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Dip Hort Mgmt, Dip Arb, ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Municipal Specialist
Horticultural Team Leader



NATIONALITY : New Zealander (Hong Kong Permanent ID Card Holder)



KEY QUALIFICATIONS

André Le Claire is a Senior Horticulturist with URBIS with a variety of qualifications related to the field of horticulture and arboriculture. André has over 20 years' experience providing a broad range of expert horticultural consultancy services including preparation of landscape planting plans, site inspection, technical reporting, contract auditing, tree survey and assessment, plant procurement and installation. André has also been a specialist arboricultural consultant in arboricultural policy and regulation as well as a municipal arborist managing citywide contracts and the public treed asset of a large metropolitan city. André currently manages the URBIS horticultural team in addition to his engagement on specific projects.

EDUCATION

Diploma in Horticultural Management (Parks and Garden Management), Lincoln University	1997 - 1999
Diploma in Arboriculture, Waikato Institute of Technology	2001 - 2003

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION & TRAINING

Riparian Zone Management	2008
(CPTED) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – Level 1	2008
(CPTED) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – Advanced	2009
Quantified Tree Risk Assessment	2009
Professional Tree Inspection Qualifications, LANTRA Awards	2015
Certified Arborist, International Society of Arboriculture (Certificate No. HK-1555A)	2017
Tree Risk Assessment Qualification, International Society of Arboriculture	2018
Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist, International Society of Arboriculture	2019
Landscape Industry Certified Lawn Care Manager, National Association of Landscape Professionals	2019
Principles of Turfgrass Management, The University of Georgia	2020
Registered Personnel for Tree Management Personnel (TM125119 – Tree Risk Assessor)	2021
Occupational Safety and Health for Arboricultural Operations Certification, LANTRA Awards	2022
Professional Membership (No: PR8724) United Kingdom Arboricultural Association	2022

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

Jun 2014 – Present	URBIS LIMITED , Hong Kong, Horticultural Team Leader
Jul 2011 – Apr 2014	ARBORLAB , New Zealand, Senior Consultant Arborist
Dec 2006 – Jul 2011	AUCKLAND COUNCIL , New Zealand, Arboricultural and Landscape Advisor
Aug 2006 – Dec 2006	HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL , New Zealand, Arborist
Sep 2004 - Oct 2005	TREESCAPE LTD , New Zealand, Arborist Foreman
Feb 2003 - Sep 2004	EXCELL , New Zealand, Senior Arborist
Jan 2001 - Feb 2003	PRIVATE CLIENTS , New Zealand, Landscape Gardener
Apr 1999 - Jan 2001	HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL , New Zealand, Gardener

EXPERIENCE RECORD

Jun 2014 - URBIS LIMITED - Horticultural Team Leader

EDUCATIONAL / HEALTHCARE / INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS

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World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong Landscape Consultancy Services for the 21st Century Nature Classroom - Mai Po Nature Reserve Infrastructure Upgrade Project - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant. Supporting role.

Architectural and Associated Consultancy Services (Lead Design Consultant) for the Innovation Building at Hong Kong University of Science & Technology – Preparation of pruning proposal for TPRA.

Arboriculture and Landscape Design Services for the Hong Kong Cricket Club - Tree survey, tree removal and tree preservation application. Compensation and enhancement planting proposals.

Three Runway System Project - Contract 3133 – Landscape Design Consultancy Services for Third Runway Concourse – Indoor planting design consultancy services.

Contract No. SS H503 - Design and Construction of Drainage Services Department Building at Cheung Sha Wan Sewage Pumping Station (Programme No. 133KA) - Project arboricultural consultancy role.

Consultancy Agreement No. 90C127 Construction of an Integrated Rehabilitation Services Complex at ex-Siu Lam Hospital Site, Tuen Mun - Soft Landscape Sub-Consultancy Services - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant.

Consultancy Agreement No. 9AE116 - First 30-Classroom Primary School at Queen's Hill, Fanling and Second 30-Classroom Primary School at Queen's Hill, Fanling (Programme No.: 360EP, 361EP) - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant, including ongoing regular auditing services.

