



Large topiary trained specimens of LOROPETALUM SHIRAZMATAZZ feature at the Rukuhia Homestead Garden.

Topiary different

MY name is Graeme Burton, and I have been actively involved in the New Zealand Nursery Industry for over 35 years. As well as having studied Horticulture (nursery management) at Massey University, I have also been fortunate to have 'hands on' training by two of the most knowledgeable plant and nursery tutors in the business. One of them is my father, John Burton, who has had a lifetime of growing and retailing plants in the Waikato and Tauranga, and Trevor Davies, ex-managing director of the household name, Duncan and Davies of New Plymouth. Trevor trained me on the 'intricacies' of pruning and shaping plant specimens on a monthly basis for 10 years. I am now a full-time landscaper and am excited at seeing the potential in offering UNIQUE LARGE TOPIARIES to the modern homeowner. My focus is on a low maintenance garden that looks impressive all year round and requires little work to keep it looking this way.

I have spent many years selecting suitable plants and personally creating a unique range of topiaries that will complement larger properties wonderfully or provide that special plant for the smaller urban property that will give them the 'real wow factor', a living piece of sculpture and a real talking point.

This unique range of topiary plants is marketed under the brand TOPIARY DIFFERENT® and is exclusively available from Rukuhia Homestead Landscaping Ltd.

My TOPIARY DIFFERENT® range certainly has an instant appeal. I have personally spent many years trimming and shaping my plants which are now beautiful large specimens, some being over three metres tall.

The plants can be viewed online, or by a visit to the Rukuhia Homestead, by appointment only. And to make life simple, plants will be shipped with care anywhere in the country. So, if you would like sound advice about which topiary would suit a particular site in your garden, and importantly, blend in with the house and surroundings, please give me a call. I look forward to helping you with some great ideas and suggestions to give that added 'special finishing touch' to your beautiful outdoor area.

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Graeme proudly showing off two of his exclusive new crops. LOROPETALUM SHIRAZMATAZZ topiary trained into tapered columns and CITRUS LIME COCKTAIL espaliered onto steel frames. Perfect against a wall or in a pot on the patio where there is little room. These will make outstanding gifts for Christmas.



Graeme is being dwarfed by a row of beautifully matched SEQUOIA KORBEL topiary trimmed as 3m tapered columns. Overseas, these are called the Californian Christmas tree.



Graeme holding some of his large topiary *Podocarpus macrophylla* specimens.



Graeme has produced these abstract topiary specimens trimmed like clouds. Planted as a group next to a courtyard, as a feature on the front lawn, underplanted with black mondo grass or uplit at night, these living pieces of sculpture bring a unique 'wow factor' into the garden.

