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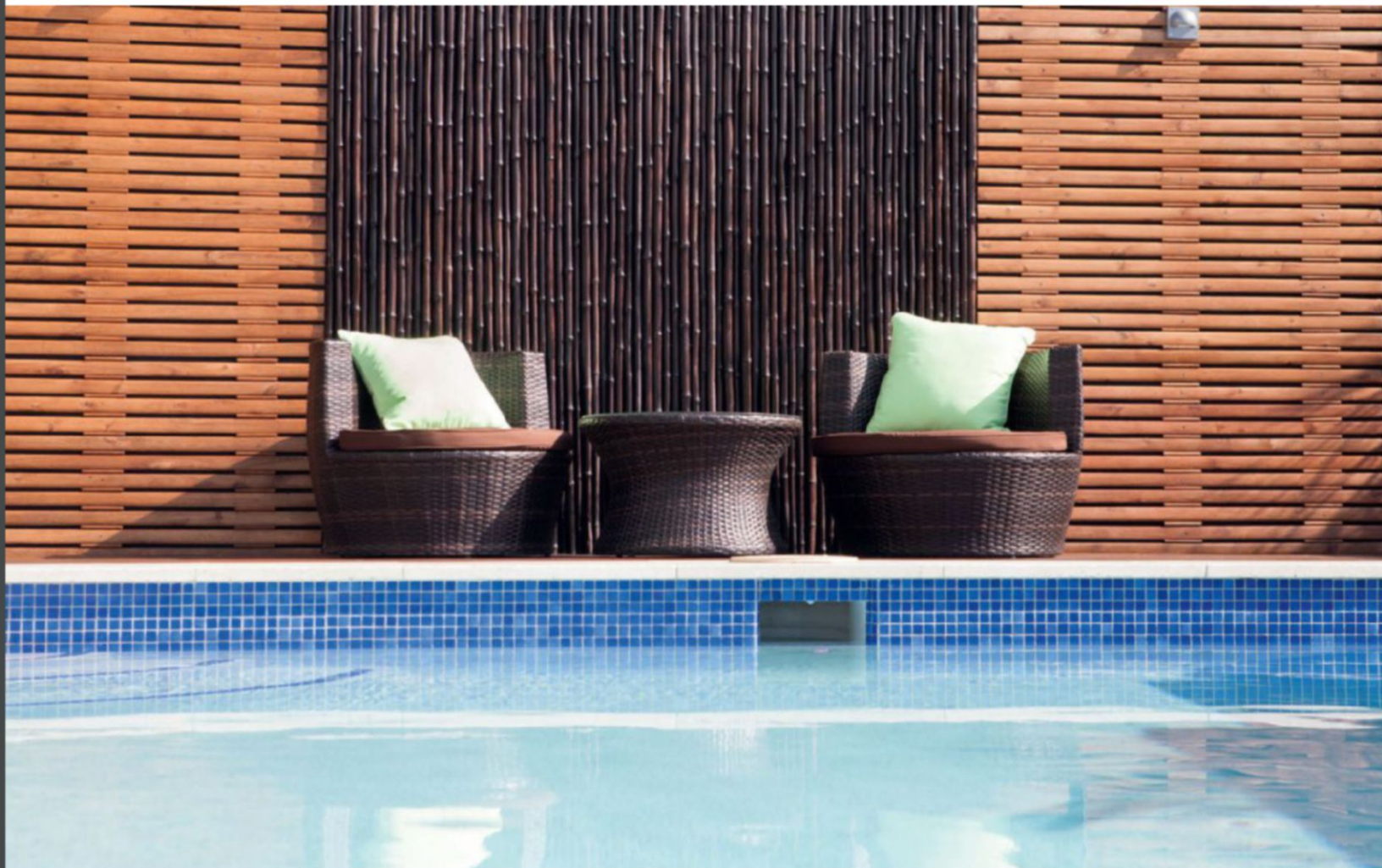


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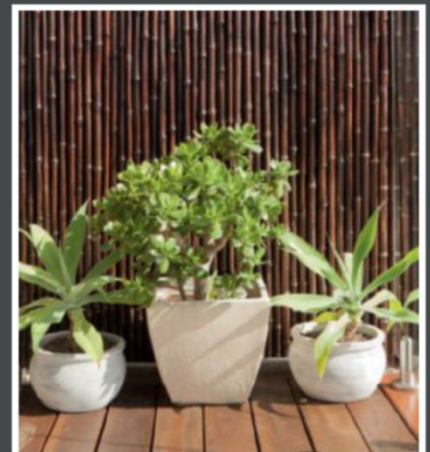
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WHILE LANDSCAPES INCORPORATING OUTDOOR entertaining areas and relaxation zones were a main theme of the 2014 Australian Garden Show Sydney, many of the display gardens revealed an increased interest in planting, demonstrating how a garden of any size or style can be a lush and leafy space. This year's show proved a wellspring of design inspiration with display gardens from established and up-and-coming Australian garden designers. It also featured two new show garden categories: Balcony Gardens and City Gardens. Many Australians have small outdoor spaces and these new categories presented show-goers with an abundance of clever space-maximising design ideas. Winner of Best in Show, the top honour, was celebrated Sydney designer Myles Baldwin with his garden *Open Woodland*. This garden, which also won Gold in the Inspirational Gardens category, is just one of the 16 arresting display gardens photographed by Peter Brennan and showcased in this edition, starting page 28.

If you'd like to see more of the top-quality work being produced by Australian landscape professionals, we present the winning gardens from the LNA Master Landscapers Association Landscape Excellence Awards 2014 (turn to page 242) and the Landscape Industries Association of Western Australia's Awards of Excellence 2014 (turn to page 248). These awards cover design, construction, planting and environmental management as well as residential and commercial work. Another way to gather ideas — or find a landscape designer or contractor for your new project — is to turn to our Designer Landscapes section, starting page 70, where leading landscapers from around the country present gardens of every size and style, from sprawling rural retreats and coastal havens to family-friendly gardens and crisply contemporary urban oases.

If decorating your outdoor space is on your mind, then our special feature on the latest trends in outdoor furniture (turn to page 160) is essential reading. Whether it's an outdoor lounge, dining setting, daybed or garden bench you're after, we'll share some of the most up-to-the-minute style secrets to help you on your way to making a decision. You can then follow that up by turning to page 166 where our extensive showcase of outdoor decor and landscape materials begins.

Enjoy!

Karen Booth
Editor

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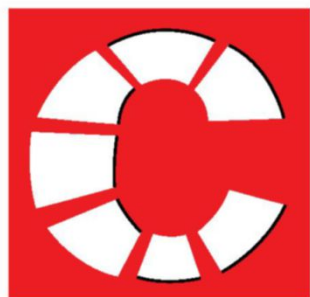
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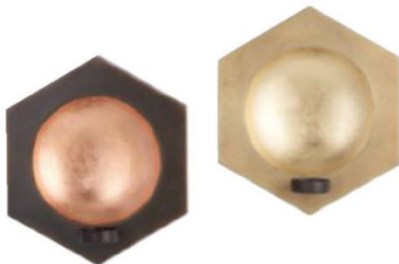
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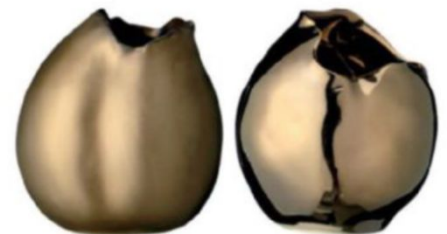
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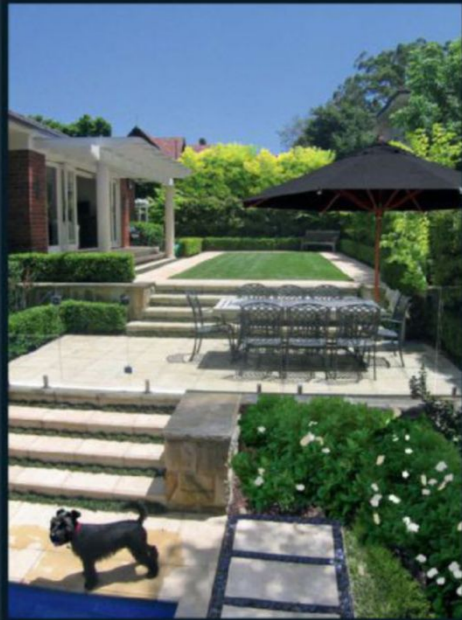


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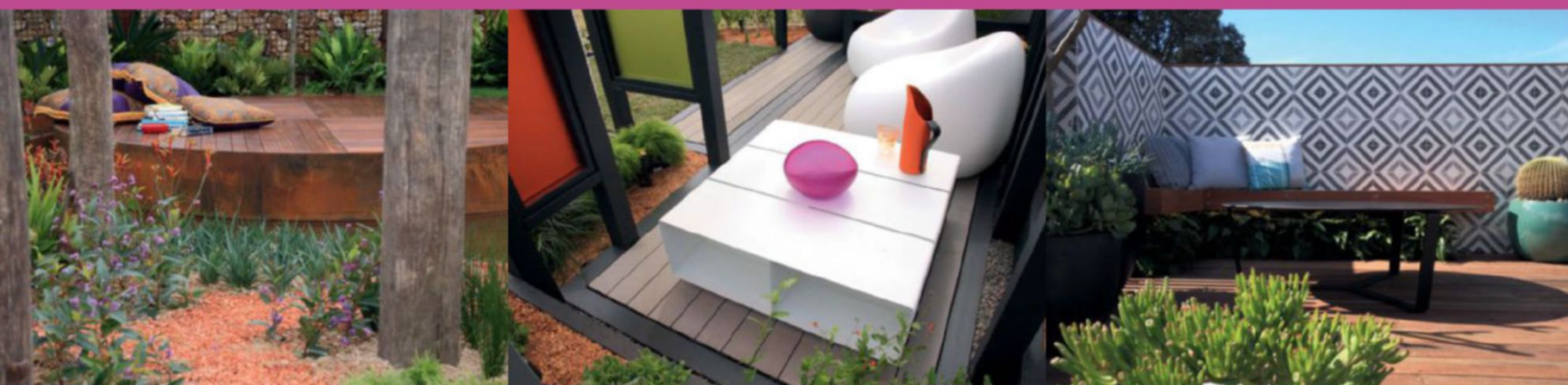
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Australian Garden Show Sydney 2014



Open Woodland

LAST YEAR, MYLES BALDWIN, DIRECTOR OF Myles Baldwin Design, made his presence felt at the inaugural Australian Garden Show Sydney as show curator. This year, it was as winner of Best in Show plus a Gold medal in the Inspirational Gardens category.

Dubbed *Open Woodland*, his garden featured a split-level design and a cantilevered pavilion that hovered, in part, over a large reflection pond. Of clean contemporary design, the pavilion presented a modern take on the outdoor room. The structure, built by Modify, featured a solid roof for protection from sun

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The landscaping, which was carried out to perfection by Falconer Gardens, gave the pavilion



Photos: Peter Brennan



a real sense of place. Myles chose a skilfully layered planting style to frame and soften the built elements. The entry to the garden boasted a mix of shrubbery and perennial plantings while flowing plants dipped over the stone retaining wall.

The retaining wall incorporated four spouts with a natural rust finish that sent water flowing into the pond. This added sound and movement, but in the gentlest possible way. Complementing the stone block wall and the stone coping around the pond, gravel was chosen for the garden areas (rather than paving) and the plant colours were muted.

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Adam's design provided for cooking and prep, dining and relaxation. An in-built polished concrete bench with an integrated barbecue functioned as a breakfast bar-style eating area and added an element of boldness to the design. In a corner sat a modern lounge chair placed atop an outdoor rug.

For the decking and handrail, Adam chose sustainably grown Australian timber. The timber served to soften the look of the space and contrasted with the stainless steel of the balustrade cabling and the barbecue.

Plants played an integral role in the design and were all selected to be able to cope with a hot aspect and minimal maintenance. The majority of the plants grew in contemporary containers, except for those that flourished in a strategically placed green wall.

This garden, dubbed *Bradley Residence*, won for Adam Robinson Design a Gold medal in the hotly contested Balcony Gardens category.



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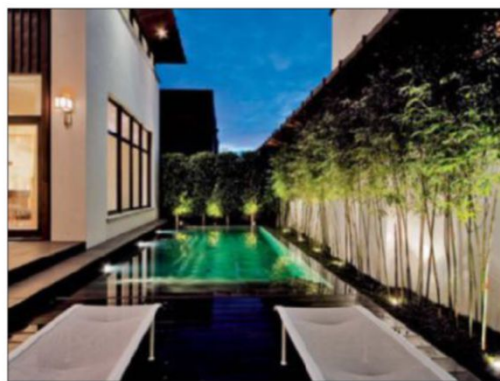
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The Pavilion

WHEN DESIGNING THE GARDEN, NATURAL DESIGN'S PETA DONALDSON DREW ON THE ARCHITECTURAL and interior design styles of the mid-20th century for inspiration. This could be clearly seen in the nearly all-white colour scheme and the strong reliance on clean lines and geometric shapes.

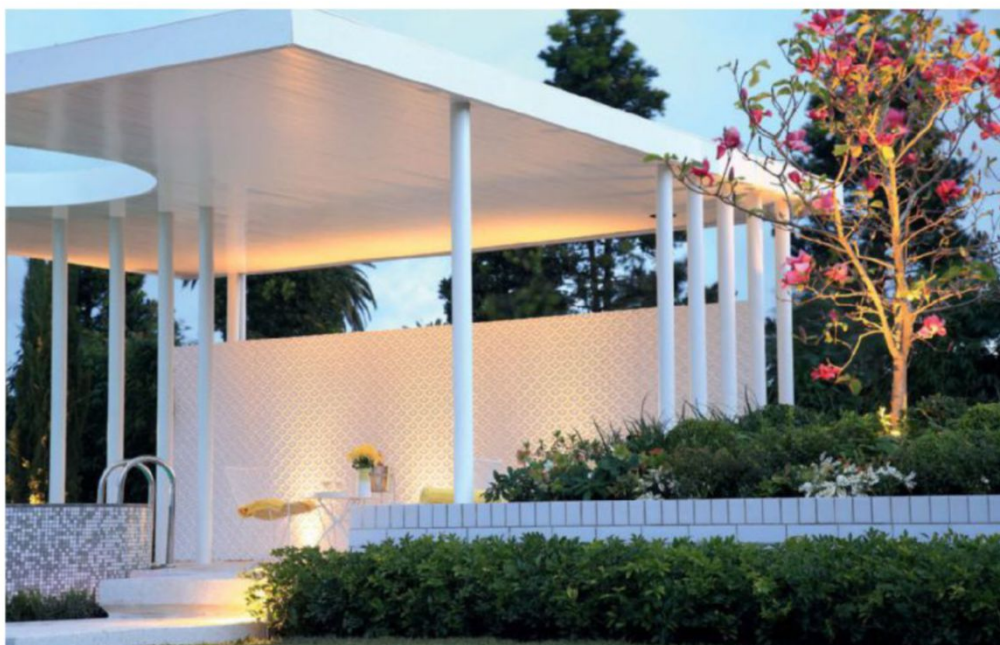
The Pavilion, which won a Silver medal in the Inspirational Gardens category, was carved into four distinct spaces: the entrance, pavilion, plunge pool and lawn. Each served its own purpose yet the landscape came together seamlessly to create a functional and sociable garden with a nice, easy flow.

The entrance featured a series of custom floating concrete steps that led to the elevated pavilion, which Peta called the "heart of the garden". While the furnishings within the pavilion were sparse, they weren't Spartan. The space felt warm and luxurious, due in part to the suspended stainless-steel Cocoon fireplace.

The circular plunge pool, its external walls clad in shimmering glass mosaic tiles, also served as an over-scale water feature and added another dimension to the design. A circular opening was created in the pavilion roof directly over the pool, bringing natural light into the space. This also helped to draw the eye to the ceiling of the pavilion which was finished in Glosswood white lining boards, selected from their 3D Designer Profile series.

The lining boards worked in harmony with the feature wall (comprised of white polyurethane 3D panels in Lump Sculpture Studio's Fish Scales pattern), polished concrete paving and gloss white brickwork. The final flourish was a large white 1960s-inspired sculpture, Tricycle, also from Lump Sculpture Studio.





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Effortless Balance

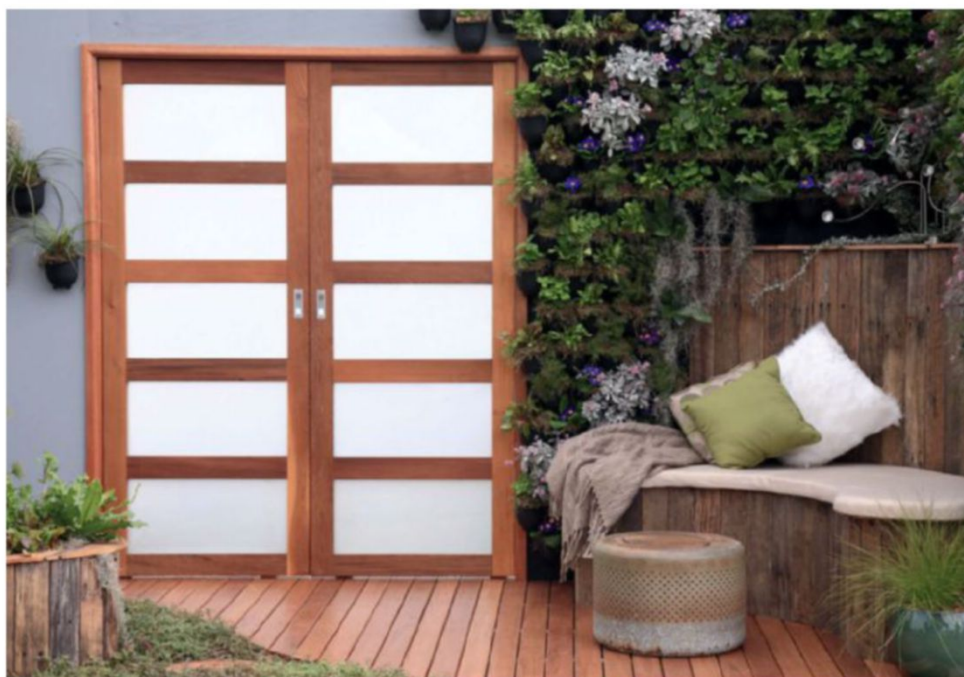
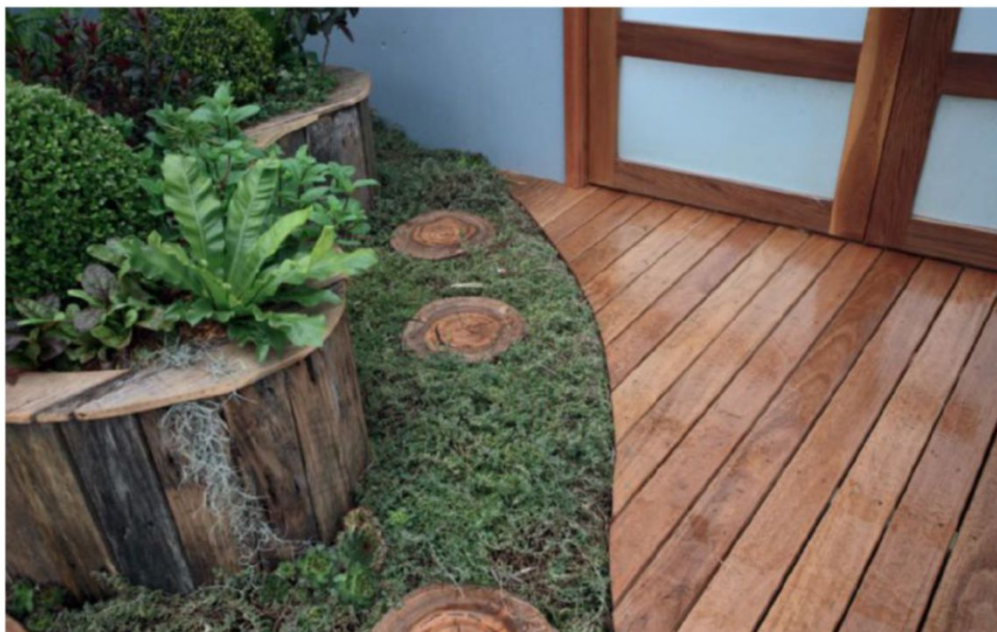
WHEN WE THINK OF INNER-CITY BALCONY

gardens, images of sleek, clean-lined spaces often spring to mind. This garden, aptly named *Effortless Balance* by its designer Kate Grace, proves that a balcony space can be rustic and earthy, just like a ground-level garden.

From the recycled timber used to fashion the handmade seat and raised planter to the flourishing vertical gardens and the strong emphasis on organic, flowing shapes, this design provided inspiration aplenty for anyone looking for new ideas for a richly textured, plant-filled balcony or deck space.

Effortless Balance was about achieving harmony between plant material and hard landscaping to create a relaxed place of escape that would feel far removed from busy city life. It was also about the intertwining of edible plants and ornamental plants to show how sustainability and good design go hand in hand.

