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PRACTICAL APPROACH TO LIGHTING DESIGN

Garden Lighting Workshop Switched on space strategies

For Sunshine Coast Libraries



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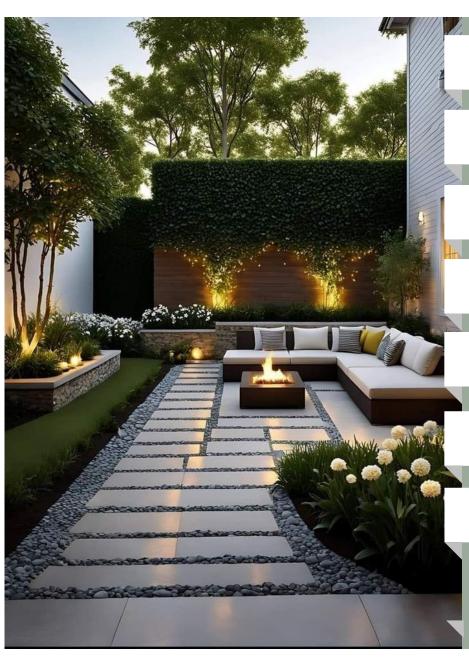
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Agenda

01. Light Fittings, the attributes

Basic attributes of light fittings

02. Basic Light Fittings

Tools of the trade.

03. Types of Lighting

Types of lighting we know

04. Layering Light

From theory to practice. How to light an area of your garden.

05. Practical Application

How to light a feature

06. Q&A

Ask away!

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT LIGHT FITTINGS

Light Fittings *The attributes*







Voltage

Is the pressure from the electrical circuit.

Garden lighting in Australia requires low voltage fittings only

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Wattage

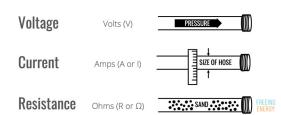
Is the amount of power an electric device consumes.

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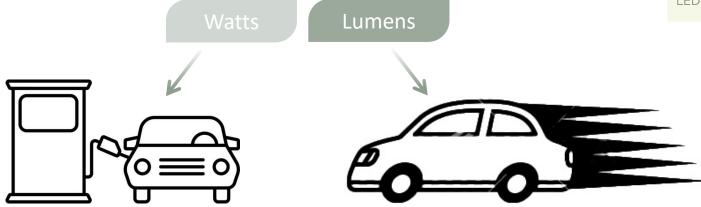
Lumens = LIGHT OUTPUT

Is a measure of total amount of visible light from a lamp or light source. The conversion from Watts to Lumens is described as "efficacy".

Electricity is like a water hose



Comparing light to energy					
Lumens	220+	400+	700+	900+	1300+
Incandescent	25w	40w	60w	75w	100w
LED	4w	6w	10w	13w	18w





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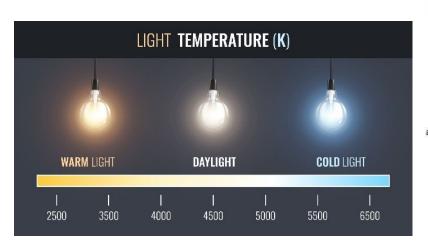
Beam angle

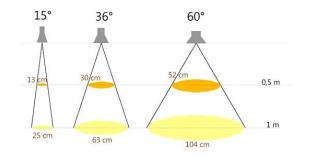
Is the angle at which light spreads from the light fitting.

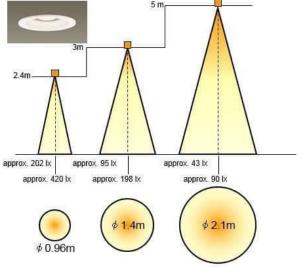
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Colour Temperature

Is a way to describe the apparent colour of light provided by light fixture or bulb. It is expressed in degrees Kelvin.









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IP rating

This number describes water and dust ingress protection. IP20 being the lowest, IP68 the highest.

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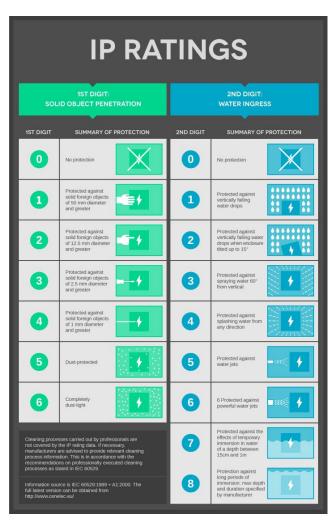
Environmental protection

Protection against elements like salinity, UV and other factors. UV protection rating, "drive-over", IK rating and marine grade finish.