Consultancy Agreement No. 9AB112 - Cognitio College (Kowloon), A 30-classroom Secondary School at Kai Tak Development, Kowloon (Site 1A-2) (P.W.P. No. 271ES) – Tree survey, tree removal and tree preservation application. Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role.

Consultancy Agreement No. 9AB102 Reprovisioning of a 12-classroom Special School for Children with Mild Intellectual Disability at a Site near Hoi Lai Estate, Sham Shui Po (P.W.P. No. 110ET) – Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy services. Tree survey, tree removal and tree preservation application.

Consultancy Agreement No. 9AX012 Two 24-classroom Primary Schools at ex-Tanner Road Police Married Quarters Site at Pak Fuk Road, North Point (P.W.P No. 351EP) - Tree assessment and recommendations following complaints.

Redevelopment of Island School, 20 Borrett Road, Hong Kong - Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role.

Soft Landscape Design Consultancy Services for Proposed Malvern College International School Development at Providence Bay, Tai Po, Hong Kong – Tree risk assessment consultant and risk assessment endorser.

Kellett School, Kowloon Bay Campus – Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant, including ongoing regular auditing services.

Tree Survey and Tree Removal Application for Ying Wah Girls' School Redevelopment at 76 Robinson Road, Central, Hong Kong – Tree survey, tree removal and tree preservation application.

Green Area for A 18-Classroom Primary School at Fuk Wing Street (Programme No. 341EP) Tree Risk Assessment Works –Lead tree risk assessment consultant and tree risk assessment endorser.

Hong Kong Playground Association - Re-development of Silver Mine Bay Camp – Project arboricultural consultancy services.

Planning Application, Preliminary Environmental Review with Associated Minor Studies and Tree Removal Application, Utility Mapping, Topographical Survey and Tree Survey for Construction of Departmental Quarters for

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Customs and Excise Department at Tseung Kwan O Area 123 (Po Lam Road) –Tree survey, tree removal and tree preservation application.

Consultancy Agreement No. 9AE 111 for Provision of Columbarium and Garden of Remembrance at Sandy Ridge Cemetery (Phase 1 Development) – Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role. Prepare tree monitoring and tree risk assessment report.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

Tree Felling Application Consultancy Services for Proposed Redevelopment at 105 Robinson Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong - Lead tree surveyor, preparation of tree survey reporting.

Landscape Design Consultancy Services for A Residential Development at Tai Po Town Lot No. 230, Tai Po Road, Tai Po Kau, Tai Po, New Territories - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services. Support role.

Landscape Design Consultancy Services for Residential Development on NKIL No. 6562 and Mixed-Use Development on NKIL No. 6565, Kai Tak, Kowloon, Hong Kong - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services.

Landscape Architectural Consultancy Services for Hong Kong Gold Coast Residential Development, Phase II at TMTL 238, Tuen Mun, N.T. – A high rise residential development - Tree Survey and TPRA. Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services.

Greenwich, 230 Tai Po Road, Tai Po Kau, Tai Po, New Territories – A luxury low-rise residential development - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services. Support role.

Phase 17 Residential Development at DD 352 Lot 385 RP & The Extension Thereto Area 1A / B, Discovery Bay, Hong Kong - Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural including turf consultancy role.

The Austin and Grand Austin, Kowloon - Full landscape design service for this luxury residential development located above Austin MTR Station – Basic horticultural consultancy. Support role.

Dragons Range at STTL 525, Kau To Shan, Sha Tin, N.T. - This high end residential project by Kerry Properties is located in Sha Tin with a site area of about 23,000 sq.m. The development comprises 4 residential towers with extensive landscape areas including a Clubhouse with swimming pool, and large central lawn, children's play areas, BBQ areas, jogging track and extensive planting. The northern boundary of the Site is surrounded by existing rock slope, which is landscaped to provide an attractive backdrop – Turf consultancy.

Residential Development at Site I of TKOTL70 RP, Lohas Park Package 10 Landscape Consultancy Service – Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting.

