitable for local growing conditions

Council and Stakeholder Engagement

The design process was divided into 3 stages:

- ▶ Concept
- ▶ Function design
- ▶ Construction documentation

Early in the design process, ACE facilitated a day-long public information session for stakeholders – with Bass Coast Shire Council representatives and the architects (Tract) – on site at concept stage to receive feedback from interested parties as to what they wanted from the new layout.

Community feedback was taken on board and used to formulate the function design. This design was presented to Council by ACE and Tract, and feedback received from Council. A further meeting was arranged for sign-off on the function design by Councillors.

As part of a fast-track D&C, construction documentation was progressively received and works were commenced on site as documentation was finalised.

Supporting Local Communities

Local content was important to the community and ACE endeavoured to use local trades and suppliers where possible. As well as benefiting locals, the revitalisation of this precinct supports the growing number of visitors coming to Philip Island as a result of the major improvements to the nearby popular Penguin Parade.

Part of the D&C contract for Cowes Jetty Triangle was commissioning and installing public art. ACE produced a brief on the requirements of the art piece and sought proposals from artists. The proposals were shortlisted and ACE presented these options to Council, who ultimately choose local artist Victoria Nelson's piece, *White Whale*. This stone-fabricated sculpture represents the increase in whale sightings around Philip Island.

ACE is proud to have been a part of this exciting project that has preserved the existing historical rotunda and improved pedestrian and vehicular access to the jetty.



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