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Welcome to Gimbells

Gimbells Mission: To know the need, to meet the need, to provide a sustainable solution.

Founded in 1962, Gimbells Pty Ltd is owned and operated by Phillip, Susan and David McWilliam, who have grown the company into a major Territory landscape construction and maintenance business.

Gimbells operates from its 3,500m² premises in Berrimah which houses the company's extensive range of vehicles, plant and equipment, workshop, general storage, seed store and holding nursery, in addition to a well equipped modern office complex.

Gimbells employs a full time staff of 25 including project supervisors, leading hands, horticultural and irrigation trades persons, trainees,

general landscape hands and a skilled team of administrators who are responsible for the preparation of comprehensive contracts, schedules, budgets and financial management. Our staffing levels are well supported by a number of local subcontractors engaged for project work such as irrigation, planting, soil work, concreting, paving, structural elements and maintenance facets.

Our strong financial position and proven administration capacity ensure subcontractors give Gimbells priority service when demand on services is high. A history of sound financial management has built an enviable asset base, which provides Gimbells with a

strong capacity to manage large projects.

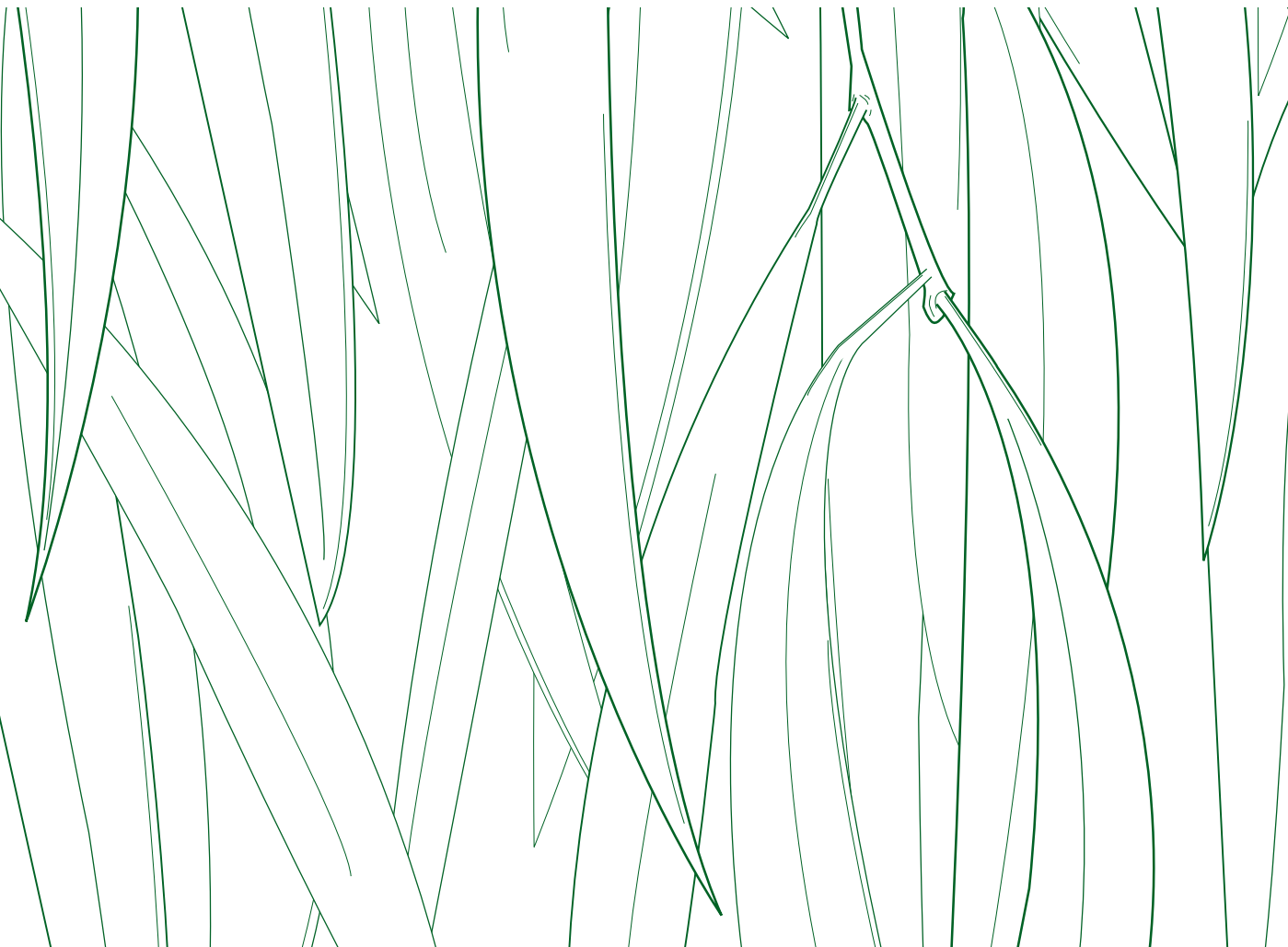
Gimbells currently maintains membership in the Nursery and Garden Industry Association, Irrigation Association of Australia, Territory Construction Association, Greening Australia, NT Chamber of Commerce and associated trade organisations.