Landscape Architectural Design Consultancy for Phase 18 Residential Development at Area 2a, DB RP Lot 385 in DD352 and the Extension Thereto, Discovery Bay, Lantau Island, Hong Kong – Lead tree surveyor, preparation of tree survey reporting, tree removal application and tree preservation planning. Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services.

Alto Residences, Tong Yin Street, Tseung Kwan O, Hong Kong (Tseung Kwan O Town Lot No. 95) – Full landscape design services for the proposed composite development which comprises luxury villas, high rise residential towers, a clubhouse with facilities and retail development - Post SCC and establishment works auditing. Project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role for typhoon remediation process.

Landscape Sub-Consultancy Services for The Public Rental Housing and Home Ownership Scheme Development at Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market Site 3 & Site 5 –Lead project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy.

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Landscape Architectural Consultancy Services for Lot 1181 in DD 215, Hong Kin Rd, Sai Kung, N.T. – Full hard and soft landscape design service for a low rise residential development located in Sai Kung. The scope also includes a tree survey and tree felling application. - Tree survey, tree removal and tree preservation application.

Landscape Design Consultancy Service for Redevelopment of Chai Wan Inland Lot No. 88, Hong Kong - Service includes Landscape Masterplan and Tree Felling Application to discharge conditions of TPB Section 16 Approval for a 3-tower residential development on the former depot of China Motor Bus Co Ltd and adjacent piece of Government Land. – Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting.

A Proposed Student Hostel Development for The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology - Landscape Consultancy Services related to Master Landscape Plan Submission – Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting.

Ontolo, 7 Fo Yin Road, Pak Shek Kok, Tai Po, N.T. Hong Kong - Landscape administrative consultancy service includes all statutory submissions, co-ordinating with overseas landscape designer, documentation and implementation supervision of a residential development adjacent Science Park. - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services. Turf consultancy.

Swire Leadership Centre at Lot No. 275 R.P. in DD No. 335, Pui O, Lantau Island – Arboricultural consultancy & tree protection protocols. SCC auditing.

HOTEL / RESORT PROJECTS

Hong Kong Disneyland Resort Project - Package B Arendelle – Area Development Landscape Architectural Services – Lead tree surveyor, preparation of tree survey reporting. Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services.

Sands Cotai Central Redevelopment - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services.

Grand Lisboa Palace, Cotai, Macau – Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role.

Hotel Development at 1 Lago Nam Van, Macau – Tree survey, leading into comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role.

Tree Removal Application for Swire Hostel at Lot No. 275 R.P. in DD No. 335, Pui O, Lantau Island - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services.

Hong Kong Disneyland Resort Project Package A – Area Development Landscape Architectural Services – Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting. Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services. Support role.

Landscape Administrative Consultancy Services for Murray Building Hotel Development at 22 Cotton Tree Road, Central, Hong Kong – Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role including management of an 'Old and Valuable Tree' during the development.

Fisherman's Wharf Hotel Development, Tai Shue Wan, Ocean Park, Aberdeen, Hong Kong Tree Expert Report – Lead tree surveyor, preparation of tree survey reporting.

COMMERCIAL / MIX- USED PROJCTS

Contract No. 21-83224 - Tree Survey at Lok Man Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong - Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting.

Consultancy Agreement No. CA/015 – Landscape Design Sub-Consultancy Services for Batch 1A Development of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park – Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role.

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Cheung Kong Centre Phase 2 at No. 10 Harcourt Road, I.L. 8286, Central, Hong Kong – Tree survey. Project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy role.

Landscape Consultant Service for Office Development at NKIL6312, Junction of Wang Chiu Road and Lam Lee Street, Kowloon Bay – Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant. On site field officer role.

Landscape Administrative Consultancy Services for Redevelopment of Two Office Towers at Taikoo Place, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong – Lead project arboricultural & horticultural consultant.

Landscape Consultancy Services for Proposed Development at Gage Street / Graham Street, Central (H18C), Hong Kong - - Executive Landscape Consultancy Services including Statutory Submission, Detail Design, Tender Documentation and Construction Inspection Services for hard and soft landscape design for the URA H18C Site C Hotel and Office development at Gage Street / Graham Street in Central. Also includes tree transplanting works – Project arboricultural consultant services.