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Wildlife protection

Protection of our environment from harmful aspects of artificial light

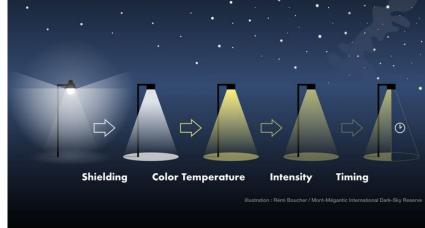


Minimizing light exposure and selecting appropriate colours to prevent disruption to wildlife.





Dark Sky and Light Pollution





Basic garden lights – what is what











Linear LED

Aluminium extrusion

Diffuser

LED striplight

LAYERING LIGHT AND LIGHT MAPPING

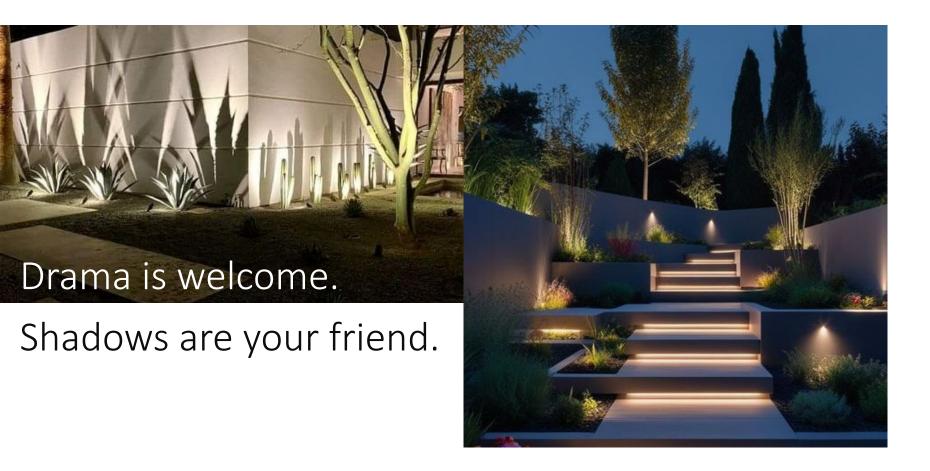
Types of Lighting Tools of the trade





Types of Lighting







PAINTING WITH LIGHT

BACKGROUND or BACKDROP

FOREGROUND

MIDDLE



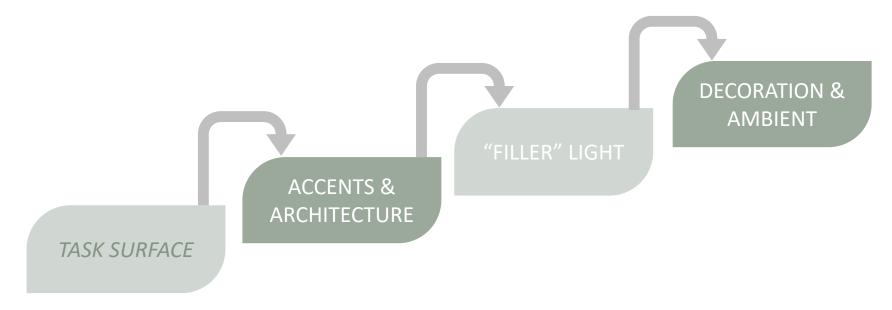






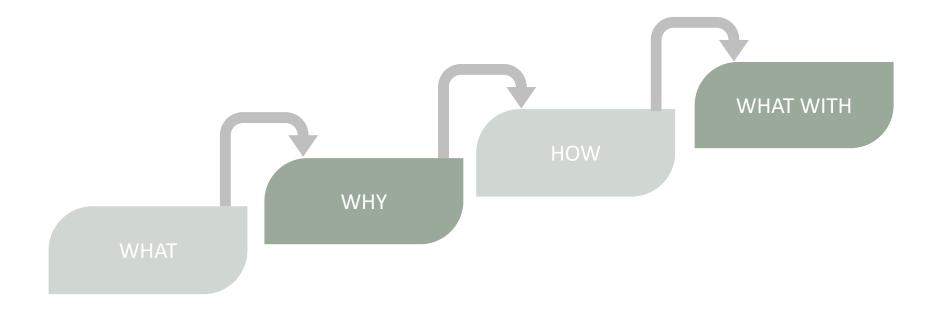
How to light a garden

Or anything else for that matter...