The garden, which won Gold in the newly introduced Balcony Gardens category, heavily featured timber throughout. This included the curved deck, the custom-built bench seat and back rest, the sinuous planter filled with edibles and ornamentals and the log steppers. Making maximum use of the vertical plane, one part of the garden was given over to a green wall that gave the space a sense of abundance.



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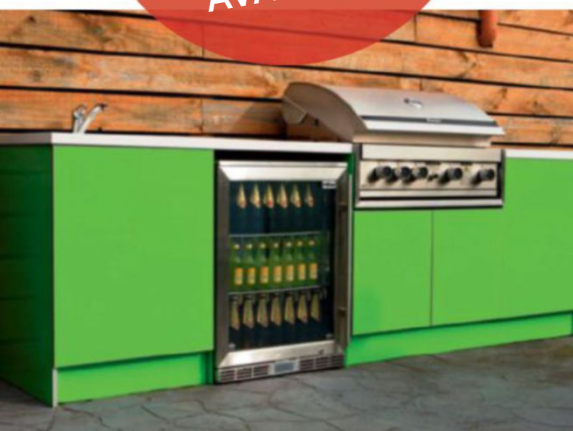
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Refugium

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a north-west aspect, *Refugium* sought to provide a space for entertaining, relaxation and reflection — and to engender a sense of timelessness.

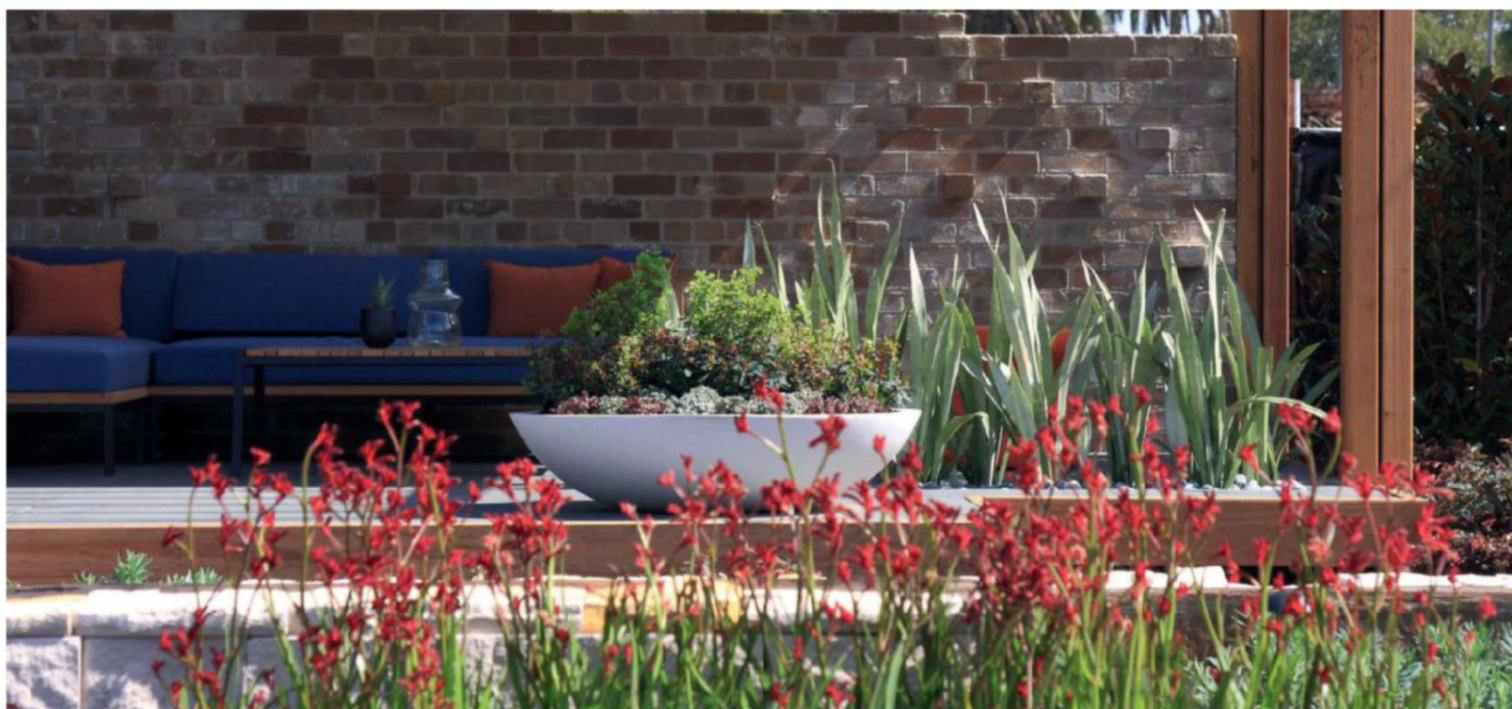
A summer pavilion sat at the heart of this urban

refuge which won for ecodesign a Bronze medal in the Inspirational Gardens category. In designing and placing the pavilion, ecodesign employed the principles of passive solar design. The bluestone tiles, for example, provided thermal mass, while the pond was included to help cool hot summer breezes as well as provide a pleasing focal point.

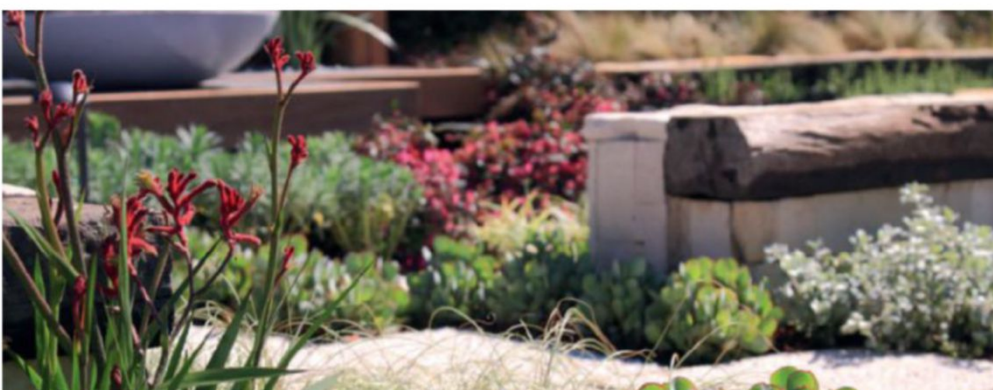
For screening and to create a sense of refuge

and enclosure, there was a staggered brick wall at the back of the elevated pavilion and slim vertical timber battens along one side wall. To soften the lines of the design, recycled materials (in particular bricks and timber sleepers) were used as was a well-considered, low-maintenance planting palette.

Chosen for interest throughout the seasons, the planting palette included smooth leaved quandong,



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for form and scale, and the deciduous *Acer palmatum* 'Senkaki' (a striking Japanese maple), for summer shade and winter sun. Foliage colours were chiefly silver, purple and deep green, which worked in harmony with the timber of the pavilion and the stone paving. For a burst of floral colour, there were red-flowering kangaroo paws.

This quintessentially Australian garden was a wonderfully welcoming space in which a strong emphasis was placed on textural contrasts and the use of locally and sustainably sourced materials.



My Garden Studio

WINNER OF A GOLD MEDAL IN THE CITY GARDENS CATEGORY,

My Garden Studio featured a generous timber deck, tall garden shelves and a timber blade wall as a backdrop. In designing the garden, Andrew Davies of the Banksia Design Group sought to create a marine-inspired space ideally suited to a coastal location and those seeking a relaxed outdoor lifestyle.

To achieve the desired nautical feel, Andrew included such decorative elements as a weathered marine post and oars. To add to the natural, almost rustic feel, he included a variety of nature-inspired elements, including a copper pear sculpture by Cattie Sully and a rough-hewn sandstone step. The rustic look was further enhanced by the use of reclaimed materials and items. This included a rusted garden gate used as an item of decor.

Planting played an integral role, starting with the space-maximising vertical gardens from Growing Well Eco Gardens, which were attached to the corner bookshelf. These contained a mix of ornamental and edible plants. Throughout, the emphasis was on hardy plants that would do well in a coastal environment. This included cumquats and lavender, grown in Atlantis pots, along with cordylines and succulents, to name but a few of the many plants employed.



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Tread Lightly

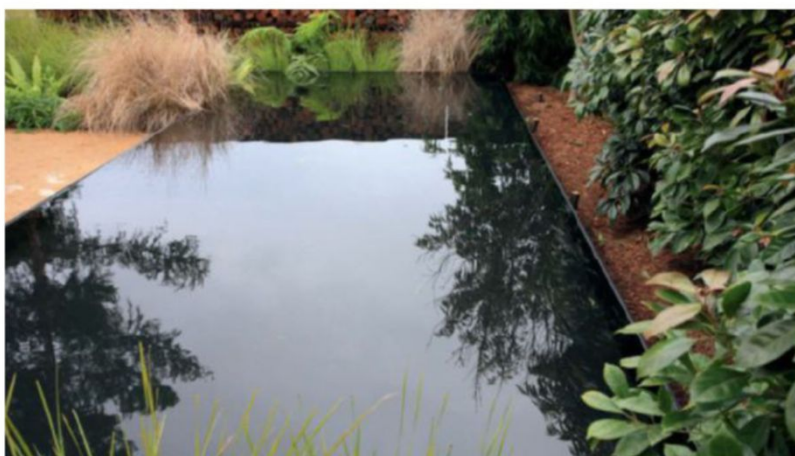
UNLIKE MANY OF THE DISPLAY GARDENS AT THIS year's Australian Garden Show Sydney, *Tread Lightly* was a space for relaxation and quiet reflection rather than entertaining. While the overall feel was indeed serene, that didn't mean there weren't dramatic elements to draw the eye.

At the heart of the garden, which was designed by Christopher Owen of Christopher Owen Landscape Design, was a peaceful, semi-enclosed space. The walls on two sides were fashioned out of split timber stacked within custom-built Corten-steel frames. At the

centre of this garden room with its "floor" of decomposed granite was a circular fire bowl with a rust patina.

To one side of the fire bowl, casual seating was provided in the form of a length of reclaimed timber, its grey weathered exterior enhancing the rustic ambience. Behind the fire bowl there was a reflecting pond, its dark interior amplifying the mirror-like effect of the water's surface.

The planting palette employed groundcovers, including bands of ornamental grasses, along with *Acer japonicum* (also known as the full moon maple), crepe myrtles and *Araucaria cunninghamii* (hoop pine) to add height. *Tread Lightly*, which at its most fundamental level represented the natural elements of earth, fire and water, won Christopher Owen a Silver medal in the Inspirational Gardens category.



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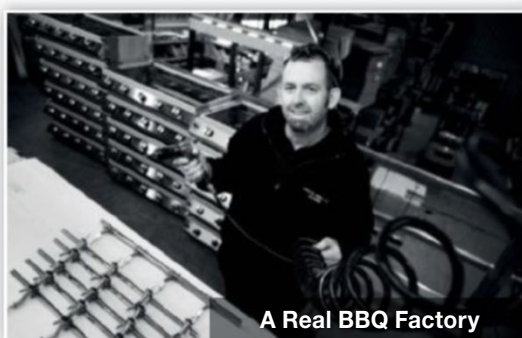
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The Unexpected Garden

ANDREW FISHER TOMLIN, A LEADING LANDSCAPE

designer from the UK, was the creative force behind *The Unexpected Garden*. Designed on behalf of St Vincent's Curran Foundation, and winner of a Bronze medal in the Inspirational Gardens category, *The Unexpected Garden* explored how a garden might be used to support a person with dementia.

Simplicity — in the use of materials and shapes — was the byword of the design, beginning with the gently curving path that provided solid, stable ground beneath one's feet. The simplicity extended to the structures and the choice of clean-lined contemporary furniture.

A profusion of plants stimulated the senses and engendered a feeling of wellbeing. Plants were an integral element of the design, included to promote a gentle sensory experience and stimulate memory through texture, movement, fragrance and colour.

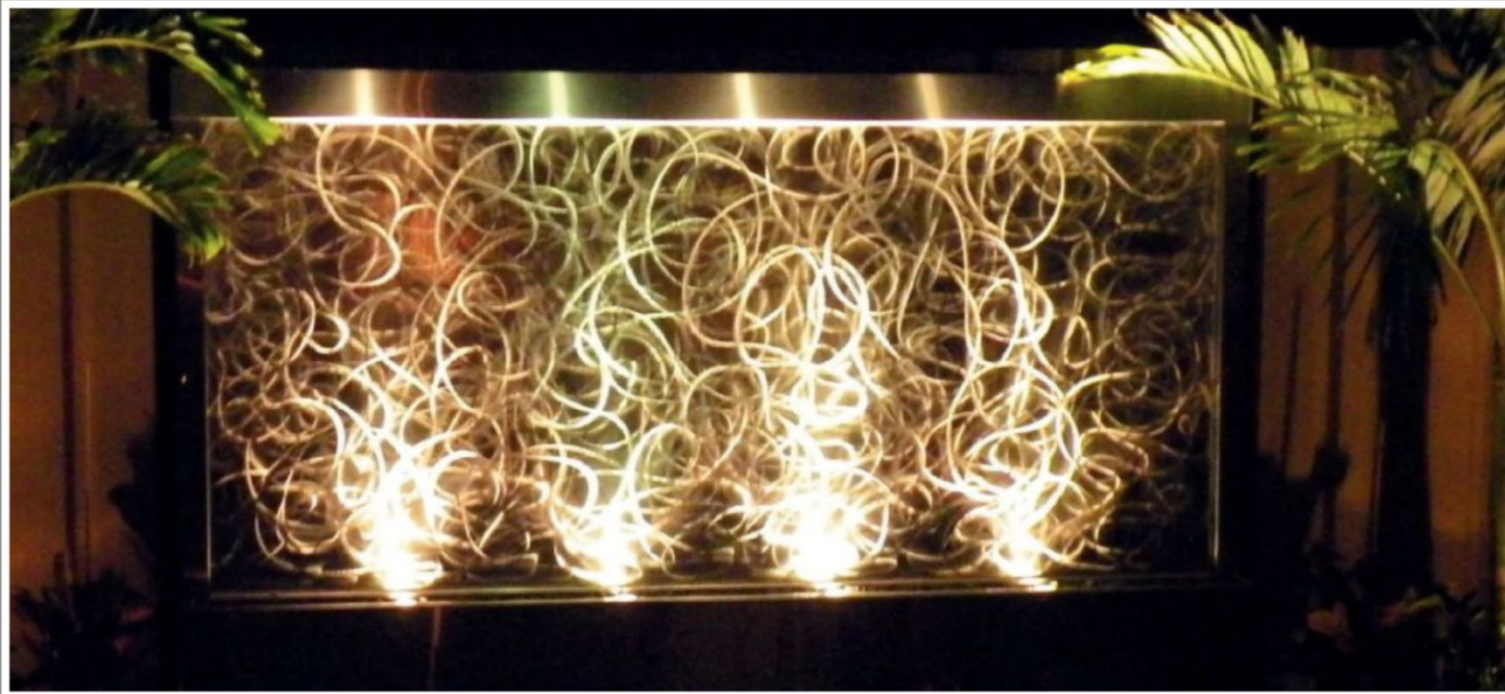
The design included familiar native plants such as kangaroo paws (in yellow and red), bottlebrushes, coastal rosemary and Gyneria lilies. Trees embraced the space with the under-storey plants coming right to the path edge, making them easy to touch and smell. The final flourish and sensory element was a large shallow water bowl supplied by Willie Wildlife Sculptures. This was fashioned out of bronze and featured tiny, ornate frogs diving, leaping or simply sitting.



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My Island Home



KNOWN FOR HIS FUN-LOVING APPROACH TO design and flair for exciting plant combinations, Melbourne landscape designer Phillip Withers of Phillip Withers Landscape Design created this year's most popular display garden, *My Island Home*.

A timber boardwalk flanked by post and rope handrails led past "floating sand dunes" and a "sea of coral" to a beach hut outfitted with a lounge and hammock. The roof of the hut featured sustainably sourced Latte hardwood poles from



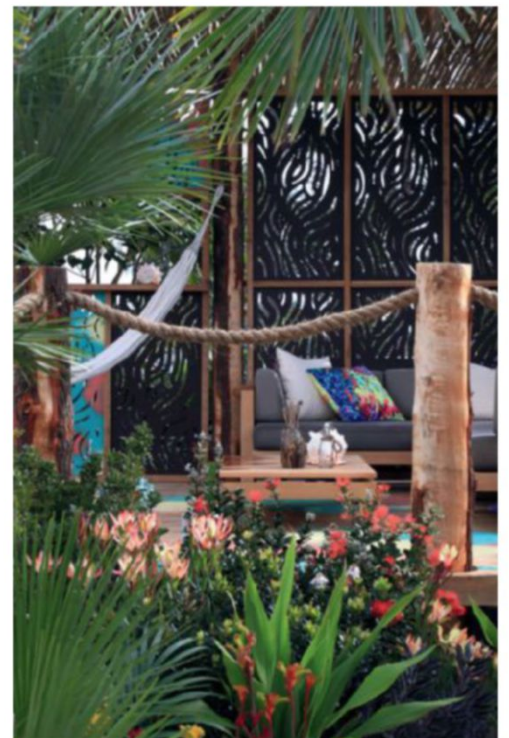
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Touch Wood Trading while the walls were fashioned out of Outdeco's new Woolloomai patterned screen panels. The fluid, wave-like pattern of the screens reinforced the island theme and some were painted to add a splash of tropical island colour and tie in with the timber decking. A sunken circular firepit zone was located just a few steps away from the hut, providing a cosy place to gather.

One of the most engaging elements of the design was the "coral sea", which was fashioned out of a diverse array of colourful, interestingly shaped succulents. Phillip is known for creating tableaux that imitate the forms and colours of the natural world and here his goal was to replicate the look of a reef.

In designing this garden, which was built by Semken Landscaping, Phillip aimed to create a place that would give the feeling of stepping out through your back door and straight into a relaxed, deserted-island escape — and he succeeded. *My Island Home* won for Phillip Withers Landscape Design a Bronze medal in the Inspirational Gardens category plus the People's Choice Award.





Cache

SOMEWHERE TO HIDE AWAY FROM THE WORLD, A PLACE TO relax and unwind on your own or with friends, surrounded by plant life. This was what Brent Reid of Candeo Design had in mind when he designed *Cache*, winner of a Bronze medal in the Inspirational Gardens category.

Large-format Anston Sorrento-paved steps led to an entertaining area that was a combination of oversized pavers and designAdeck snakeskin Australian cypress decking. The entertaining area was partially enclosed by an arched rolled steel pergola and featured comfortable seating.

Sandstone boulders and soft planting formed the outside edges of the garden while a screening hedge of *Elaeocarpus emundi* 'Quandong' ran along one side and the back of the entertaining area. Beautiful canopy trees in the back provided foliage height and texture to the area while the under-planting of the trees and the rest of the garden beds formed a rich tapestry of foliage colour.

As a design treat, Brent nestled a bronze lorikeet birdbath from Willie Wildlife Sculptures into the foliage along with another Willie Wildlife creation, a 3m bronze snail sculpture called Joseph. Combining fun with functionality, Brent also included a Kool Kombi drinks cooler and an Old School Caravan cooler, both made from recycled metal, from Think Outside.