Gimbells innovative approach to business includes taking a proud ownership of projects, applying whole of life cost principles and constantly improving procedures to maintain a competitive edge and the company's position as the Territory's leading landscape professionals.



“Gimbells have a genuine understanding of environment requirements and this was evident throughout the performance of their works in Kakadu National Park. Their concern for environmental and conservation values has not been compromised by their ability to execute works on time and within budget in a most professional manner.”

Manfred Haala, Australian Nature Conservation Agency, Kakadu National Park



Services and Capabilities

Gimbells has a proven track record of professionalism in landscape design, construction, maintenance and rehabilitation. We provide a range of packages that include expert advice, quality service and value for money in all areas of hard and soft landscaping.



Landscape Design and Construction

Gimbells comprehensive design and construction capabilities provide turnkey landscape solutions for a range of clients.

From concept to completion and establishment, Gimbells experience and management resources ensure clients particular needs are delivered in the finished product.

Beyond the physical elements of each landscape, Gimbells applies whole of life and value for money principles to design, providing long term, sustainable benefits.

Maintenance

Gimbells understand the importance of effective maintenance to retain the asset value of landscaped areas.

We provide maintenance assessment and recommendation services that include:

- scheduling of performance based maintenance
- horticultural assessment and reporting
- vegetation management
- mowing and trimming
- weed control
- horticultural maintenance
- licenced weed, pest and disease control
- irrigation servicing

Irrigation

Gimbells offers effective irrigation solutions from IAA Certified Design to installation.

We provide advice and expertise in all areas including temporary or permanent irrigation systems, automated control, Telemetric systems and scheduled maintenance.

Specialising in large-scale projects such as commercial, parks, gardens, ovals and streetscapes, Gimbells bases its designs on whole of life principles and sustainability.



Project Management

Large project landscaping has unique demands and constraints, and there are numerous large projects Gimbells is proud to showcase. These projects required a mix of problem solving skills, innovative design and work methods, strict coordination of various subcontractor teams, sound project administration and ability to meet deadlines and maintain budget under the pressure of being the last finishing trade.



Lyons

The most ambitious landscape project ever constructed in the Northern Territory, this residential subdivision landscape required construction of a creek habitat, hectares of irrigated grass parklands, extensive planting, path and lighting network, playgrounds, Community Centre artwork and rehabilitation of disturbed native vegetation.

With Stage 1 completed (July 2007), the remaining stages (2 to 12) are scheduled for completion towards the end of 2008.

Darla

The work required for this subdivision was to complete parklands and drainage reserves within a tight time frame ahead of wet season rains.

In addition to design and construction of five gazetted parks with telemetry controlled irrigation, was a large open drain which required batter stabilisation. Within one month, Gimbells installed a fabric reinforced grass solution, which successfully handles stream flows of around 2600 litres per second.

Parap Grove

Blake Property Group engaged Gimbells to design and construct landscaping for this inner Darwin premier residential subdivision.

Two parks, streetscapes and the Stuart Highway sound barrier required landscape and irrigation to Darwin City Council and Dept of Planning and Infrastructure specifications.