Don't be afraid to leave some areas darker...

How to light a garden



And what NOT to light...





CASE STUDY

Practical Application



Practical Application

Lighting a Tree

CASE STUDY





DECIDIOUS *CONIFERUS*

HEIGHT

CANOPY SHAPE

GROWTH SPEED











Scenario 1

Illuminating a tree from the front makes it appear flatter. The further away the floodlight is from the tree, the flatter it appears. The possibility of the viewer being dazzled can be ruled out with this type of illumination. Floodlights or in-ground luminaires can be used here.

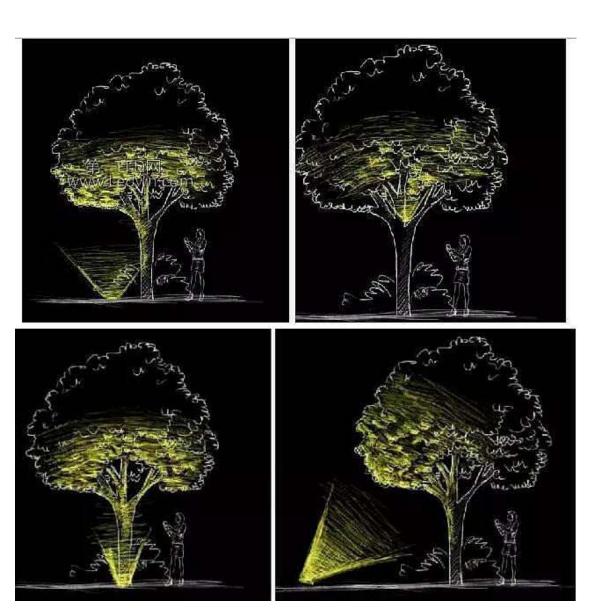
Scenario 2

If only the crown of the tree is to be illuminated, it is practical to position two in-ground floodlights behind the tree trunk, as seen from the point of view of the viewer. The light characteristic of these luminaires is wide beam. It is important to ensure that the viewer is not dazzled. In-ground floodlights with asymmetrical wide beam or adjustable light distribution are most suitable.

Scenario 3

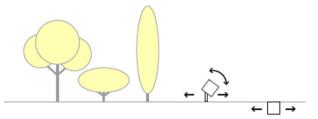
Fig. 3 shows the tree illumination with a floodlight installed directly in front of the tree trunk. The light of this luminaire is very narrow beam and shines along the tree trunk.

Excessively high light output should not be used here, since this can lead to selective light overspill near the luminaire. If the tree can be seen from several sides on account of the way the paths are routed, we recommend the use of several floodlights with very narrow beam light distribution around the trunk. Additionally, two adjustable in-ground floodlights are placed at the sides of the trunk at a distance of about 2 to 3 m



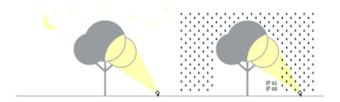
POSITION OF LIGHT SOURCE

BEAM ANGLE



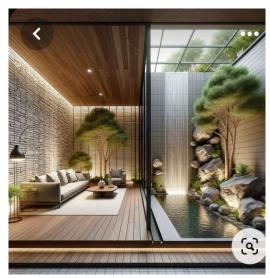
Select the light distribution matching the shape of tree

Decide on a suitable luminaire position



Think about the environment

Plan with weather resistant luminaires











KEY POINTS OF GOOD GARDEN LIGHTING

- Light with Purpose Highlight key features, pathways, and seating areas.
- Layer Your Lighting Use a mix of uplights, downlights, and ambient glow for depth.
- Soft & Subtle Avoid harsh glare; think warm, inviting tones.
- Focus on Safety Light up steps, edges, and pathways without overdoing it.
- Create Atmosphere Use shadows and contrast to add drama and mood.
- Energy Smart Go for LED and solar where possible.
- Less is More Keep it natural; don't turn your garden into a stadium.
- Weatherproof & Durable Choose fittings that can handle the elements.

QUESTIONS PLEASE!

Q&A

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