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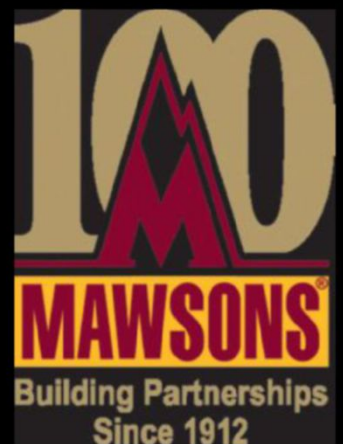
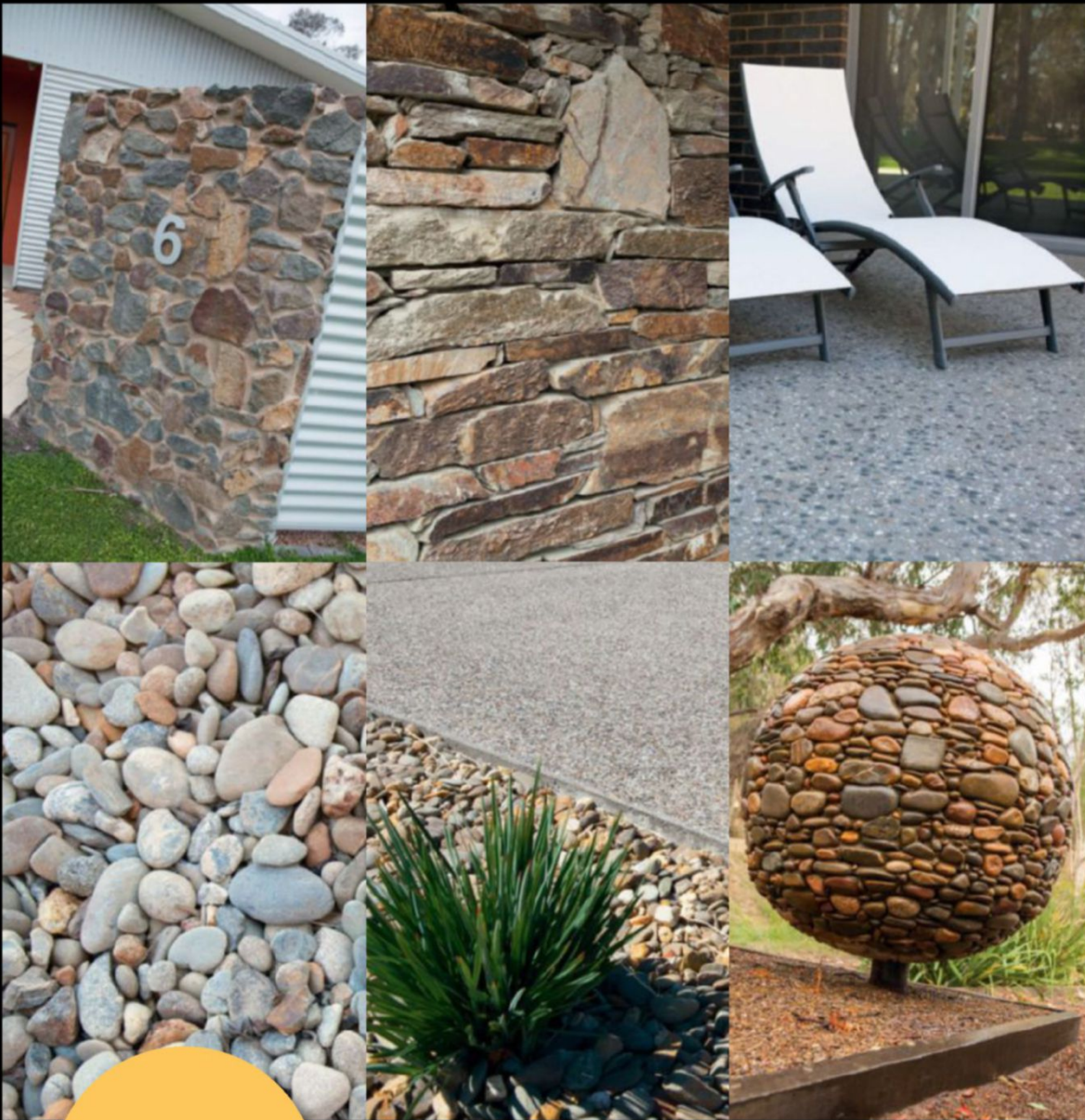
WE ALL NEED A LITTLE GREENERY IN OUR LIVES, especially when our only outdoor space is to be found on a balcony. *Revelation*, designed by Kim Earl of Candeo Design, presented one vision of how a balcony garden can be a stylish and private space where lush vegetation plays an integral role.

For much needed privacy and to create a feature, the designer chose Outdeco's Cumulus screen panels in natural brown as a backdrop to the timber bar. This space-saving wall-mounted table was teamed with rustic timber stools, adding to the warmth of the design, and it featured an in-built planter box at one end. This contributed to the layering effect the designer wanted to achieve.

Plants were chosen to provide a rich tapestry of foliage shapes and textures, creating a softening effect against the often harsh environment of the city apartment block. The leafy planting palette included bamboo palm, golden cane palm, spider lily, lily turf, philodendron and devil's ivy.

Ashlar-style paving, which involves laying paving pieces of different sizes in an appealing pattern, completed the picture while the pale colour really opened up the space. *Revelation* won the Best Balcony Garden award plus a Gold medal in the Balcony Gardens category.

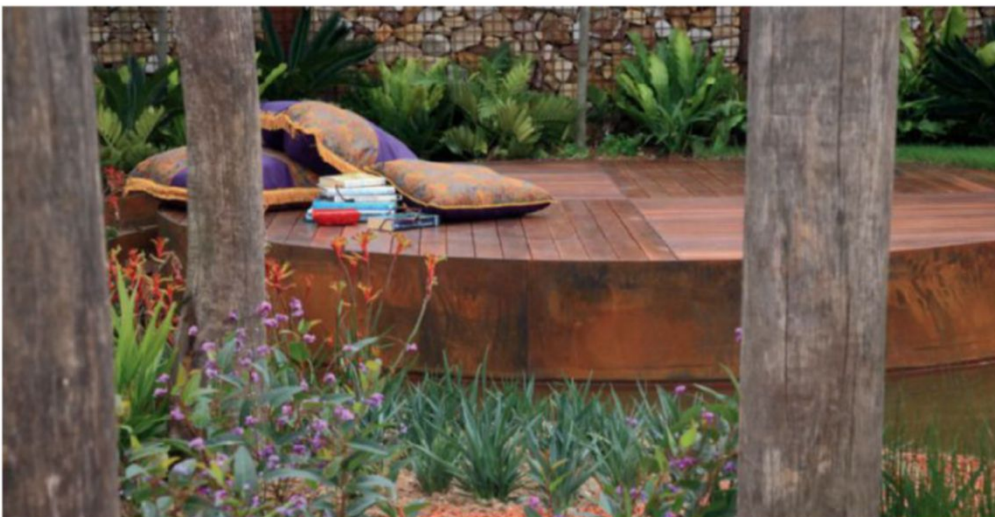




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Learning Garden

BOASTING CURVES IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES, the *Learning Garden* showcased the design and construction expertise of past and future landscape graduates from the Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE's Ryde Campus. The garden, which received a Bronze medal in the Inspirational Gardens category, was designed by TAFE teachers Penny Hand and Kate Low, and built by Certificate III Landscape Construction students.



Photos: Peter Brennan



The *Learning Garden* invited show-goers to embark on a journey, one that followed the garden's gentle flowing curves. Along that journey, there was plenty to engage the eye: richly textured gabion walls with intriguing industrial metal details, a crescent-shaped lawn, a circular deck jutting like an island into the water of a pebble-strewn pond, and garden beds full of interesting foliage.

With a strong emphasis on sustainable material selection, this garden was a delight for the senses. You felt the pull to reach out and touch the gabion walls, each meticulously hand-packed with sandstone rock, or stretch out on the lawn watching the reflections on the surface of the pond.

The colours of the stone complemented the timber decking while the rust finish of the metal gabion baskets referenced the Corten-steel edging used around the garden beds, the pond and the circular deck. Adding a rustic touch, reclaimed weathered-timber posts were used as a sculptural element in one of the garden beds.

The planting palette was largely green-on-green with lots of variety contributed by the different leaf shapes and textures. For colour, there were swathes of red-flowering kangaroo paws.





Green City Living

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER RUPERT BAYWILL CHOSE TO partner with Living City Landscapes to demonstrate how native plants can be the perfect complement to a contemporary balcony design, no matter how limited the space or urban the setting.

With high-density developments becoming increasingly popular in our cities, creating liveable,

green outdoor spaces is a challenge apartment owners and landscape designers often face. *Green City Living* acknowledged this challenge and showed how, with some clever design and the savvy selection of plants it is possible to turn the smallest urban space into a plant-filled outdoor living oasis.

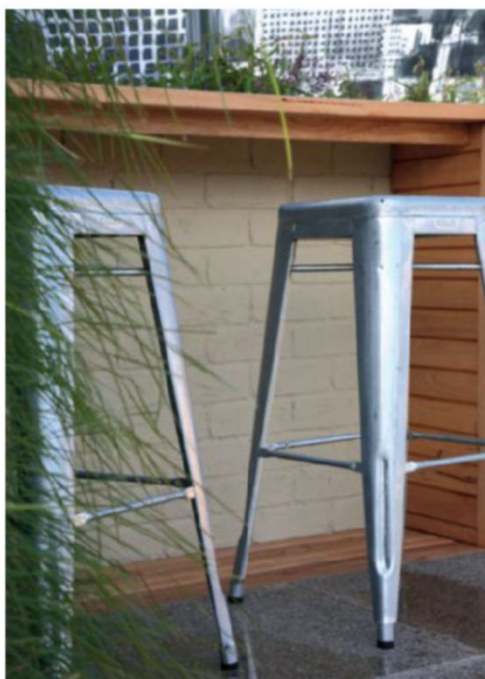
Potted exotics are often favoured in small urban landscapes such as balcony gardens but for Rupert, native plants are the logical choice, whether grown in decorative pots, in-built planters or green walls.

Many native plants are low maintenance, have minimal water requirements and, with the

array of architectural forms available, can be used as a natural reflection of our cityscapes.

Green City Living wasn't just about the reconciliation of our urban environments with native plants; it was about good design. Cutting-edge elements, such as industrial-style stools and concrete paving, were offset by the warmth of timber and the colours of the foliage. Impressed, the show judges awarded *Green City Living* a Gold medal in the Balcony Gardens category.

Credit for the construction goes to The Nature Group, although the initial work was carried out by pre-apprenticeship construction students from the Victoria University Secondary College.

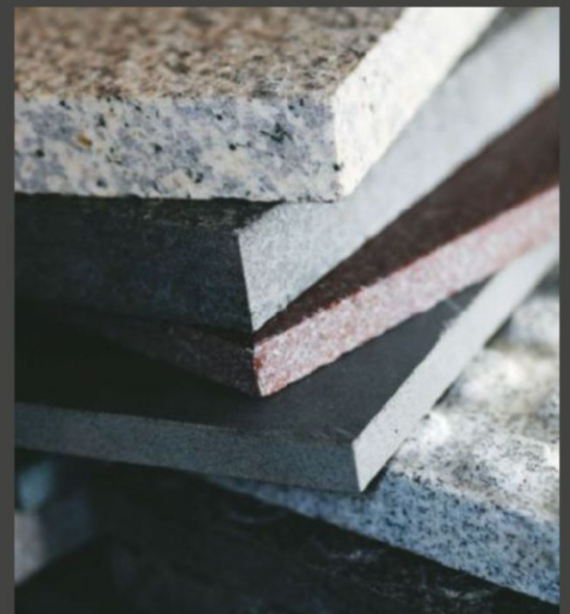


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Zest City Garden

THE GOAL OF THIS DESIGN, WINNER OF A SILVER medal in the City Gardens category, was to provide a funky, colourful, contemporary outdoor haven for a young inner-city couple.

When designing the *Zest City Garden*, Kevin Quelch of inovasis design envisaged a converted warehouse with a south-facing courtyard so bringing light and colour into the space was a priority. To encourage natural light into the pergola, the roof was comprised of well-spaced rods in three different shades of white/grey and frosted Perspex panels. The latter were also incorporated into the walls.

The pergola was designed as a seating area

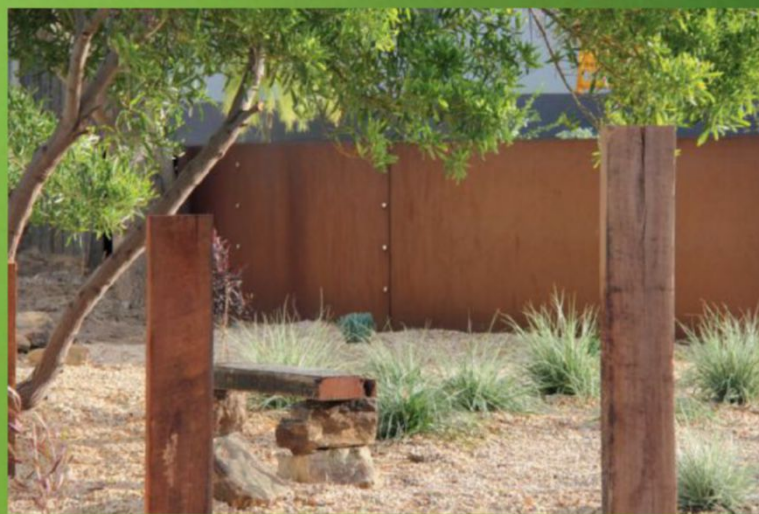
and was furnished with contemporary Gumball armchairs from Plust and a Nomad coffee table by Gloster. The curved forms of the furniture softened the angular lines of the pergola and decking.

Hanging plants were suspended from the roof beams of the timber pergola and garden beds surrounded the structure and the small area of lawn. Kevin used mainly Australian natives with “zesty” flower colours of yellow and orange/red along with splashes of silver and lime foliage to complement the Perspex panels.

By making excellent use of geometric angles, vertical lines and varying heights, the designer was able to make the space seem bigger than it actually was.



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Another goal was to bring together industry sector stakeholders, including AILA, NGINA, AILA,

TAFE and NSW Fair Trading, under one roof.

Embrace the Landscape was a cool and shady garden that invited show-goers to linger; to run their hands over the surfaces, touch the flourishing plants and sit awhile. Four entry points invited visitors to venture inside, each leading through abundant plant life. Once inside, visitors found a space divided into four interconnected gathering places and a contemporary outdoor room.

The outdoor room featured vertical walls full of overflowing with plants and a bespoke cooking





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station. The barbecue was integrated into a concrete benchtop, which featured inbuilt herb planters at one end. An outdoor gas fireplace added to the ambience while a comfy modern wicker lounge provided the perfect resting point. Elsewhere, gently curved relaxation areas provided additional places where show-goers could rest.

The construction of *Embrace the Landscape* was a collaborative effort between LNA members Nathan Rogers of Integral Landscapes, Les Edwards and Tim Donovan of Edwards Donovan Landscapes, Philip Antcliff and Jack Hayes of Antscapes, Steve Simpson of Simpsons Landscapes & Consultants, Brett Wilson of Wilson Pedersen, Ron Berkelmans of Good Manors Pools & Gardens and Mike Platt from Design Landscapes, with assistance from landscape students from TAFE Illawarra Institute Yallah College and TAFE South Western Institute Padstow.

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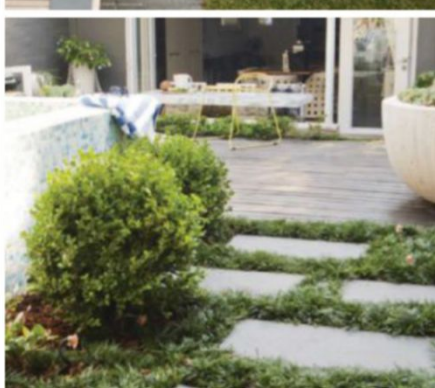
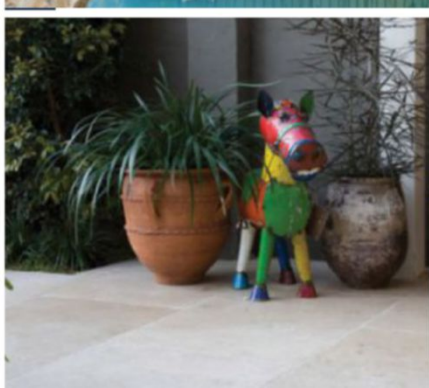
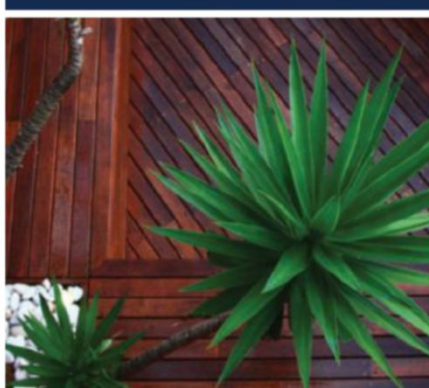
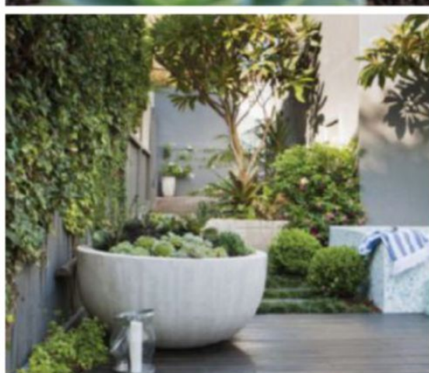
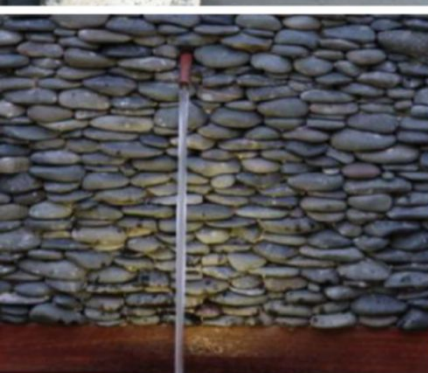
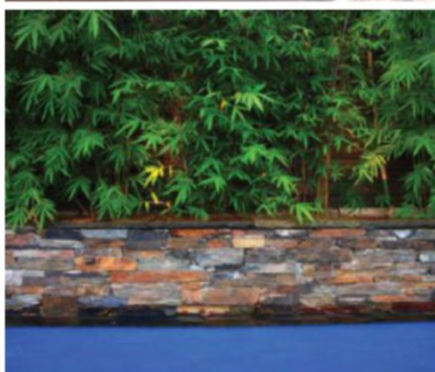
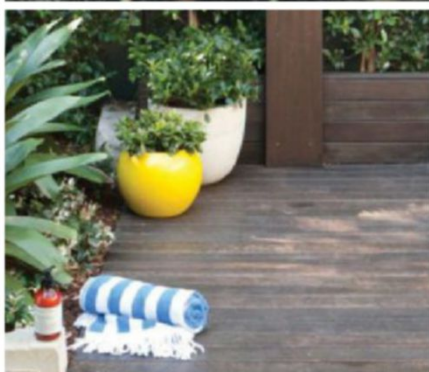
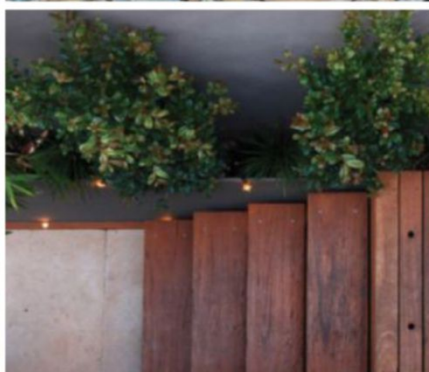
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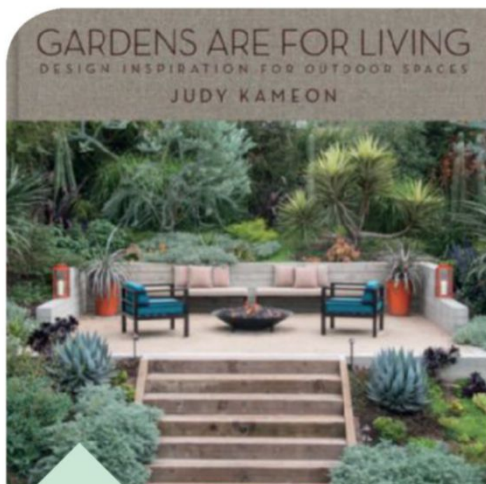
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Some people know Richard Unsworth as a landscape designer, others as the owner of Garden Life, an outdoor decor store in Sydney. In this, his first foray into publishing, Richard shares his design expertise and knowledge of the latest decor trends to inspire you to create an outdoor space that is uniquely yours. He achieves this by showcasing some of the gardens he has designed, from urban courtyards to coastal gardens. These are divided into large and small spaces and at the end of each garden story there are tips on things such as creating scale, using pots and composition. The book also looks at backyard vegetable patches and community gardens. There are tips on what to grow and when for those keen to grow vegies at home, and advice on starting a community garden for those with scant space but big ambitions and a sharing nature.



Pools: Design and Form with Water

Miquel Tres

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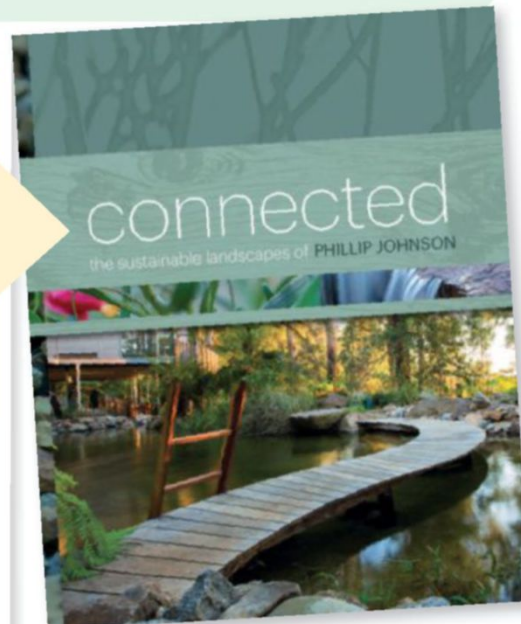
In *Pools: Design and Form with Water*, photographer Miquel Tres' beautiful photos, accompanied by informative narratives, showcase a wide selection of pool designs from around the world. This book features a multitude of pool examples in a wide range of styles: natural chemical-free pools with purifying systems; rustic pools that use local materials; contemporary dazzlers; and designer pools for interior and exterior spaces. This book, which was edited by Sabita Naheswaran, is a wellspring of design ideas and a wonderful tool for those keen to keep up with the latest trends and garner some advice on landscape planning, outdoor pool-site plans, selection of materials and the use of furniture and decor. The pools and their settings cover the gamut, whether you're seeking ideas for an indoor pool, a pool by the sea or anything in between.