Proposed Composite Development at Tseung Kwan O Town Lot No. 95 Landscape (Design and Administrative) Works Consultancy Service – Lead project arboricultural & horticultural consultant.

Beijing Chong Wen Men Project, Beijing, PRC Landscape Architectural Design Services – Tree procurement consultancy services.

PARK/ STREETScape / OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

Agreement No. CE 22/2020 (GE) - Revitalization of Lin Ma Hang Lead Mine Caves – Investigation, Design and Construction - Lead tree surveyor, preparation of tree survey reporting.

Technical Services for the Development of the Kai Tak Multi-purpose Sports Complex – Support role in comprehensive arboricultural & horticultural project consultancy.

Consultancy Agreement No. 9AB 110 - Green Connection – Re-provisioning of Tsun Yip Street Playground Ball Courts and Enhancement of Facilities in Hong Ning Road Park and Ngau Tau Kok Fresh Water Service Reservoir – Tree survey. Lead project arboricultural & horticultural consultant including large, mature tree transplanting as well as tree preservation planning.

Landscape Consultancy Services for New World Centre Remodeling Project at KIL 9844, No. 18-24 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong – Comprehensive project arboricultural & horticultural including turf consultancy role.

Landscape Architecture Consultancy Services for The Redevelopment of Tai Shue Wan at Ocean Park – Support role in comprehensive arboricultural & horticultural project consultancy.

Landscape Master-Planning Services for Macau Fisherman’s Wharf Phase 1 Stage 2 –Tree survey. Lead project arboricultural & horticultural consultant.

Landscape Consultancy Service for Sincere Insurance Building LCSD Sitting out area – Lead project arboricultural & horticultural consultant.

Consultancy Service on Application for Amendment of Plan under Section 12A of the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap.131) for the site of Re-provisioning of Chai Wan Ambulance Depot at the Junction of Sun Yip Street and Siu Sai Wan Road – Tree survey, tree removal and tree preservation application. Very large tree transplanting consultancy.

Contract No. EP/SP/10/91 – South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill – Supervision of Landscape Management Works – Based on the landscape management plans prepared by URBIS previously for the SENT project, advise and guide maintenance staff on site to establish approaches and standards for landscape management works.

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Contract No. EP/SP/10/91 - South-East New Territories (SENT) Landfill - Consultancy Services for the Supervision of Landscape Management Works - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy.

Contract No. EP/SP/10/91 South-East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension Landscape Consultancy Services - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy. Supporting role.

Contract No. EP/SP/10/91 South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill - Phase 13 Landscape Consultancy Services - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy. Supporting role.

Contract No. EP/SP/10/91 South-East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Phases 16 and 17 Landscape Consultancy Services - Project arboricultural & horticultural consultancy. Supporting role.

Contract No. EP/SP/10/91 - South East New Territories Landfill Extension (SENTX) Infrastructure Area – Tree survey. Planting design input.

TREE SURVEY / TREE RISK ASSESSMENT

The Hong Kong Country Club Professional Planning Advisory and Landscape Services - Lead tree surveyor, preparation of tree survey reporting.

Kwun Tong Composite Development - Tree survey.

Condition Survey Reports for OVT No. LANDSD(LEASED) CW/1 at The Murray – Condition assessment of Old and Valuable Tree (OVT), Tree risk assessment and preparation of specifications for OVT maintenance contract tender.

Landscape Consultancy Services for Proposed Extension to IL 7755 RP for Columbarium Use, Hong Kong Buddhist Cemetery, Cape Collinson Road, Chai Wan – Comprehensive tree survey, evaluation and management recommendations.

Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong - Tree Risk Assessment Services for One Cinnamomum Camphora – Tree risk assessment consultant and risk assessment endorser.

Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong Tree Risk Assessment Services for Five Cinnamomum Camphora – Tree assessment and recommendations for management and TPRA.