Gimbells' design called up transplanted signature palms which, supported by proven understorey plantings, provide strong distinction and amenity to the site.



Bayview Marina

Incorporating hard and soft landscape elements, this project faced significant challenges with salt infiltration that were overcome through specialised techniques.



Future Directions



Gimbells actively seek and embrace new approaches, technology, materials and products they can bring to their diverse portfolio of services.

Gimbells acute environmental awareness and management policies are widely recognised through their qualifications and experience in environmental assessments, identification and removal of pest and weeds, creation of native habitats and self-maintaining ecosystems, salinity control and consulting services.

Gimbells is committed to training, maintaining ongoing liaison with Charles Darwin University's School of

Horticulture and Land Studies and relevant bodies such as the Irrigation Association of Australia, Greening Australia, Territory Construction Association and the Nursery and Garden Industry Association of Northern Territory.

In conjunction with Greening Australia, Gimbells has developed bush land revegetation systems for sowing of native seeds, stabilisation, erosion control and establishment of new plant populations. These systems are utilised today by both organisations in the revegetation of degraded and erosion prone sites.

Gimbells operate the Territory's largest capacity commercial hydro-mulching machine (widely known as spraygrassing), which has a spraying capability of three hectares per day. It offers a range of turf varieties, native grasses, native shrubs, stabilisation mixes and environmentally compliant mixes which can be applied by hose or cannon spray to suit site and ground conditions.



Accreditation and Quality Assurance

Gimbells has developed Quality Assurance procedures in accordance with Quality Assurance Standards AS/ NZS ISO 9001:1994. These procedures are applied on a project specific basis and tailored to suit individual client requirements.

Gimbells has been accepted by Contractor Accreditation Limited (CAL) on a number of value-rated categories and are in the process of increasing these CAL ratings and categories to accommodate the ever-increasing demand on our services.

Gimbells is also currently moving to third party accreditation status for OHS&E in preparation for Federal Safety Commission certification.



Key projects

Gimbells management systems are specifically designed for a range of landscape disciplines and undergo continuous improvement to ensure they meet the ever-changing dynamics of our industry as demonstrated in these key projects below:

CULLEN BAY MARINA

Landscape construction of marina sub-division, including irrigation, grassing, stabilisation and planting.

DARLA SUB-DIVISION

Design and construction of five parklands and drainage reserves, telemetry irrigation, batter stabilisation. A fabric reinforced grass solution was provided to handle stream flows.

DARWIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Landscape construction and maintenance including airside grassing and stabilisation of stormwater drains.

PARAP GROVE SUB-DIVISION

Design and construction of parklands, medians, streetscapes with the main feature being an aesthetic 600m long sound barrier concrete wall. Innovative techniques proved successful for planting of advanced palm trees under powerlines.

BAYVIEW, STODDART PARK

The display parkland for this marina incorporated hard and soft landscape elements through two stages of various site levels and solutions for salt infiltration.

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN RAIL CORRIDOR

Stabilisation of remote area batters associated with the Adelaide to Darwin rail line construction.

BAGOT ROAD LANDSCAPE UPGRADE

Major landscape upgrade which provided a bright new face to this central Darwin Aboriginal community.

ARTERIAL ROADS, DARWIN & SUBURBS

Compliance for extensive maintenance of the main and major arterial roads including irrigation, mowing, horticultural servicing and litter control. Traffic management was a key feature of this contract.

ROBERTSON BARRACKS, 1ST AVIATION REGIMENT

This project involved over 7 hectares of earthworks, topsoil, irrigation and grassing to road verges, helicopter tarmacs surrounds, drain shoulders and water mitigation areas.

BUNNINGS (WAREHOUSE)

Native landscape construction including irrigation design with a nursery water recycling system.

KAKADU NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS

Environmental compliant landscaping to world heritage national park.

LYONS SUB-DIVISION

The largest landscape project undertaken to date in the NT. This project required construction of a creek habitat, irrigated grass parklands, pathways and lighting networks, playgrounds and rehabilitation to native vegetation among other key elements.

“Gimbells quality systems, management and administrative approach has been clearly evident in the successful completion of various projects with a high level of finish.”

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