Connected: The Sustainable Landscapes of Phillip Johnson

Phillip Johnson

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Winner of the highly coveted Best in Show award at the 2013 Chelsea Flower Show, not to mention a slew of local design and environmental accolades, Melbourne landscape designer Phillip Johnson is known internationally for his distinctive natural designs. For Phillip, sustainability is key, as is creating habitats for indigenous animals and plants. He is also known for his integrated sustainable water-management systems and his stunning natural billabong-style, chemical-free swimming pools. In this, his first book, Phillip showcases 19 gardens, including his own 2.8-hectare property in Victoria's Dandenong Ranges and his award-winning Chelsea garden. The other featured gardens range from sprawling rural properties and heritage homesteads to innovative suburban and inner-city gardens. He has also included his winning gardens from the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. In each chapter, Phillip tells the story of the garden's creation and explains his approach to planting and sustainability. This is supported by breathtaking photography that brings each garden to life.



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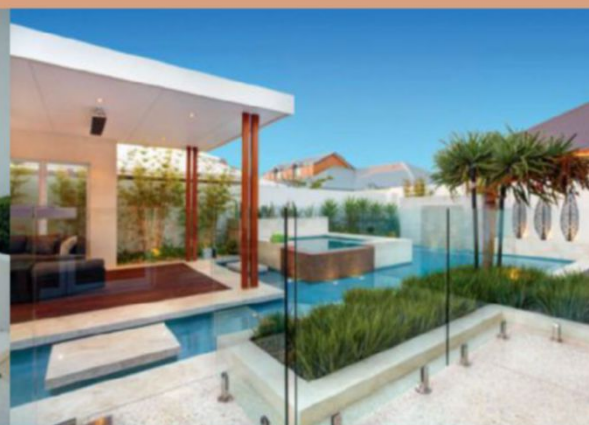
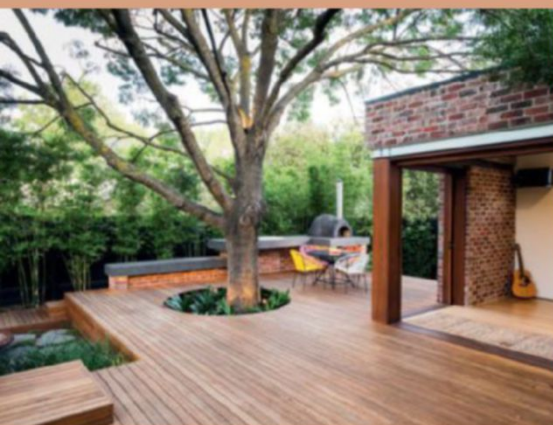
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Complete package

Offering the ambience of a European resort, this Sydney garden is a design triumph

THIS LUSH SYDNEY GARDEN REPRESENTS A dream come true for the happy owners. It caters for their day-to-day living and, come the weekend, is the perfect venue for hosting intimate alfresco dinner parties or large social gatherings.

"Our goal was to create a total concept, a contemporary European resort-style retreat incorporating a cabana, swimming pool, lawn and verdant garden beds," says landscape architect John Storch of A Total Concept, a company specialising in landscape architecture and pool design.

"The rear of the property had no outlook and little privacy from neighbours, so we bounded the entire area with a formal hedge," he continues. "This created a concealed garden in which we were able to develop our design. It also gave the kitchen and living areas of the home a stunning outlook, day and night."

Located adjacent to the pool, the cabana offers all the creature comforts as well as providing for all the family's needs. As the owners have young children, it was agreed that the open-style



cabana should double as the poolside sitting area, minimising the children's sun exposure.

Inside the contemporary cabana, you will find a large wall-mounted LCD television, a ceiling fan, intricate built-in cabinetry incorporating a glass splashback, a Caesarstone benchtop with waterfall sides, an under-mounted sink, a stainless-steel fridge and a dishwasher, along with comfortable daybeds and a lounge.

"The flat cabana roof hides solar panels behind a corbel. This allowed for the creation of very high ceilings that make the internal space seem larger," adds John. "Also, the painted rendered masonry used in the cabana matches that of the house and the same blond travertine paving was used around the pool and in the cabana, creating a seamless link between these elements."

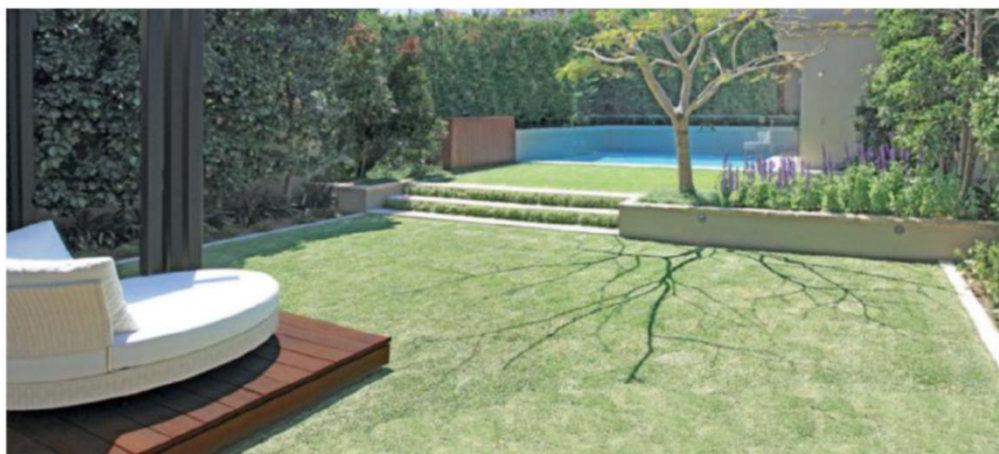
The pool features large steps and an extensive

underwater bench, which double as informal seats within the pool. With heated spa jets incorporated into the backrest of the bench, it is the perfect place for parents and children. At night, the energy-efficient LED lights in the pool produce washes of light and dancing shadows, creating an inviting ambience that is enhanced by the cabana and garden lighting. The lighting, along with the sound system, irrigation system, heater and swim jets, is linked to the electrical switching network of the house and cabana.

The overall project, designed and managed by A Total Concept, has seamlessly integrated the home with the cabana, pool, lawn and gardens to create a stunning space that exudes the ambience of a European resort, provides for family fun and offers a private retreat into which the owners can escape at the end of the working day.

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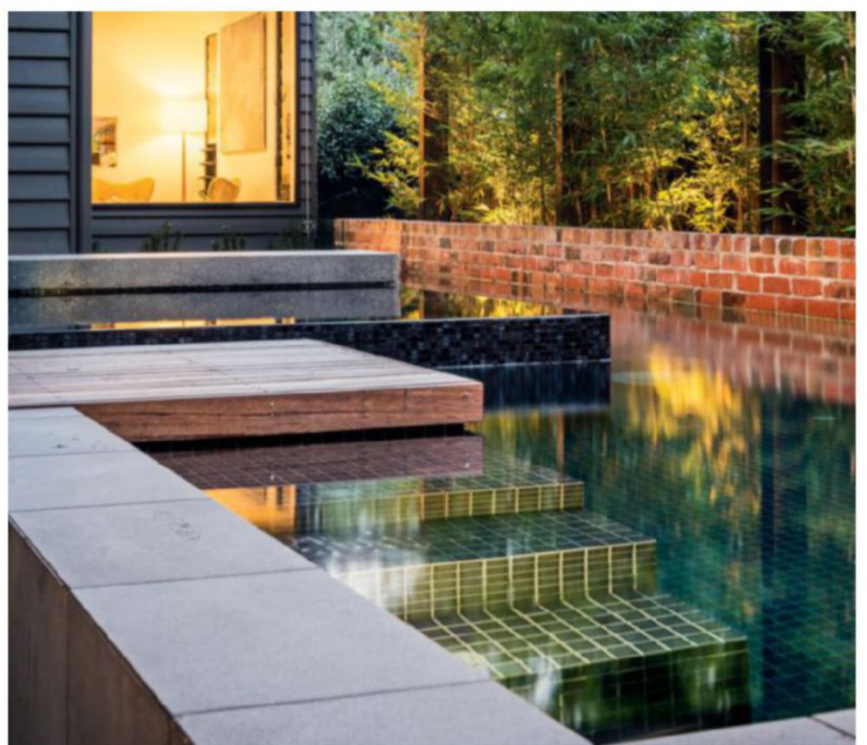
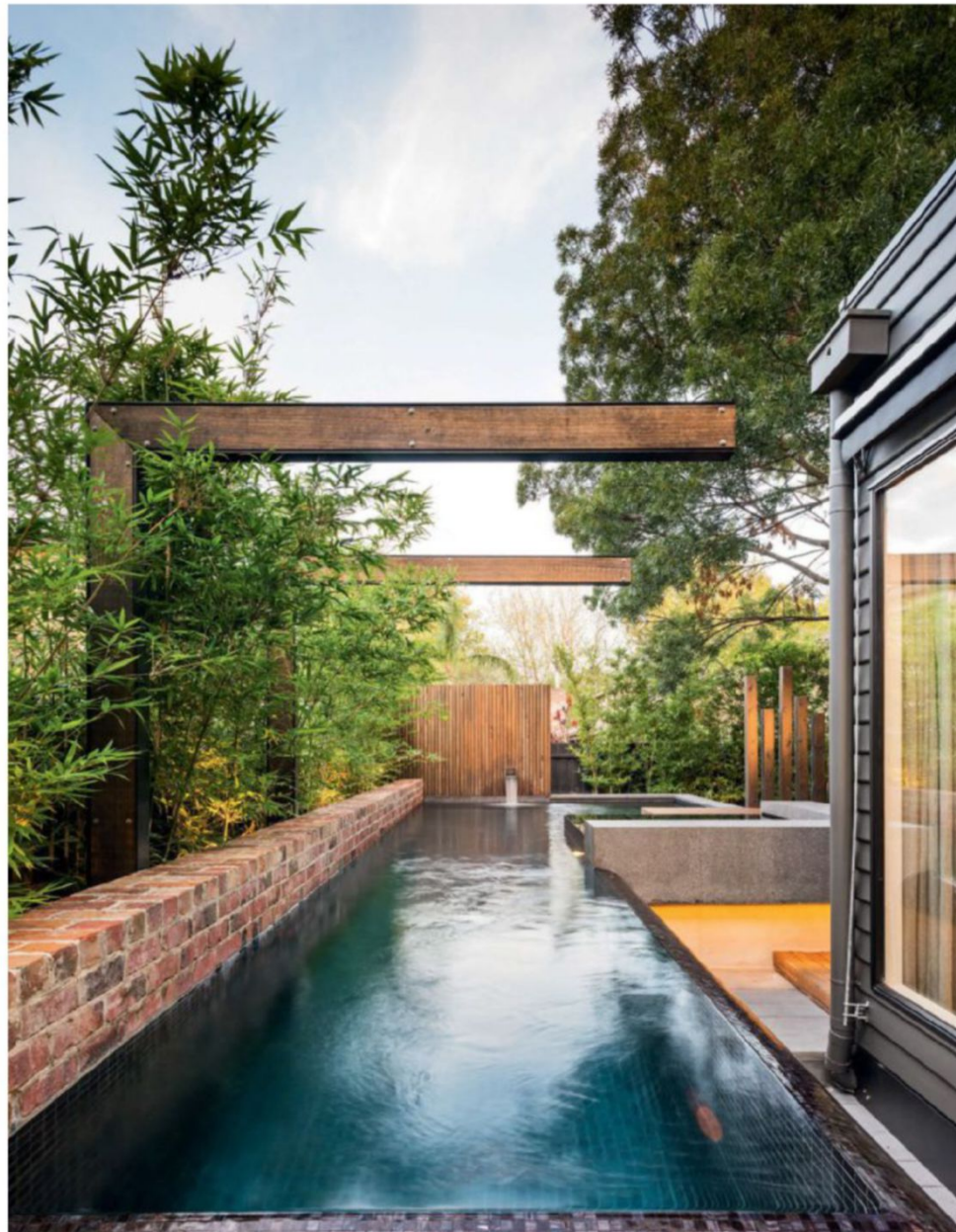


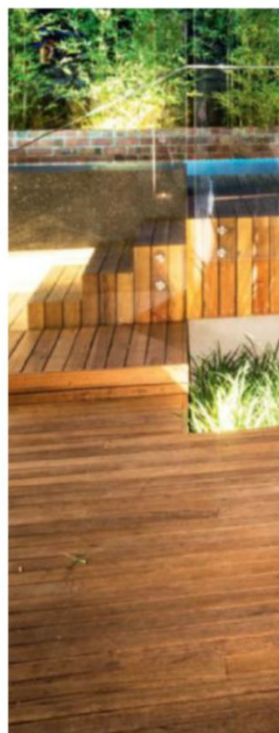
Form and function

An inner-Melbourne garden with an urban feel and a genuine sense of warmth



DESIGNED FOR A FUN-LOVING FAMILY OF FIVE, THIS GARDEN not only looks amazing, it is also incredibly practical. Every square centimetre of space has been put to good use, making it possible for the family to have an inviting swimming pool as well as abundant room for outdoor entertaining.







As a pool was a must-have, Steve Taylor of COS Design came up with a way to include it in the design without it dominating the backyard. The pool, which extends along one side of the garden and part way down the side of the house, is 9m long and incorporates both a 1.8m lap lane and a 2m² spa. The spa is clad in glass mosaic tiles to match the wet edge of the pool and nestles into a chunky polished-concrete plinth.

Straight off the pool, at natural ground level, is a gathering place with a firepit. This area is 1.2m lower than the pool, eliminating the need for a fence here, and as the new deck sits 450mm above natural ground, it can be used as seating while you enjoy the warmth of the fire.

The timber deck that sits at house level is used for entertaining, dining and relaxation. A barbecue and pizza oven are located in a rear corner of the deck, leaving the remainder of the deck free. This ensures the brick-built studio at the back of the home, which is used for yoga lessons and music practice, has a peaceful, open outlook.

The liberal use of timber gives the garden

a warm ambience without compromising the contemporary design and urban feel. For the decking, Steve chose yellow stringy bark timber. The arbour alongside the pool was built using recycled hardwood and the screen behind the rear water feature, which also hides the pool equipment, is of rough-sawn silver top ash.

For privacy, Steve decided upon a perimeter planting of graceful slender weavers bamboo with underplantings of clivias, New Zealand rock lilies, creeping thyme and prostrate rosemary. As a focal point and to provide shade, Steve retained a mature ash tree, designing the new deck around it.

Thanks to a collaborative effort between Steve Taylor, Tyson Owen of Signature Landscapes, whose company built the garden, and Serenity Pools, the family has a garden with personality and panache.

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Luxurious living

This Palm Springs-inspired resort-style outdoor sanctuary has curves in all the right places

WHILE THE MELBOURNE BEACHSIDE TOWN OF

Brighton may seem a long way from the Californian resort city of Palm Springs, the two find common

ground in this recently reinvented rear garden.

The owners of this Brighton property wanted to feel like they were in a resort every time they

set foot in their rear garden, and they were very clear about how they wanted to achieve that.

An outdoor room designed for entertaining was a must, as were lush plantings and a relaxed Palm Springs feel.

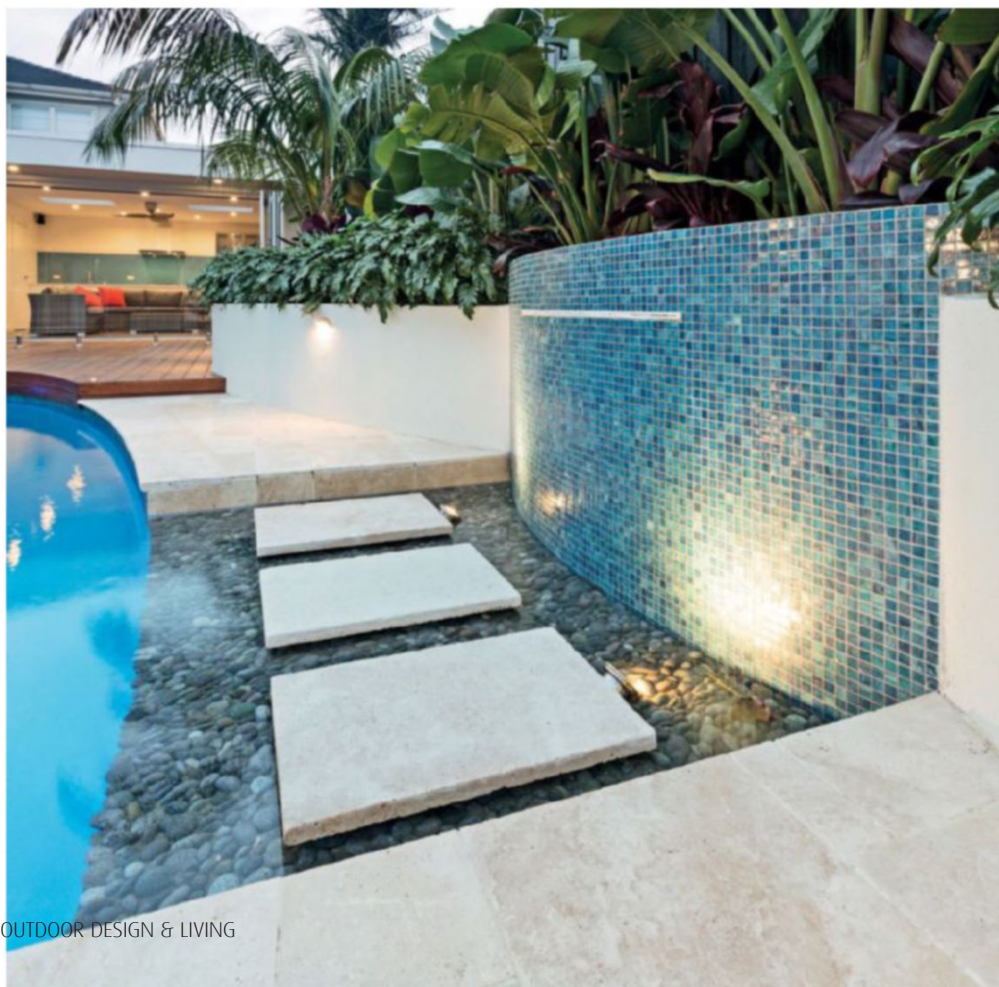
Armed with this brief, David Franklin of Franklin Landscape & Design set about designing and building this resort-style haven. The existing kidney-shaped swimming pool was clearly the central feature of the rear garden, so all the new



elements had to work in harmony with it. To ensure a seamless transition from old to new, the coping around the pool was updated and a curved poolside entertaining deck created.

"The curved decking is a standout feature of the new design. Getting the curves just right was extremely hard but the result is stunning," says David. "The curved walls and in-built seating reference the shape of the pool and the decking and give the overall landscape a natural feel."





There are many places to entertain, beginning with the outdoor room. This has a television, sound system, fireplace, ceiling fan, kitchen and a comfy lounge. But it's not only used for entertaining. The outdoor room gives the owners a place where they can escape to and take in the view across the pool and the lush landscape.

Adjacent to the outdoor room sits an open-air dining area. Across from the dining area there is in-built seating, with mirror image seating also appearing at the other end of the pool. In this part of the garden, the drawcard is the firepit zone. This is paved in travertine and features custom-built seating.

"The planting palette is quite simple but achieves the tropical feel and layered effect we wanted," adds David. "In choosing the plants, we were mindful of the need to soften the hard elements, which we did by picking plants that hang over the walls." The result speaks for itself.

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Piece of paradise

Every day is like a holiday in this stunning and luxurious resort-style landscape

WHEN THE TIME CAME TO BUILD THEIR HOME

on this five-acre property, the owners wanted a landscape that would be as impressive as their new residence. Much of the property consisted of bushland so they knew they would need an experienced, innovative designer. They turned to Dean Herald of Rolling Stone Landscapes.

Dean worked in tandem with the Denton Homes team to ensure complete integration between indoor and outdoor spaces, and he worked closely with local authorities to resolve some sensitive environmental issues. The result is a splendid resort-style landscape that is a perfect fit with the contemporary residence and its natural bush surrounds.

"What the owners asked for was a resort-style design which would allow them to experience a holiday feel as part of their everyday living," explains Dean. "They wanted it to have a modern look yet a relaxing holiday

feel. And they wanted it to be as easy-care as possible so they could spend their time enjoying the garden rather than worrying about maintenance."

The alfresco entertaining space features a fully-equipped outdoor kitchen complete with Teppanyaki barbecue, sink, dishwasher and fridge, along with a lounge area. The roofline of the house extends to cover the outdoor entertaining zone, ensuring outdoor and indoor entertaining areas flow seamlessly into one another.