Landscape Consultancy for Wilted Tree on Slope Feature No. 11SW-B/FR56(1) at Hongkong Electric Centre – Tree inspection and reporting to Government officers.

Exchange Square Rotunda: Monitoring Services for Four Ficus Trees – Arboricultural consultancy & tree protection protocols.

Hong Kong Central Portfolio Tree Location Plan – Comprehensive tree survey, evaluation and management recommendations.

Provision of Services for Landscape Consultancy of Waste Facilities Projects – Lead tree risk assessment consultant and project tree risk assessment endorser.

STUDIES / PLANNING APPLICATION

Consultancy Services for Application for Planning Permission under Section 16 at Sheung Shing Street Lot - Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting.

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Agreement No. CE 46/2020(CE) - Term Consultancy for Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Proposed Housing Developments in Zone 1 (2021 – 2024) – Feasibility Study - Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting.

Planning Application, Hypothetical Study, Harbourfront Study and Heritage Evaluation for Reprovisioning of Kong Wan Fire Station - Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting.

Proposed Comprehensive Residential Development at Site 2, Tung Shing Lei “R(D)” Zone, Nam Sang Wai, Yuen Long – Section 16 Planning Submission - Broad brush survey of trees and vegetation cover.

S. 12A Rezoning Application for Proposed Soy Sauce Factory at Various Lots in DD 89, Man Kam To Road, Sha Ling - Broad brush tree survey.

Preliminary Technical Review for Proposed Land Sharing Pilot Scheme for a Site at Various Lots in D.D. 115, Tung Shing Lei, Yuen Long, the New Territories - Broad brush tree survey.

Consultancy Agreement Q062794 - Consultancy Services for Layout Plan Design of MTR Siu Ho Wan Depot Development - Tree survey and preparation of tree survey reporting. Project arboricultural & horticultural consultant services.

Study on the Arboricultural Maintenance Strategies on Open Space Design with the Use of Topiary Trees for Station Square at Kai Tak, Kowloon City District - Project arboricultural consultant services.

The Ecological and Development Feasibility Study of Identified Areas on the Periphery of Country Parks – Broad brush survey of trees and vegetation cover.

Pre-URBIS LIMITED

July 2011 – April 2014 – ARBORLAB, Senior Consultant Arborist (New Zealand)

Arborlab is NZ's largest arboricultural consultancy company. Andre's role as the senior consultant arborist requires a broad range of expert consultancy services including preparation of landscape plans, general reporting writing (AEE), contract auditing, tree surveys, project management and reviewing all consultants' reporting.

December 2006 – July 2011 – AUCKLAND COUNCIL, Arboricultural and Landscape Advisor (New Zealand)

This position was primarily an arboricultural asset and contract management role including all facets of municipal arboricultural management. This role also required liaison with colleagues, contractors, consultants, residents and local board representatives. Andre was also a representative of the New Zealand Dutch elm disease forum.

August 2006 - December 2006 – HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL, Arborist (New Zealand)

This position was a temporary role as a climbing arborist servicing a comprehensive municipal contract.

September 2004 - October 2005 – TREESCAPE LTD, Arborist Foreman (New Zealand)

Key responsibilities performed were senior climber role, onsite leadership, training, safety supervision, day to day organisation and reporting of the output from a crew. The fields of work included municipal, residential, land clearing and utilities arboriculture.

February 2003 - September 2004 – EXCELL, Senior Arborist (New Zealand)

Tasks required for this position included senior climbing role, some general grounds person activities, pricing/quoting of jobs, client liaison, team leadership, contract implementation and liaison as well as general maintenance of small and large machinery.

January 2001 - February 2003 – PRIVATE CLIENTS, Landscape Gardener (New Zealand)

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Part time gardening for private clients, Andre gained valuable experience in many aspects of horticulture, garden management, soft landscaping, transplanting and working to standards of the highest quality to meet very high client expectations.

April 1999 - January 2001 – HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL, Gardener (New Zealand)

This was a leading hand position involving management of a working gang responsible for the city gardens, parks, median strips and traffic islands. Planting plan implementation and bedding design were also required in this horticultural role with a strong aspect of leadership and accountability.