The outdoor entertaining space overlooks the large swimming pool (built by Splish Splash Pools). "The pool features a wet-edge spillover which serves to blur the lines between the designed landscape and the surrounding bushland," says Dean. "There is a spa integrated into the pool design and a nearby outdoor shower for rinsing off after a dip in the pool, or for cooling down on a hot day."





The paving around the pool is Cobb and Co split stone and the same paving material was used for the entertaining area to ensure a fully coordinated look. The natural stone paving complements the feature wall, which has been clad in Alpine dry-stone-style granite walling. The wall, located to one side of the poolside deck, has three natural stone water spouts which add the mesmerising sight and sound of water in motion. This water falls into a pond below, which flows through to the spa and pool, creating a seamless connection with the landscape.

The planting plays a central role in creating

the desired resort-style ambience and as you stroll around the garden you will find several *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana* (Bangalow palms), *Strelitzia reginae* 'Juncea' (leafless bird of paradise), *Ophiopogon intermedius* 'Stripey White' (variegated mondo grass), *Agave attenuata* (agave) and *Liriope muscari* (lily turf).

Dean Herald's innovative approach to outdoor design has earned him a long list of landscape design awards, including the Chelsea Flower Show's prestigious Gold Medal award. If you would like to see more of Dean's work, you might like to check out his second book, 21st

Century Residential Landscape Design, published by Images Publishing. The book showcases 25 of Dean's gardens, including the one shown here.

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Ticking the boxes

Modern, functional and easy to maintain, this large country garden ticks all the right boxes

ON THE MUST-HAVE LIST FOR THIS RURAL PROPERTY were a luxury swimming pool and inviting outdoor living and entertaining spaces, all of which had to be created on a site with wonderful views but a tricky slope.

The brief given to PTA Landscapes was to integrate the planned pool with the new landscape, make the area around the house, which sat high on the block, usable and to tame the severe slope through the



introduction of well-managed levels and terraces. Of equal importance was ensuring that the new landscape would complement the property's bucolic surrounds and be as easy to maintain as possible.

To harmonise with the natural pink sandstone of the home's exterior walls, textured non-slip granite paving was laid in the outdoor entertaining areas and around the pool. Granite was also used for the steps



that lead from the house level to the mid-terrace level. From this point, a pair of floating native ironbark hardwood stairs offer transition to the sunken garden room, at the centre of which is a firepit.

Now one of the family's favourite places to gather, the firepit area features a gravel floor and broad granite-paved steps that can be used as casual seating, as can the timber-topped low gabion walls.

Gabion walls have been used throughout the design, adding texture, visual interest and reinforcing the rustic ambience. Each metal gabion basket was carefully stacked with hand-placed granite rocks, one of the many tasks the PTA Landscapes team completed with meticulous attention to detail.

PTA Landscapes was responsible for a broad scope of works, which included design, construction



and engineering, the latter undertaken by the in-house team. The construction work encompassed everything from earthworks, drainage and irrigation to rock work, the placement of stone and gravel pavements, timber screening, the establishment of garden beds and planting.

The plants, chosen for their form and hardiness,



include native grasses (for texture and movement), cycads (for a strong structural element), star jasmine (for colour and fragrance around the pool) and clusters of bird of paradise (for flashes of vivid colour) around the firepit zone. They are all irrigated by water harvested directly from the on-site dam.

Lighting was also installed to turn the garden and

pool area into a magical nightscape. This incorporated LED strip lighting under the floating hardwood stairs as well as bollard lighting.

PTA Landscapes is a multi-award-winning company. In 2013 alone, it received seven awards at the annual Victorian Landscape Awards, three of which were for this property: Landscape Design up to 150m², Hard

Structures in the Landscape categories and a Highly Commended for Residential Landscape over \$200,000.

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Work of art

Hand-built drystone walling gives this garden character and a real sense of place





THERE IS AN UNDENIABLE CHARM ABOUT A drystone wall. It speaks of sprawling country properties and a time when craftsmanship was highly prized. Drystone walls are a feature of this garden, each meticulously hand built by landscape designer Clive Abben of Abben Art Garden Design.

While the property was located in the picturesque Victorian town of Mount Martha, the backyard was dull, underutilised and far from appealing. "The brief from the owners was to turn it into an inviting family-friendly space that also incorporated storage for the family caravan, a veggie garden and garden shed. While these were to be practical inclusions, they also needed to be feature points within the garden," says Clive.

Introducing a swimming pool and creating spaces for entertaining were also on the must-have list, as was boundary planting for screening. All the soft and hard landscaping was completed by the Abben Art team, except for the drystone walls, which Clive personally constructed. Clive also worked closely with the builder and pool company to ensure his overall design vision was achieved.

The new pool and cabana effortlessly flow off the main house. The cabana features all the creature comforts one would want, including a full kitchen, lighting, heating, a television and sound system.



From here, you can view the rolling lawns, drystone walls, pond and vegie garden, which is a work of art.

"The property is situated next to an historic park, so the boundary planting of natives ensures plenty of bird life and other fauna. So as not to spoil the view from the pool, low shrubs were planted on the banks and a variety of trees were chosen to create beauty and shade," explains Clive.

When designing the garden, Clive kept sustainability in mind. A water tank was installed for topping up the pond and washing the caravan while the water for irrigation comes from the dam at the front of the property. To heat the pool water, solar panels were installed on the shed roof.

Adds Clive: "The rocks for the drystone walls were excavated from a property less than 1km away. It is always good to use local materials if possible as this lessens the carbon footprint created when materials have to be transported over long distances."

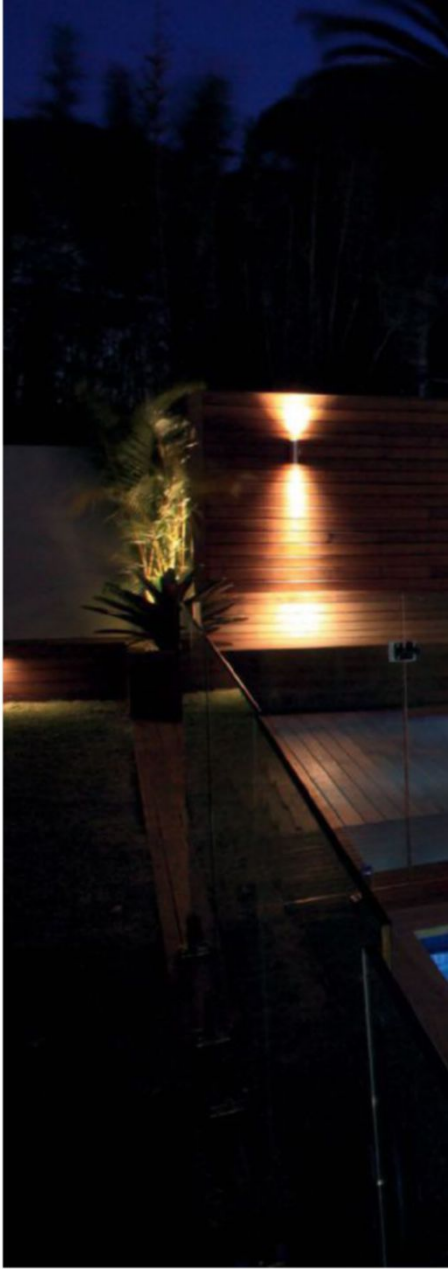
To ensure the owners got the design they wanted, Clive worked in close consultation with them. To make the design and planning phases as easy as possible, he used 3D-CAD modelling so the owners could "walk through" their garden before construction began.

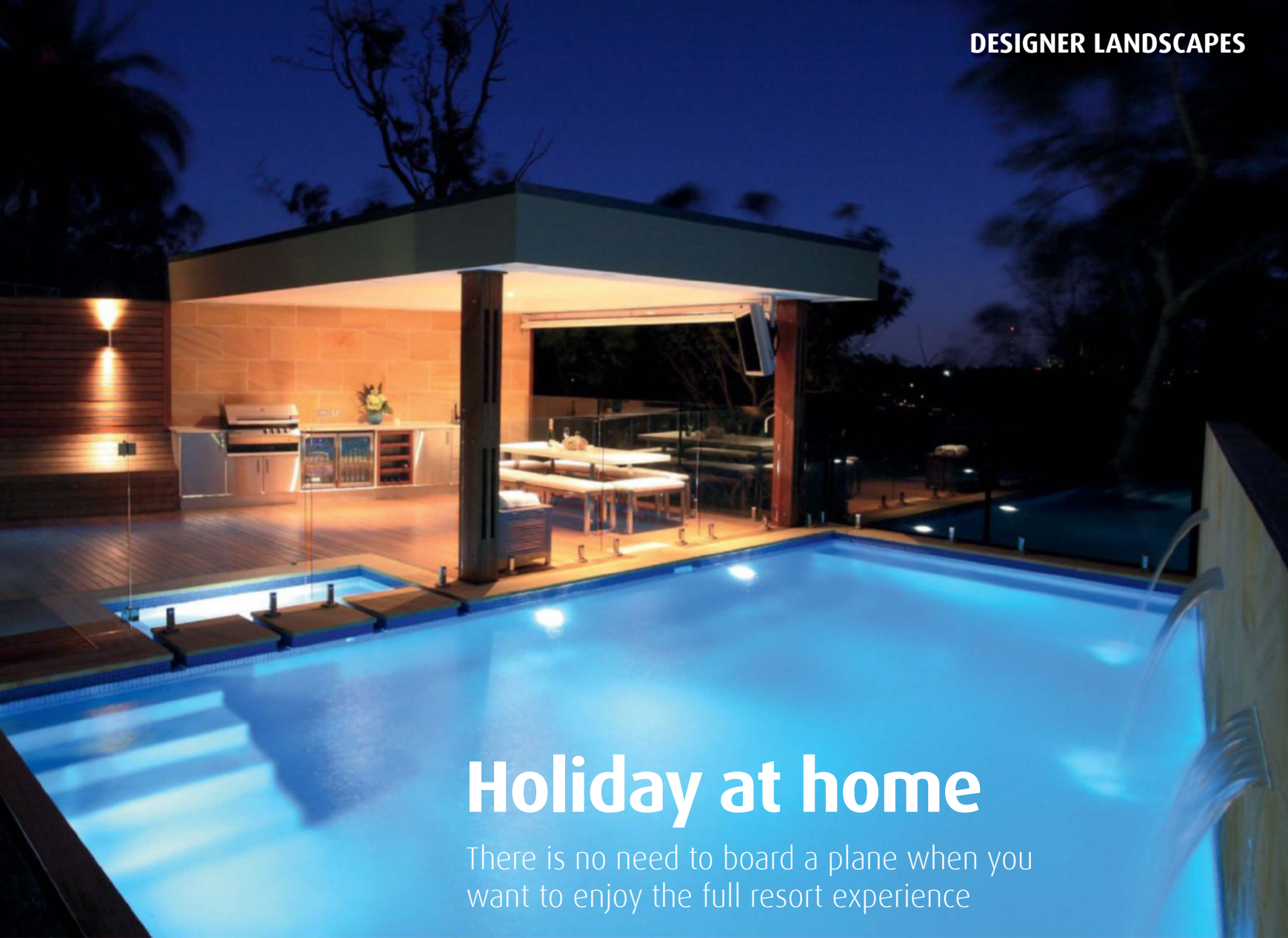
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Holiday at home

There is no need to board a plane when you want to enjoy the full resort experience



WHO WANTS TO CONTEND WITH LONG WAITS

at airports and even longer plane rides when you can enjoy the full holiday experience in your own backyard? Of course, backyard seems too humble a word to describe this amazing resort-style retreat designed and built by Cool Water Landscapes.

The owners wanted a resort-style garden that would make them feel like they were on holiday every time they used it. Their wish list included a swimming pool and spa, a contemporary outdoor room and plenty of space in which the kids could play. Of course, this wasn't going to be a straightforward proposition as the building work would have to be carried out on a cliff face with a 6m drop.

The swimming pool and outdoor room, both built by Cool Water Landscapes, have totally transformed the rear of the property, which was previously unusable. The pool has all the mod cons, such as gas heating and in-floor cleaning, and is a joy to behold thanks to the stunning sheer-descent water features and the breathtaking bush vista.

The outdoor room features all the entertaining essentials, starting with a modern outdoor kitchen, which incorporates a four-burner barbecue, dual fridges, a wine rack, a sink and

abundant storage. There is also a dining area, a large outdoor television, a fully wireless outdoor entertainment system, downlights and cafe blinds for inclement weather.

Next to the outdoor kitchen there is a built-in merbau daybed and privacy screen. The warmth of the timber complements the sandstone used for the feature wall in the outdoor room as well as the wall that forms the backdrop to the water features. Sandstone was also used for the coping around the pool and spa.

As the goal was to create a resort-like ambience, Cool Water Landscapes chose lush and leafy plants that give the garden a relaxed tropical feel. This includes golden cane palms, bromeliads, cycads, liriopse, bamboo, birds of paradise and flaxes, all of which are irrigated using recycled water. Garden and pool lighting was also installed making this the perfect entertaining venue, day and night.

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Coastal retreat

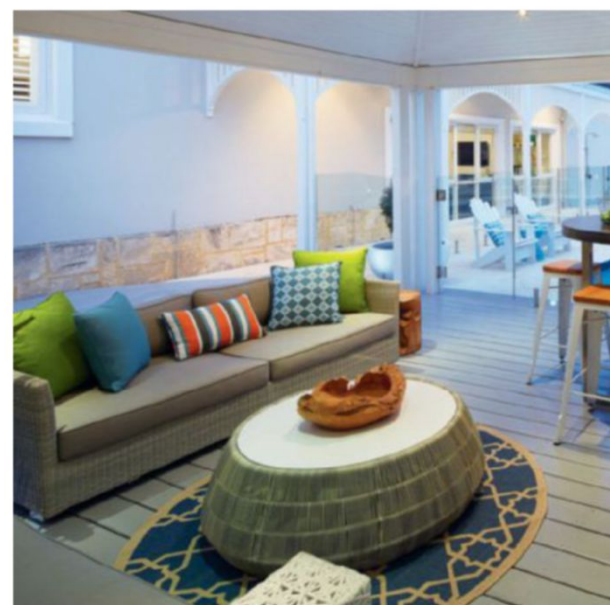
Of clean and classic coastal design, this award-winning garden is simply awash with luxury inclusions

THE OWNERS OF THIS SPECTACULAR PERTH

property invested in a full-scale exterior renovation to create a contemporary Hamptons-style retreat. The Hamptons, an exclusive summer community favoured by New Yorkers, is known for its classic coastal style and elegant outdoor entertaining.

When Denise Staffa of Outside In was called in to

assess the property, the outdoor areas were tired, unloved and underutilised so she set about putting together a master plan to reinvigorate the space. One of the first tasks was to refresh the surrounds of the existing swimming pool with Coral Stone paving. This cultured stone product features delicate fossil patterns and serves as a great talking point as









well as enhancing the coastal feel of the design.

To add interest and a vibrant accent, a stunning blue architectural screen (dubbed Vine and custom-designed by Outside In) was mounted on a feature wall along the back boundary. The finishing touches around the pool took the form of perimeter planting, a wedge-shaped timber-clad daybed and luminous LED orbs, which can be placed on the pool surrounds as you would a work of art or allowed to float on the water to create a party atmosphere.

Throughout, the landscape design abides by a colour scheme of neutral shades, which are offset by blue accents (such as the decorative metal screen, the blue tiles of the pool water feature and the blue cushions scattered about the poolside furniture), just like the blue of the ocean contrasts the pale tones of the sand.

In the outdoor room, which sits adjacent to the pool, the existing barbecue and rangehood were updated with a new granite splashback and benchtop while the ceiling was repainted white to promote a light and airy feeling. The rustic weathered-looking grey decking was selected for its

trendy sun-bleached look and was finished with a decking stain to ensure its effect is long lived in the harsh climate of suburban Perth.

The front garden of the home also underwent a comprehensive transformation. The differing levels of the front lawn area did pose a challenge, but Denise resolved this by creating a series of terraces and introducing tiered curved steps that give the garden a clean, modern look. The steps lead to a daybed that overlooks the ocean.

The owners of this East Fremantle property aren't the only ones who were impressed by the end result, however. So, too, were the judges of the Landscape Industries Association of Western Australia's Awards of Excellence 2014, who chose Outside In as the winner of the Designer Residential over 500m² category for this inspiring design.

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A fresh approach

This striking design makes the most of the home's stunning waterfront location

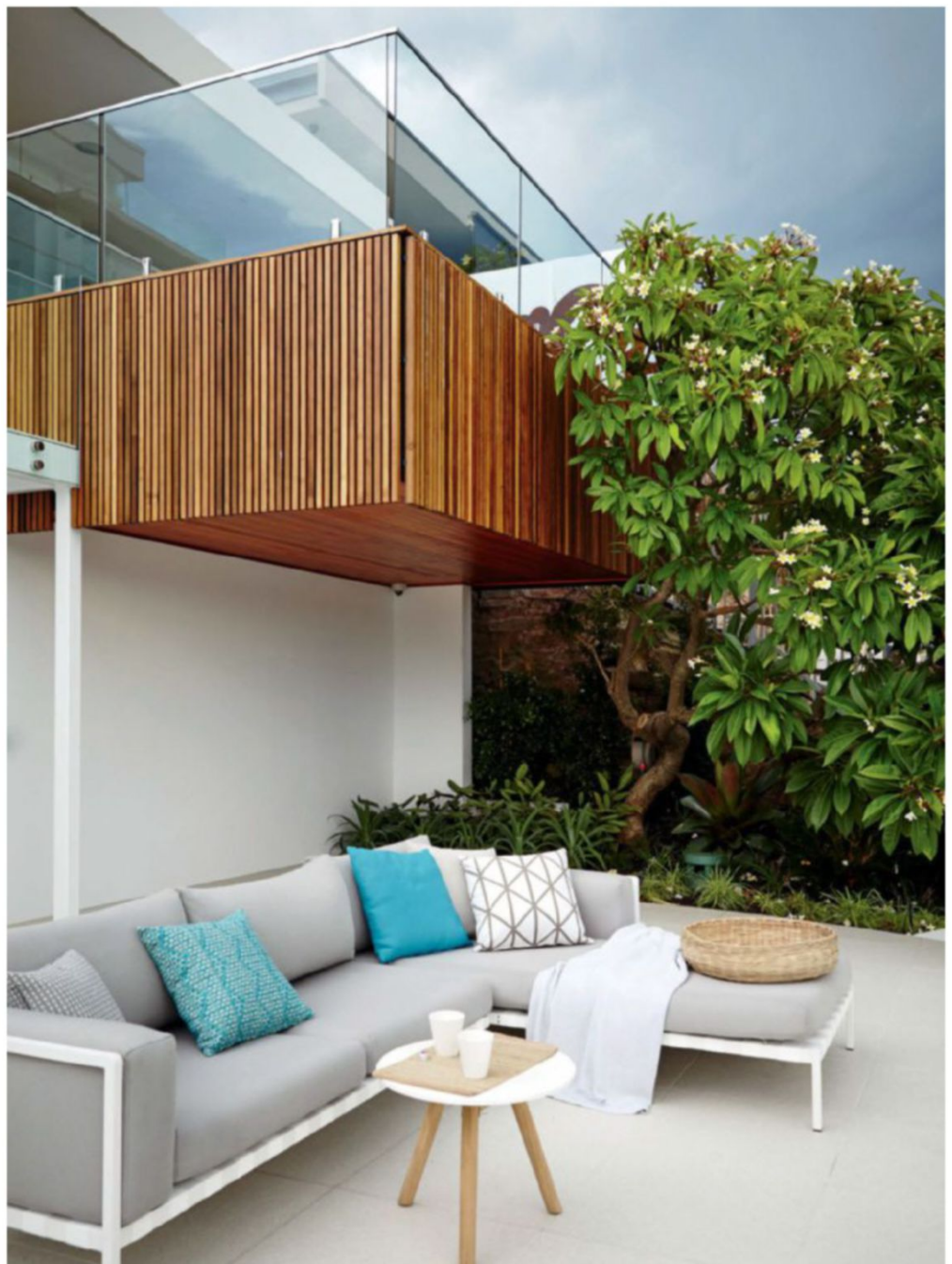
OF FRESH, CONTEMPORARY DESIGN, THESE OUTDOOR SPACES ARE THE PERFECT complement to the modern architecture of the house and the relaxed lifestyle of the family who call this Sydney waterfront property home.

There were three things at the top of the wish-list given to designer Dean Herald of Rolling Stone Landscapes. Number one was a modernised outdoor living area where the family could relax, enjoy the view and entertain. The second was relocating the swimming pool. A pool had sat on the lowest level but was rarely used so building a pool higher and closer to the house was vital.



The third was to update the overall landscape, in the process providing better access from the home down to the water's edge.

Dean's design is clean and refreshing (note the combination of white walls, white floors and blue pool tiles), inviting (thanks to the splash of warmth provided by the timber decking and feature panelling) and contemporary (evident in







the clean-edged sweep of the paving and the pool, the garden beds and the lawn).

"As the block of land is steep, the shapes in the landscape were very important as they would be often viewed from above. For me, the view from the house of the curved pool and its interaction with the shape of the lower lawn is something truly special," says Dean.

"Another distinctive feature is the cantilevered section of the outdoor pavilion which juts out over the poolside lounge area," he continues. "Clad with timber panels, this provides a very architectural element within the garden."

The interplay of materials and colours is also

worthy of note. The warmth of the northern box timber decking and timber panelling (Concept Click from Woodform Architectural) offsets the light-coloured Ecolight porcelain tiles from Di Lorenzo. In turn, the timber and tiles offset the rich greens of the plants and lawn.

"Adding an architectural element, a mature dragon tree was craned over the home and installed as a design feature. This fits in well with the two existing frangipani trees. Other plants include Japanese box, *Senecio serpens* and *Alternanthera dentata* 'Little Ruby'. These were planted en masse to emphasise the minimalist design of the project and enhance the hard surface shapes," explains Dean.

Equal care was taken when choosing the outdoor furniture, which was supplied by Cosh Living, and fitting out the main pavilion. This space boasts a television and outdoor kitchen with a barbecue, sink, fridge and wood-fired pizza oven. Now the owners can enjoy the complete outdoor entertaining experience all year round.

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Going with the flow

Design expertise and construction excellence combine to create an award-winning garden

OF CLEAN, CONTEMPORARY DESIGN, THE REAR garden of this modern Perth property provides for the family's every entertaining need — and a whole lot more. Requiring minimal maintenance and designed to keep two active dogs happy and safely contained, the garden is a private haven complete with a swimming pool, spa and stylish poolside outdoor room.

Designed by Debbie Taylor and Beverley Harrison of Mondo Landscapes, the rear garden has functionality and flow, with easy movement from inside to out and a seamless connection between the various outdoor zones.

"Without doubt, the design focus in the rear garden is on resort-style, indoor-outdoor living. From the new living room bifold doors, there is easy access to the pavilion and inviting pool area. A large travertine step 'floats' over the water feature and leads to the pavilion while another 'floating' step invites you into the spa," says Debbie.

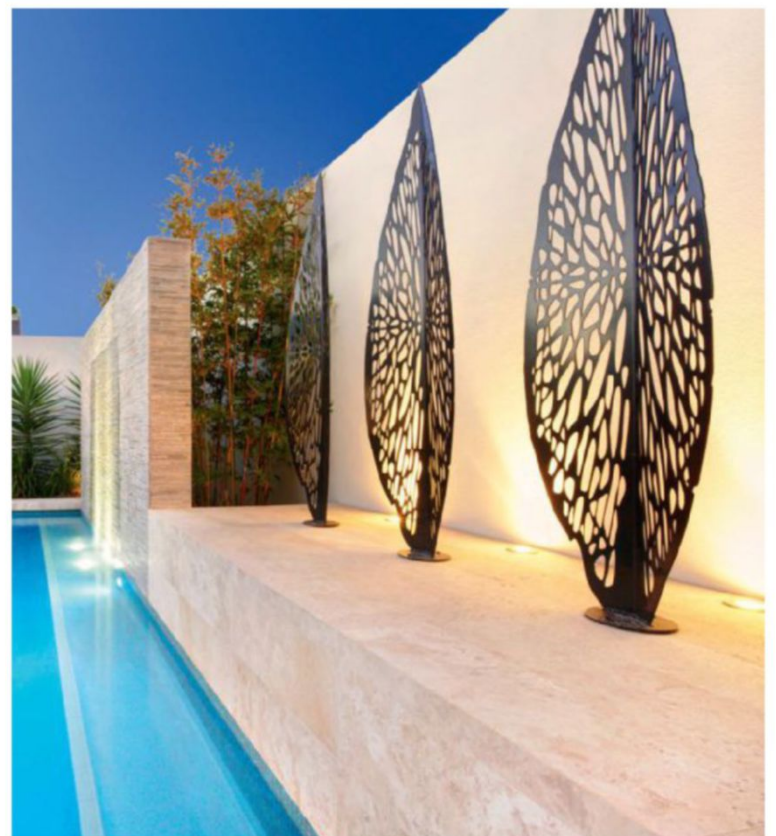
The flat-roofed pavilion is the new social hub of

the home. "We included glass louvres to allow for airflow and to provide a view of the bamboo, as well as a custom-designed stainless-steel kitchen with a glass splashback. There is also a Bose sound system, ceiling-mounted heaters and lighting," says Beverley.

"The adjacent spa was designed for year-round use and the walls are at just the right height so people can perch on the edge and chat if they do not wish to participate," she continues. "One outer corner of the spa is clad in bronze Bisazza mosaic tiles, which complement the timber decking and pavilion posts and contrast with the travertine."

Travertine was liberally used throughout the garden, which was built by eEscape Landscape Architecture, for its visual appeal and suitability for wet areas. It was used both vertically and horizontally on the spa, the pavilion walls, for the rebated bullnose pool coping, the 'floating' steps and for the cladding on the custom-built pedestal that hosts a trio of leaf sculptures.









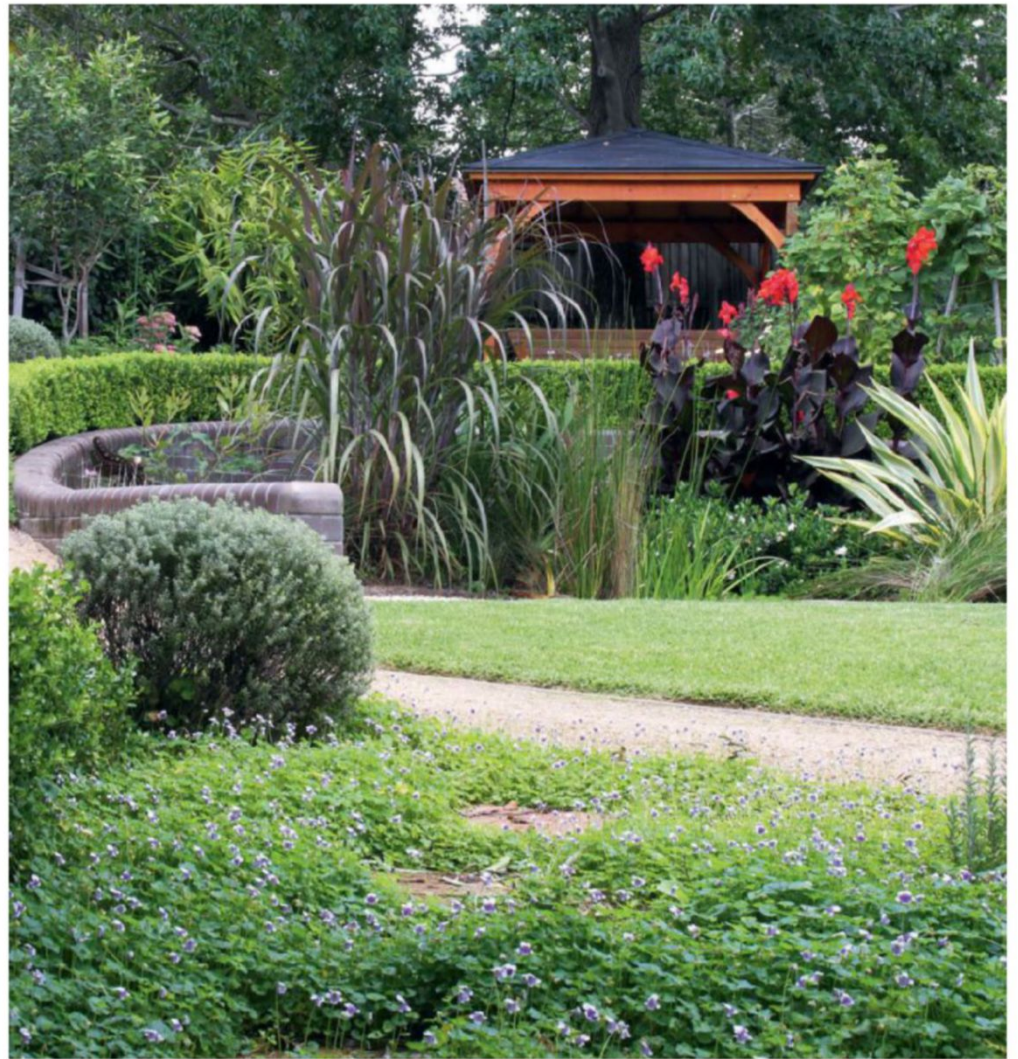
Other standout design elements include the two poolside water walls, each clad in natural matchstick stone, and the lighting scheme, which has created an outdoor retreat that can be used well into the evening and ensures an inviting nightscape when the owners are looking out from inside the home.

The end result didn't just impress the homeowners, however; it also impressed the judging panel of the Landscape Industries Association of Western Australia's Awards of Excellence 2014, where eEscape Landscape Architecture won the Contractor Residential Over \$150,000 category and was a finalist in the category Best Built Feature. Mondo Landscapes was a finalist in both the Designer Residential Over 500m² and Best Special Feature categories.

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Winning style

This award-winning garden is a stunning showcase of sustainable design

WITH ITS SWEEPING CURVES AND ABUNDANT plant life, this multi-award-winning garden, expertly designed by Adrian Swain of ecodesign and built by The Other Side Landscapes, invites contemplation, exploration and relaxation.

The brief from the owners was to redesign a rear garden that was dominated by a large unused 1960s swimming pool and turn it into an oasis that would be contemporary, productive, sustainable and fauna-friendly. They also had several special requests. They required spaces where they could raise chickens and grow fruit trees, vegetables and herbs, and they wanted a frog habitat and bird-attracting plants.

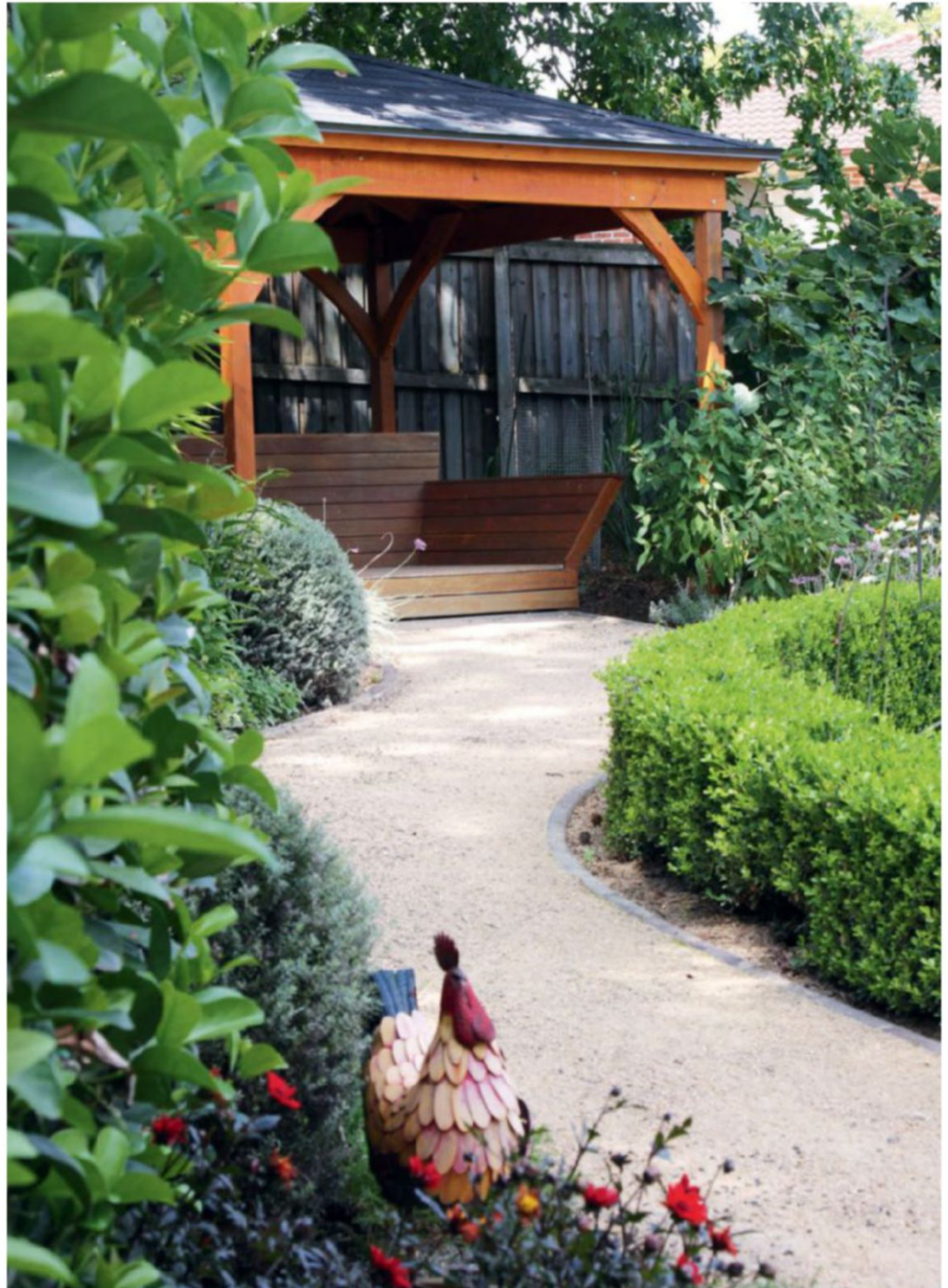
In terms of the plants, the owners requested seasonal interest with opportunities for annual colour. As far as practicalities went, they desired sitting walls,

a daybed and a discrete space where they could have an old-fashioned clothesline to hang their sheets on.

The structural elements of the garden were based on a logarithmic spiral and include a bespoke hardwood daybed, a circular frog pond and a brick retaining wall with custom-made double bullnose capping that was raked and curved to work with the contours of the site.

The planting design encompasses five main themes. The foremost theme, which runs throughout the garden, is productive plantings. Extensive areas for fruit, vegetable and herb growing were located within the areas that receive the optimal amount of sun. Plants chosen to attract birds, fauna and promote biodiversity comprise the second theme. These were selected primarily from native stock.





The third theme, ornamental plants, was employed in the non-productive areas of the garden, increasing its aesthetic appeal and making good use of the shadier garden zones. Around the frog pond, plants that do well in bog-like growing conditions were selected while, to further integrate the deep purple-blue tones of the serpentine Bowral blue brick retaining wall into the landscape, swathes of purple plants were introduced.

Construction materials were selected for their ability to be deconstructed and reused in the future, hence the use of dry-pressed bricks and hardwood. Soil reuse was achieved by restricting earthworks to within the turf area, which was also where the pool had previously been located, while the retention and stockpiling of sandstone flagging from the existing pavements and retaining walls allowed the creation of a lizard habitat at the base of the new retaining wall.

This garden has won multiple awards for both

ecodesign and The Other Side Landscapes. In the LNA Master Landscapers Association's 2014 Landscape Excellence Awards, it took out the top honour in both the Plants in the Landscape and Sustainable Landscape Residential categories. It also won the Best Residential Landscape Design under \$25,000 in the Australian Institute of Landscape Designers and Managers (AILDM) 2008 Landscape Design Awards, and, in AILDM's 2014 awards, it won Gold in the Plantscape Design category and Silver in the Residential Design \$50,000-\$150,000 category.

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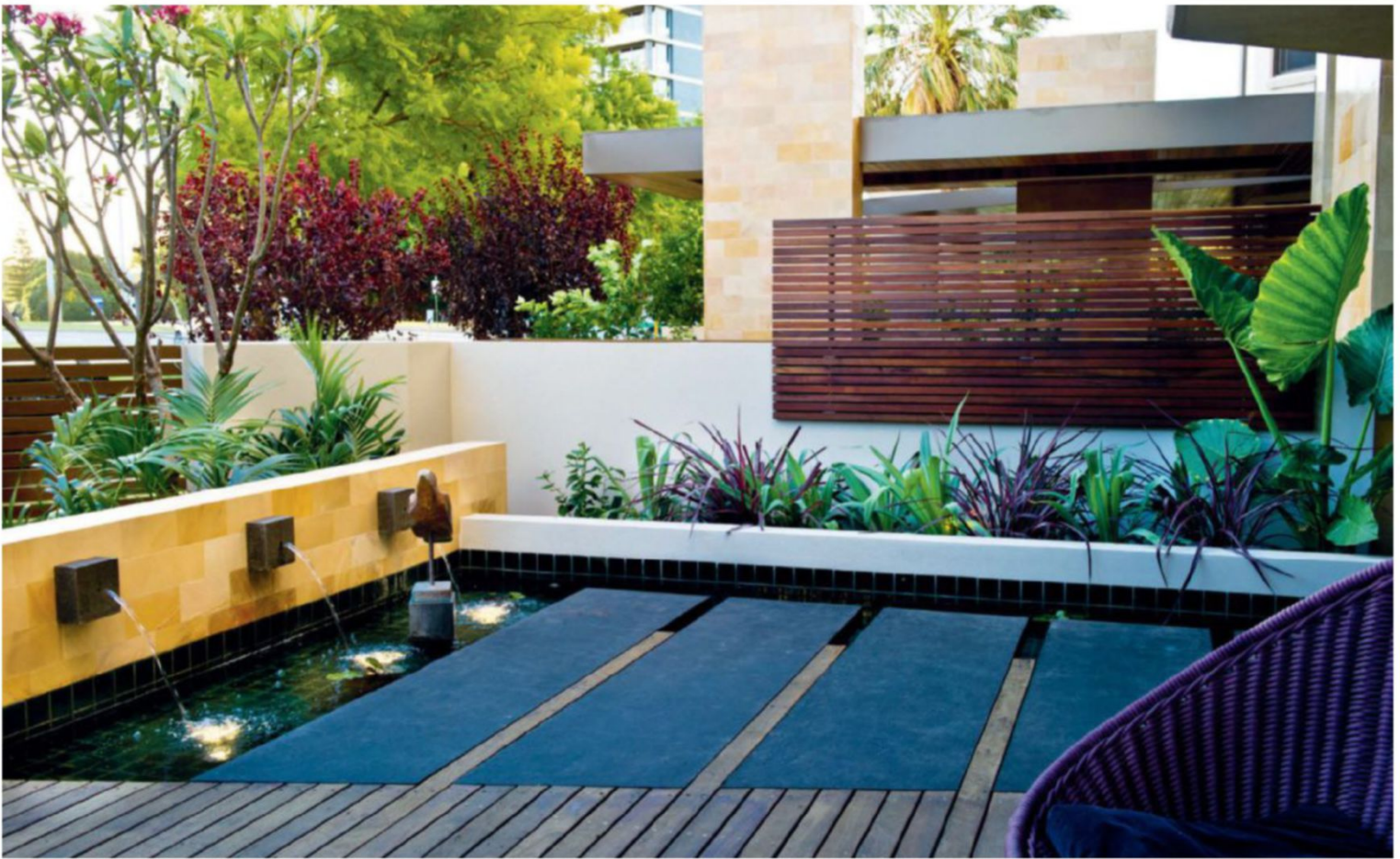


Ground control

A modern courtyard garden designed for a ground-floor apartment in Perth

LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF A PERTH APARTMENT BLOCK, THIS COURTYARD presented designer Janine Mendel of CultivArt Landscape Design with a raft of challenges. Chief among them was the need for privacy from residents entering the building's lobby.

The owners, who live in Thailand for much of the year, wanted a lush sub-tropical garden without trying to copy a traditional Thai garden. They were keen to develop a very individual sense of place and became fully engaged in the design process, right down to selecting their own frangipanis from the north of Western Australia as well as two original pieces by Belgian sculptor Jean Michel Folon.



Just inside the timber entry gate, sitting atop a custom-designed plinth, is the first Folon sculpture — a piece entitled Angelo Custode. This beautiful little man, with his slender wings at rest, gazes up at the building in quiet contemplation. The second sculpture, dubbed Grand Oiseau, sits on a plinth located in the L-shaped water feature.

The water feature, which is clad in deep turquoise ceramic tile, has a blade wall finished in Kimberley sandstone to marry the garden with the building. It also has three box spouts made of charcoal granite, which feed the water into the ground level reservoir. The same dark granite was used for the large angled tablets which cantilever over the water.

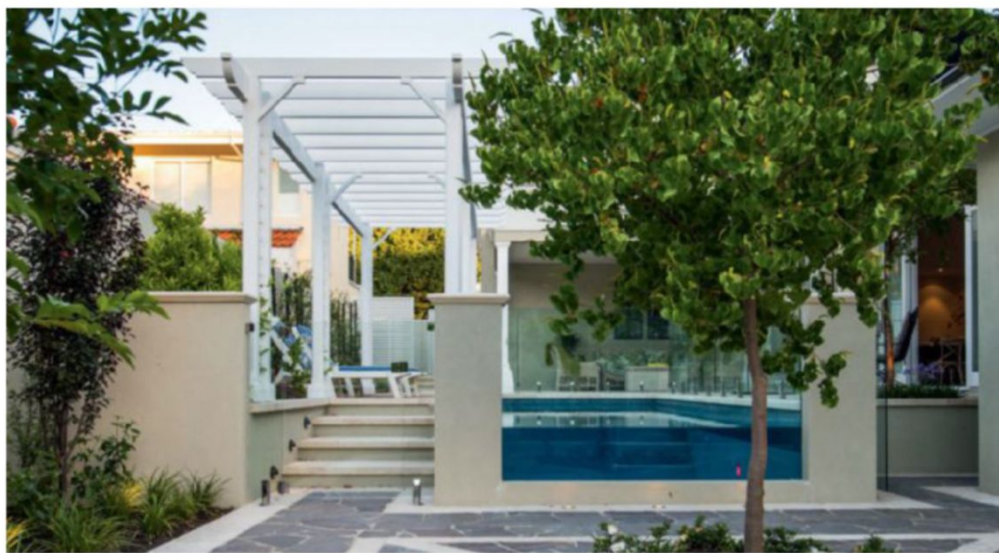
The area covered by the timber-lined roof was slightly too small for optimal functionality, so Janine extended the Batu timber decking, matching the angle of the roof to form the edge above the pond. Under the kitchen window, she

introduced a sleek and clean-lined cantilevered white off-form concrete bench, which is subtly lit from underneath.

The garden comprises an interesting and attractive combination of plants, most of them sub-tropical. These include frangipanis, birds of paradise, elephants' ears, agaves, cycads and Kentia palms. Janine believes that in a well-designed small garden it is the trees, large shrubs and signature plants that create the overall look and ambience. With its abundance of plants and striking geometry, this little garden, which was built by Phase 3 Landscaping, is a perfect example of what can be achieved in a small space.

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Level best

A terraced Hamptons-style garden is the perfect complement to a designer home

FOR SOME GARDEN DESIGNERS, A STEEPLY SLOPING SITE IS A CHALLENGE.

For designers of the calibre of Janine Mendel of CultivArt Landscape Design, it is an opportunity to create something truly special — in this instance, a series of cohesive, well-proportioned terraces.

When the owners of this new build in Perth engaged Janine, she was given two main goals. “The site had a steep slope with a drainage easement down one side so the owners wanted the garden designed in such a way that the levels seemed a natural element of the design. They also wanted to provide a view of the garden from the lower-level master bedroom,” explains Janine.

“In terms of style, they wanted a garden with a relaxed Hamptons feel to go with the style of house they were designing. They definitely didn’t want



an austere modern landscape so they came to me because of my versatile approach to design styles," she adds.

The palette of materials and plants was selected with great care. For the paving around the swimming pool and on the lower level of the garden, Janine chose Fremantle Stone's Bermuda Shell. This is a paving range made out of quarried coral limestone that is embedded with fossils, giving it a fascinating texture. For the mid-level terrace outside the master bedroom, she opted for Eco Outdoor's bluestone crazy paving with contrasting Bermuda Shell borders and insets.

The plants, chosen for their foliage colour, form, texture and fragrance, include sasanqua camellias, azaleas, gardenias, Chinese tallow tree, dwarf sacred bamboo, ruby leaf alternanthera, agapanthus, crepe myrtle, orange jessamine, sago palm, hibiscus and honey locust. These provide a leafy outlook

from inside the home and soften the hard elements of the landscape.

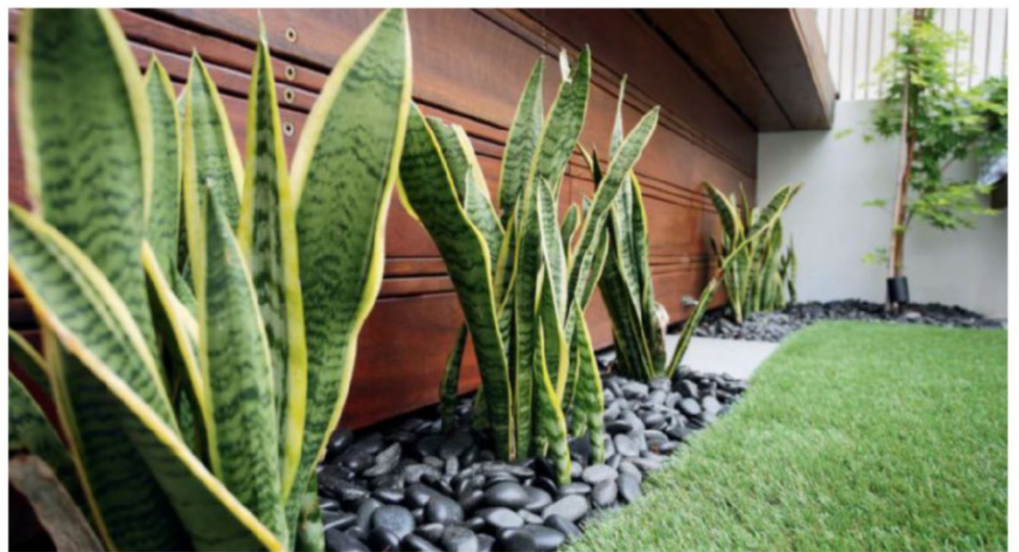
Janine's design, which was given form by Urban Landscaping, provides a variety of spaces for outdoor entertaining and relaxation, including the Hamptons-style timber pergola and seating area next to the glass-ended pool.

Janine Mendel is a multi-award-winning designer known for her individually tailored designs and expertise in everything from lighting design to plant specification. She is also the author of two popular design books, *Urban Sanctuary* and *Quintessentially Oz*.

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Sunken treasure

From the step-down seating area to the striking plants, this private garden is a design treat

AS THEY LEAD BUSY LIVES, THE OWNERS OF THIS

Sydney property simply didn't have the time to look after a high-maintenance garden. What they needed was a private outdoor space that would virtually take care of itself so they could spend their time enjoying it rather than tending to it.

The garden, designed by Mark Virgona of Custom Creations Landscapes, draws you out from the home, which was a must for the owners. And while entertaining was high on their agenda, it was just as important that the garden could function as a place of peace and retreat.

"The owners wanted a garden that would reflect the clean, modern architectural lines of the new house and make the most of the limited space," explains Mark. "In doing this, we also needed to provide screening, storage and outdoor seating."

From the spotted gum hardwood timber deck that flows from the rear of the house, steps lead down to

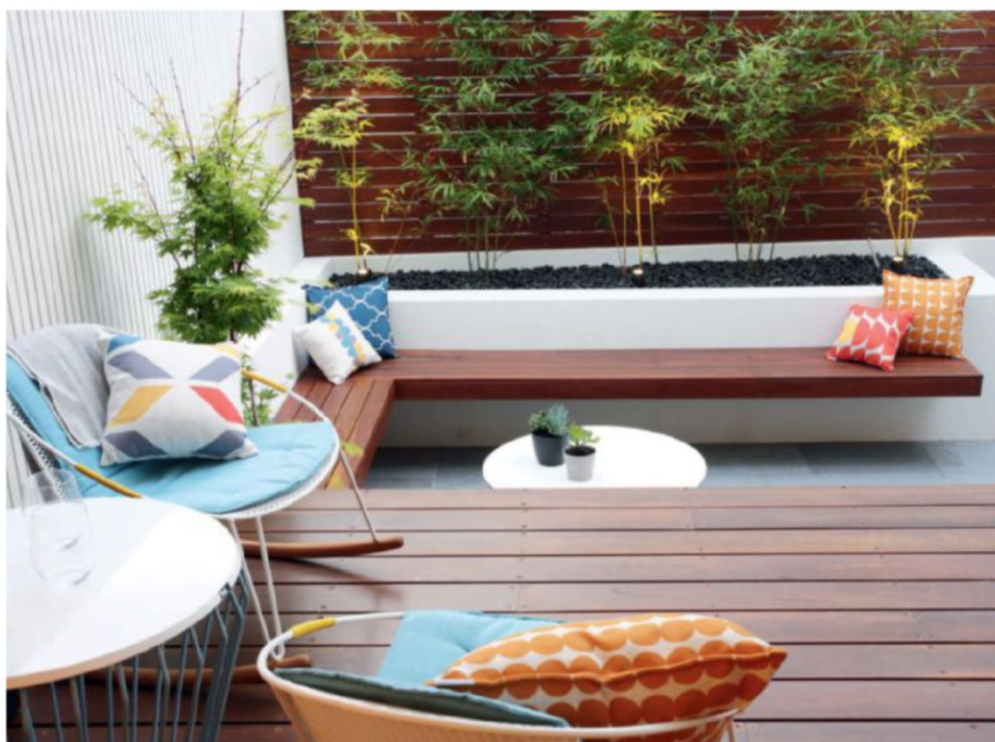
a "sunken" seating area paved in 400mm x 600mm granite. "To make the area feel larger, we cantilevered the timber seats and let the paving run under them, giving the impression of more space," says Mark.

It was imperative that the space be made as private as possible, but this posed a challenge. "We needed to provide large privacy screening without making the design too structural or the screens too overwhelming. To overcome this, we installed wall-mounted planters along one side of the garden.

"In the pots, we planted a combination of *Senecio radicans*, *Senecio rowleyanus* and *Rhipsalis*. These plants were chosen as they cascade down over the pots and stand out against the white screens providing colour, contrast and balance to the garden," explains Mark.

For the screening on the other side of the garden, Custom Creations Landscapes built a screen of timber battens, painted white, and for the back screen,





spotted gum hardwood was used. This provides interest and forms a backdrop for the slender weavers bamboo in the raised planter behind the seating.

"As it was important to utilise the whole space, we installed a hidden door in the large white screen and in the hardwood screen under the new deck, both of which lead to storage," says Mark. "On either side of the door under the deck, we planted *Sansevieria trifasciata* to contrast against the timber, and in the corner, we planted a feature *Acer palmatum* 'Senkaki' to introduce some height."

The finishing touches include outdoor furniture from Tait and cushions from Yenti, not to mention a well-considered garden lighting scheme. Now the garden is the perfect complement to the home designed by architect Corrado Palleschi and a drawcard for the family no matter what the time of year.

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Front to back

This stylish modern home in Adelaide was crying out for front and rear gardens of equal panache

FOR THE FRONT GARDEN, THE OWNERS OF THIS newly built Adelaide home wanted a design that would frame the house and accentuate its architectural features. In the rear garden, a poolside entertaining area of generous proportions was required, as was ample, yet discreet, outdoor storage.

Creating a seamless look, the area around the large pool and spa is paved in grey granite teamed with matching pool coping. At the end nearest the home, there is a timber deck for outdoor dining, which is separated from the pool by a frameless glass fence.

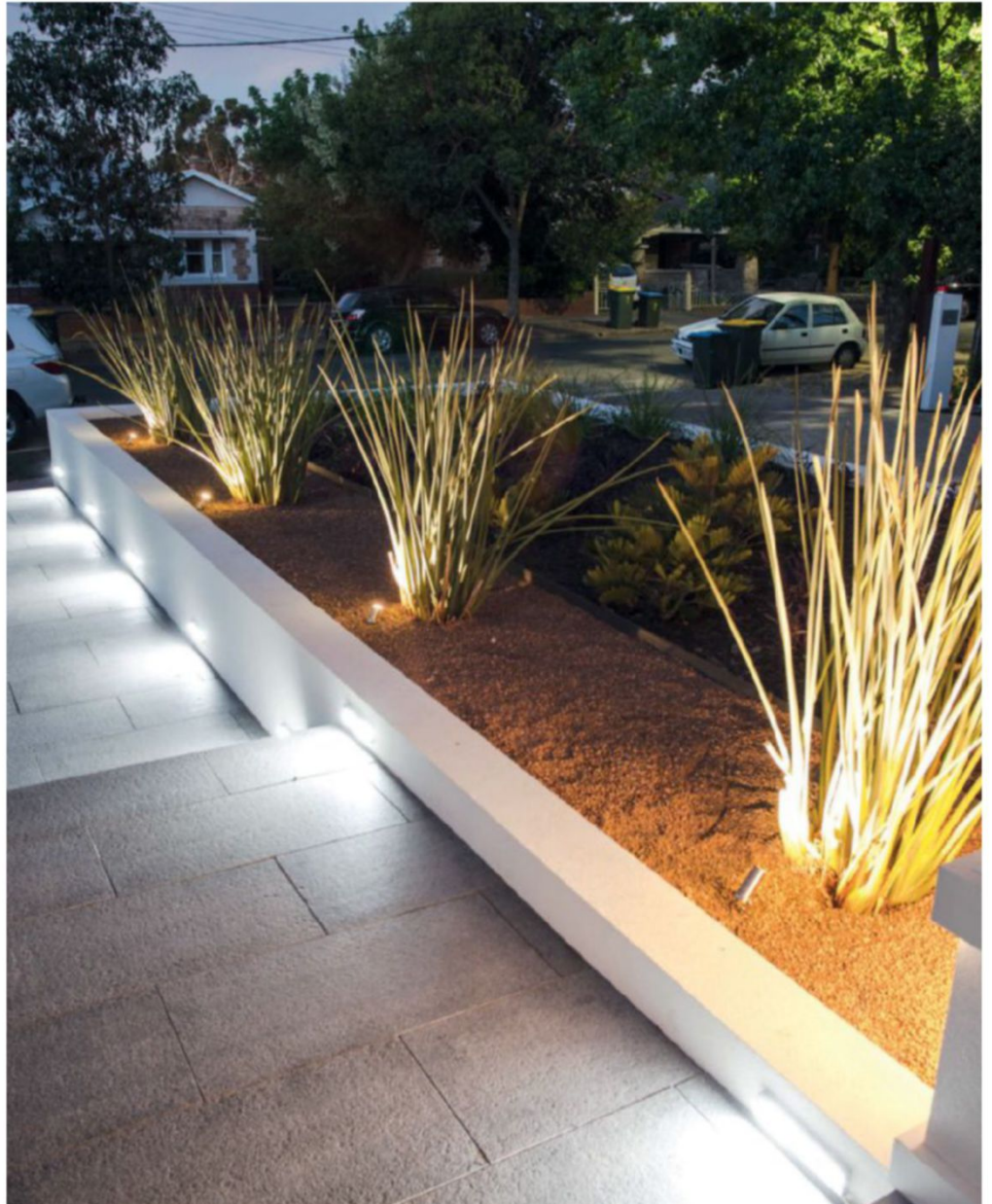
"A raised garden bed and aluminium screen hides the shed, which was a necessity," says Josh Hooper of Landscape Techniques. "The virtually no-maintenance screen is powder-coated with a

timber-like colouring to create a natural look.

"The front yard is separated into garden beds of different levels, with a main walkway linking the footpath to the front porch," he continues.

"The grey granite pavers carry through to the front pathways, which are set off with white rendered retaining walls."

The hardscape is complemented by a variety of plants including dragon trees, birds of paradise, succulents and grasses, along with more traditional plants such as murraya, magnolia and ornamental pears for screening. With water being such a precious resource in South Australia, two 10,000L concrete tanks were installed underground. This water is used for irrigation, among other things.





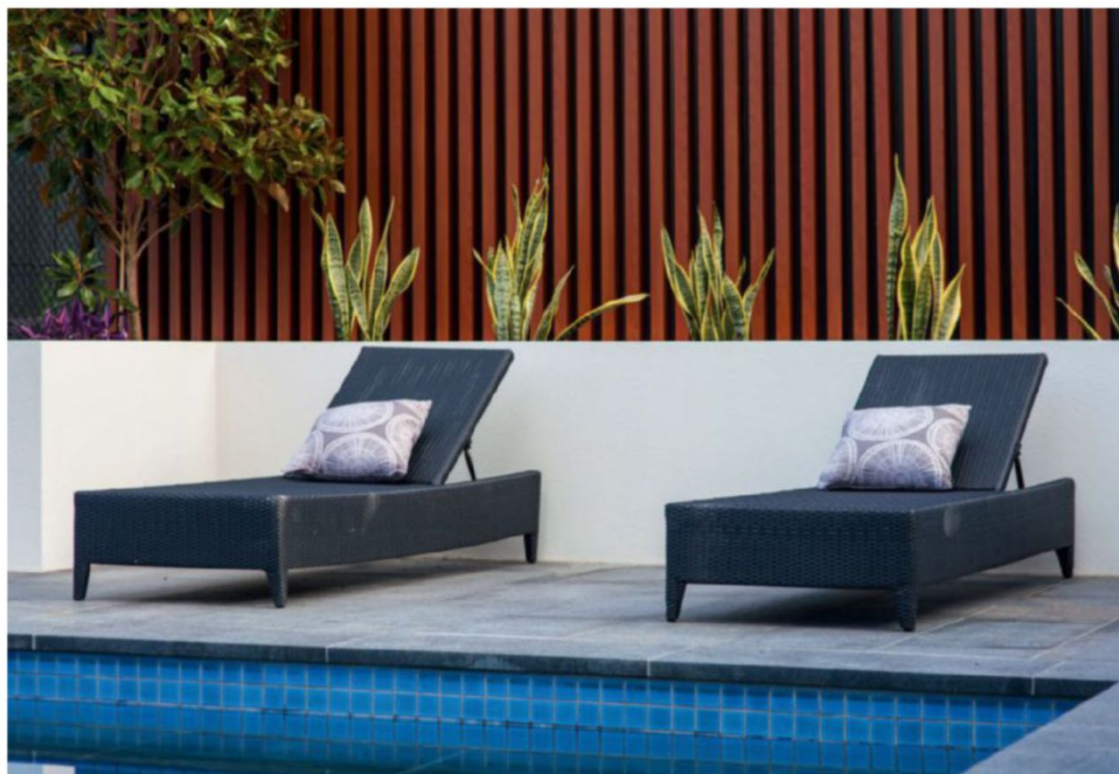
“As the owners wanted to enjoy their gardens day and night, lighting was a large focus at the design stage. The front walkway is lit to allow guests safe travel up the three sets of stairs to the porch. The dragon trees and birds of paradise are highlighted to give the front yard more depth and definition at night,” says Josh.

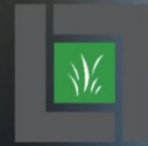
“The backyard lighting is used to frame the pool and raised garden bed. This combines with the light blue lights within the pool to create a resort feel once the sun goes down.”

The experienced team at Landscape Techniques saw the project through from design to completion ... a completion that had to be timed to coincide with the building handover. By working in close cooperation with the builder, CK Built, Landscape Techniques was able to achieve this goal.

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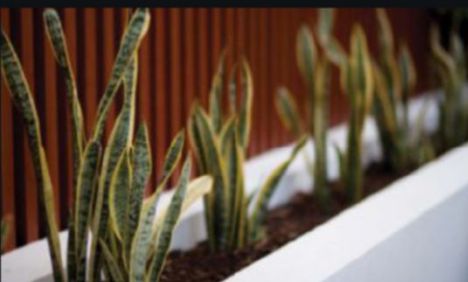
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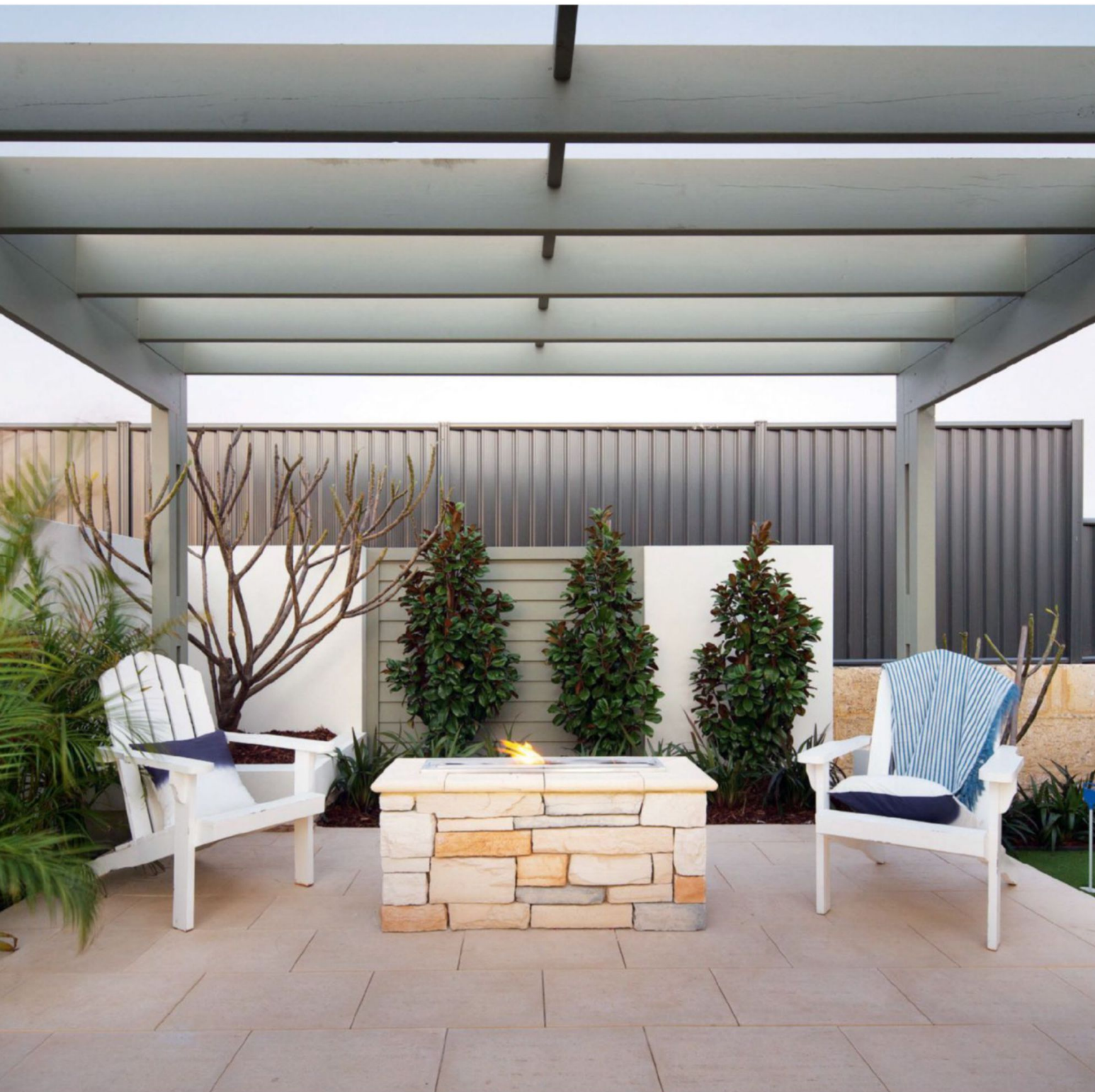
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Coasting along

This coastal design ensures the owners can enjoy a holiday-at-home experience

CONJURING MEMORIES OF HAPPY HOLIDAYS SPENT BY THE SEA, THE REAR

garden of this stylish new home is the ultimate outdoor retreat. Designed and built by Landscapes WA in conjunction with Celebration Homes, the garden has a modern beach-house style with a classic Hamptons-inspired ambience. This can be seen in the outdoor entertaining areas, the furnishings and the coastal-style planting.

The choice of materials played an integral role in achieving the desired holiday-at-home look and feel, beginning with the Millwood composite



decking used for the outdoor dining area. This anti-slip decking features warm, sun-bleached timber tones that strike just the right note.

The use of stone in the raised seating area adds to the coastal charisma. The stone-clad ethanol-fuelled fireplace and step riser add rich colour and texture, which complement the sandy tones of the paving and contrast with the darker hue of the painted, open-roofed timber pergola.

As privacy was essential, stylish solid fencing was built in the rear garden. This takes the form of clean-lined rendered brick walls with HardiPlank weatherboard feature sections painted the same colour as the pergola and the cladding on the front of the house. Being able to entertain at night was also important, so lighting was installed in the alfresco dining area.

In the front garden, the design goal was the same: to keep it classic, clean and coastal. Referencing the materials used in the entertaining areas at the rear of the home, the entry garden boasts matching stone-clad raised planters and the portico features Millwood decking. Adding to the interplay of textures, the driveway is of exposed aggregate as is the path leading to the portico.







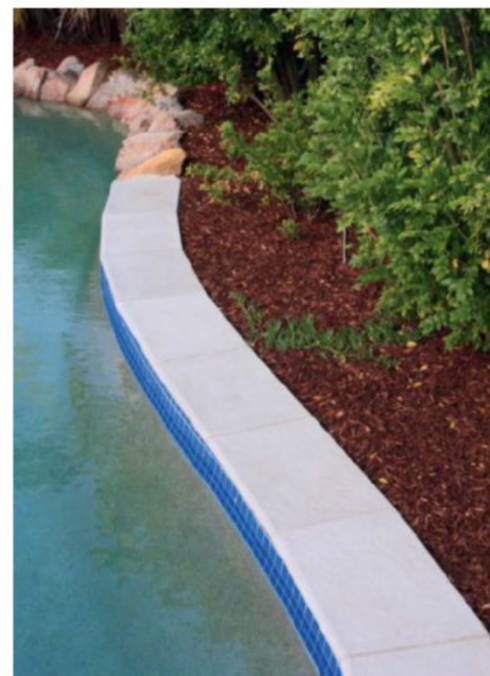
The main challenge faced by Landscapes WA was adapting the garden to the coastal conditions, which meant paying careful attention to the selection of plants. The garden features a variety of water-wise plants (succulents, lomandra, dracaena and frangipani), which are watered via a subsurface irrigation system. To reduce watering needs, the mini putting area created at the side of the house uses artificial turf.

Landscapes WA is a Perth-based landscape company that provides design, construction and maintenance services throughout Western Australia. Since opening for business in 2005, it has become the preferred landscaper for many of the state's premier homebuilders and discerning homeowners.

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New outlook

This once unremarkable garden is now a modern outdoor entertaining haven

DULL AND DATED, THE REAR GARDEN OF THIS OUTER-SYDNEY PROPERTY

was in desperate need of modernisation so the call went out to Matt Glass of Optimal Outdoor Design. Matt's brief was to revamp the outdoor entertaining area and inject new life into the garden, making sure to seamlessly integrate the existing pergola and swimming pool into the new design.

One of the first tasks tackled by Optimal Outdoor Design was the removal of the old, tired-looking red-brick paving and pool coping. This was replaced by crisp white Classic Stone 600mm x 400mm pavers and matching bullnose pool



coping. To further refresh the look of the pool, the construction team cut into the Pebblecrete interior finish to fit bright blue waterline tiles.

The extended entertaining area is exactly what the owners wanted. The look is sleek and modern, and it is a space designed to be used day or night. When family and friends get together they can gather around the new firepit, sit at the eight-seater table while enjoying the shade of the pergola or sip their drinks at the poolside bar setting with a cantilevered umbrella nearby if the sun gets too hot.

The Optimal Outdoor Design team also installed new garden lighting, new multi-coloured LED pool lighting and a wall-mounted outdoor heater to keep guests warm in winter or on chilly nights.

The planting design is simple but effective. Lush lilly pillies were used for

hedging and privacy screening as well as feature planting in a series of newly introduced black pots. The colour of the pots picks up on the colour of the new pool fence, ensuring a coordinated look.

Optimal Outdoor Design is a Sydney-based, full-service landscape company that can take care of all your design, construction and garden maintenance needs. Whether your project is big or small, Optimal Outdoor Design can tailor a solution to suit your individual needs and budget.

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Taste of the tropics

Awash with subtropical plants, this flourishing rear garden provides an aura of tranquility

HAVING RECENTLY BOUGHT AN ESTABLISHED

home, the owners decided to mark this new chapter in their lives by treating the outdoor areas to a much-needed major upgrade. The goal? To create spaces for entertaining, introduce lush tropical plants and provide privacy.

Tony and Kelly Cousins from CPM Landscaping worked closely with the owners to create a reinvigorated garden that, once the plants mature, will be a tropical-style oasis of lush self-propagating plants, canopy trees, scented flowers and bursts of vivid seasonal colour.

"This 1.5-acre property has been completely planted out with new plants, which we were able to do for a fraction of their value. We did this by using small plants and plants we could split on-site," says Kelly. "Working within budgets is something

CPM Landscaping excels at and this, combined with having both male and female on-site managers working closely together, sets us apart."

Plants such as frangipanis, gingers, magnolias, yuccas, palms, lilly pillies, bamboo and tree aloes were selected to provide the shade and protection the underplanting needs to survive in the harsh subtropical climate. The palette of lower-level plants includes heliconias, bromeliads, small gingers, cordylines, bird's best ferns, kangaroo paws, agaves, philodendrons and gardenias.

ModWood decking was installed beside the existing swimming pool and in an adjacent garden bed to create a platform for the new marine-grade stainless-steel outdoor shower. The outdoor shower is just a few steps away from the water feature, which is flanked by matching statues.





Paving and concrete was laid in the gardens at the back of the house to match the existing exposed concrete. "A special beading technique was used when laying the new exposed concrete as the existing concrete is no longer available. The match is perfect," says Kelly.

"Wherever possible, existing materials were used to reduce costs," she adds. "Tractor attachments, which held great sentimental value for the owners, were used as decorative elements throughout the landscape. We also created a memorial garden in which we placed sandstone rocks that were excavated on-site. The owners have since placed plaques of remembrance on them."

In another inspired move, CPM Landscaping used pieces from a massive hollowed-out tree that had to be cut down as seating and as unique design elements in some of the garden beds.

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Sense of place

From the billabong to the native plants, this bushland-style garden is a design triumph

BLESSED WITH A LARGE PROPERTY IN THE

picturesque Dandenong Ranges, the owners sought a landscape that would fit hand in glove with its glorious natural surrounds. To achieve this, Chris Bissels of Full Potential Landscapes worked closely

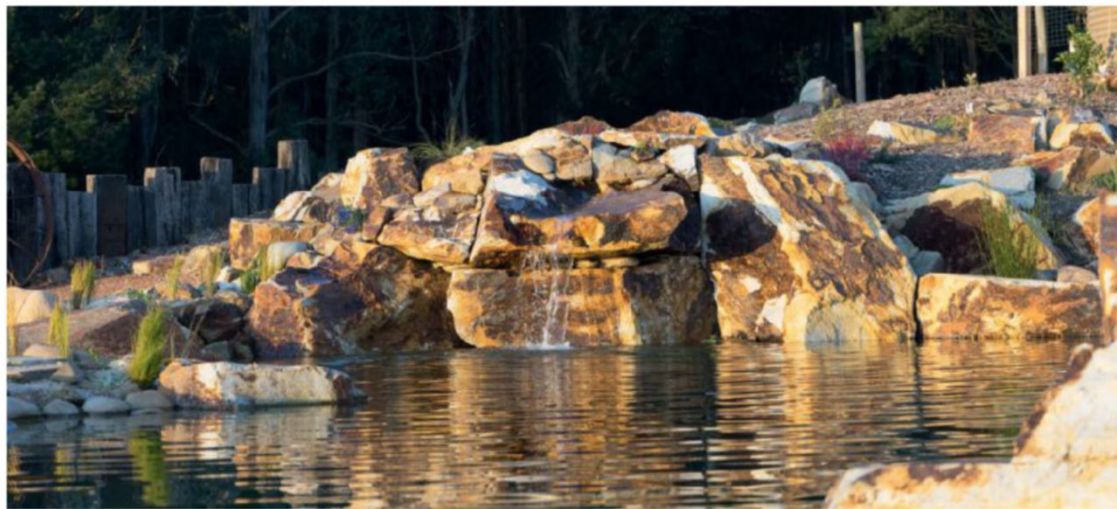
with the owners to integrate his ideas with theirs to create a quintessentially Australian garden.

“One of the main things the clients wanted was a large natural water feature that took its inspiration from the Australian bush. It needed to include a

swim area and have inviting surrounds where they could relax and enjoy their garden,” explains Chris.

“The design heavily relies on the use of native fauna along with locally sourced rock and other materials to create an authentic sense of place,” he continues. “It was also designed in accordance with the principles of permaculture which meant the inclusion of edible and medicinal herbs along with a veggie patch and fruit trees, chemical-free water in the billabong and a space for wellbeing and family fun.”

The 23m x 6m billabong is the design’s drawcard. It is surrounded by large Coldstream rocks, which,



at one end, have been used to form an impressive waterfall. Adds Chris: "The same rock was used to build retaining walls and give the overall garden structure. We did this by placing rocks around the property to form 'natural' fault lines. These give the feeling that the house was built around the garden."

To add to the natural bushland charm, the billabong is traversed by a rustic timber bridge and the edges of the billabong and entertainment area feature Castlemaine natural-slate crazy paving. Chris also devised a low-maintenance native planting palette that included kangaroo paws, *Eucalyptus caesia* 'Silver Princess', various bird-attracting species

and a large range of aquatic plants, placed in the billabong and the surrounding water areas, which provide habitat for local wildlife.

Water management was a key element of the design. Water tanks collect rainwater from the roof, which is then used throughout the garden, and the recycled water stored in the billabong can be used should there be a bushfire. "Due to the location and terrain of the property, we did have a problem with water on-site," adds Chris. "There was a large paddock at the back of the property which created run-off towards the house and construction site but we were able to collect the water and divert it to a

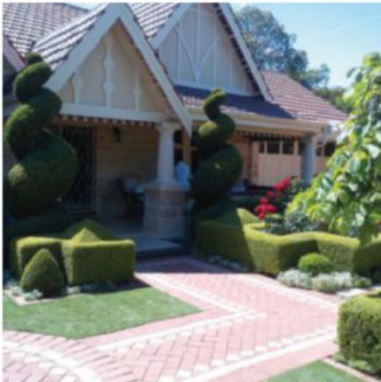
nearby dam by implementing a drainage system."

While sustainability was a driving force, this didn't mean forgoing some creature comforts. There is an entertainment area, outdoor shower facilities and a large barrel-style sauna set atop a raised platform, which captures a picture-perfect view of the low mountain ranges.

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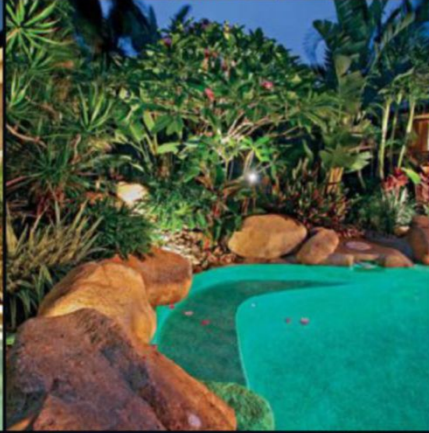
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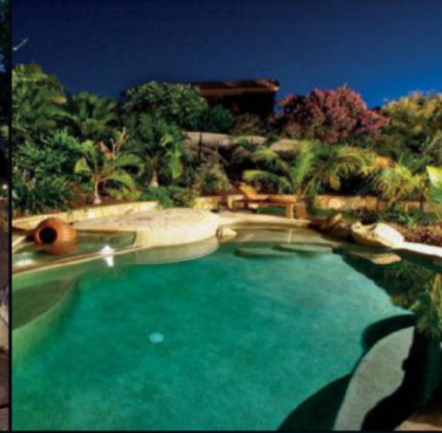
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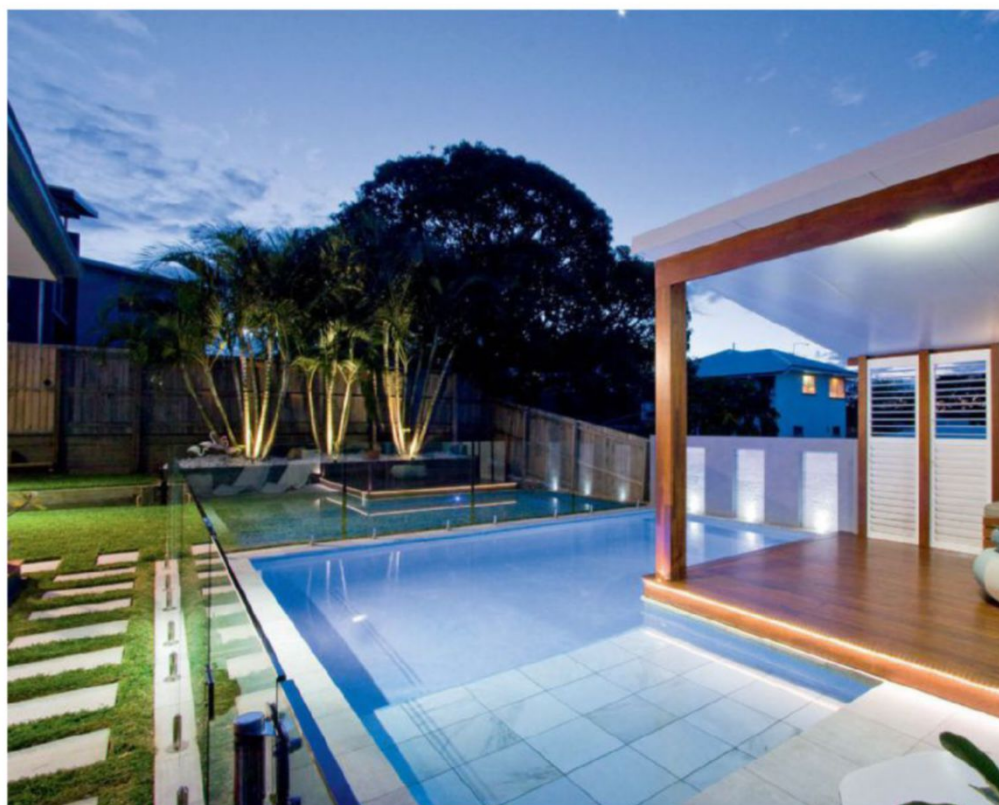
The key challenge facing Majestic Pools & Spas was the council sewer line that ran through the middle of the backyard. The solution? Lift the swimming pool to a height where it would bridge the sewer line and change the levels of

the entire backyard. By doing this, Majestic Pools & Landscapes didn't just build a pool and gazebo; they took a previously unusable space and turned it into a lifestyle-enhancing haven.

This is a pool project with myriad stand-out design features, starting with the contemporary gazebo. The structure is open on three sides and shutters were incorporated into the back wall, breaking up the solid mass. To further enhance the sense of being in an open, airy space, the gazebo has a stylish skillion roof.

The wall built to the side of the gazebo provides privacy and boasts a series of three beautifully lit white water features. At night, the water features are a focal point of the poolscape while the energy-





efficient LED strip lighting under the decking boards of the gazebo really brings the poolside entertaining area to life. Another special feature of the design is a shallow “wet lounge platform” in front of the gazebo where kids can safely play or adults can recline on sun loungers for a real holiday-at-home, resort-style experience.

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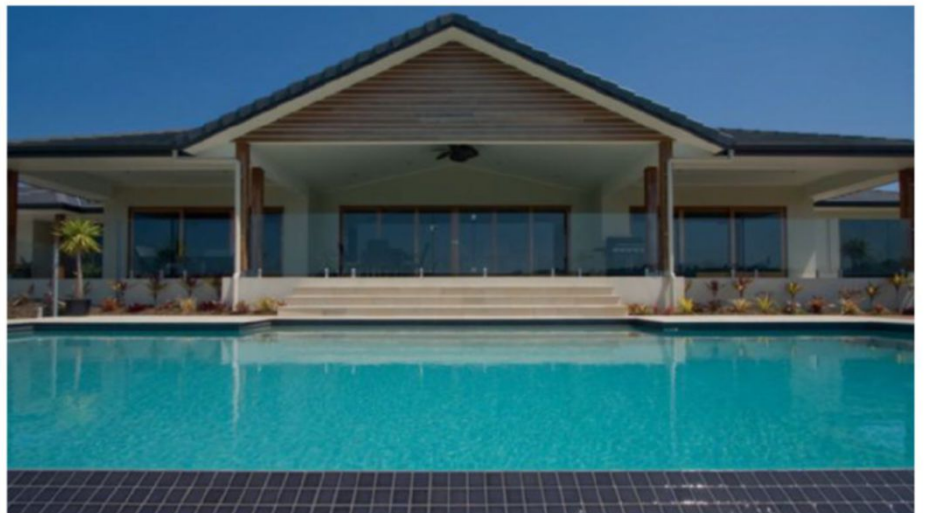


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between the home and the property's boundary wall, this contemporary, clean-lined pool is a shimmering example of modern pool design.

The interior surface is clad in vivid-blue Florentine glass tiles, which contrast the pale tones of the paving and the white weatherboard house to create a fresh, inviting look. Part of the pool is bordered by a raised garden bed, drawing the eye and adding

textural interest, with a navy-coloured rendered feature wall providing privacy for swimmers.

Designed by Sean Lynch of Malibu Pools and Landscapes for family fun and outdoor entertaining, the pool fits seamlessly into what is a relatively small space. To enhance the feeling of connection with the house and to ensure uninterrupted views, the fencing is of frameless glass.

The pool features two underwater benches,

which provide adults with a place to relax and children with a place to safely play. Children and adults alike can take delight in the water jets set into the waterline along one side of the pool. These jets shoot arcs of water across the pool, adding a wonderful sense of playfulness.

LED lights set into the feature wall and the underwater benches illuminate the pool at night, creating a stunning view from the second-storey





porch. And, because the owners would rather spend their time using the pool than cleaning it, Malibu Pools and Landscapes installed an automatic in-floor cleaning system and the Malibu fresh water system.

Winner of multiple industry awards, Malibu Pools and Landscapes was established 35 years ago and is now one of the country's leading pool design and construction companies. Sean Lynch has been the managing architect for more than 10 years and his background in environmental architecture and landscape design brings a unique perspective to the design and construction process.

Focusing on a limited number of projects each year, Malibu Pools and Landscapes offers a complete pool and landscape package. This

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design, the owners of this Brisbane home craved a swimming pool they could enjoy all year round, without needing to dedicate too much time to maintenance. Designed and built by Queensland Family Pools, the modern pool has become the focal point of the family's outdoor entertaining area.

The brief was to design a stylish, family-friendly pool with contemporary surrounds and to make optimum use of the available space. With this in mind, the 7m x 3.5m pool was built so that it flows on from the covered entertaining area at the rear of the house, creating a cosy yet contemporary inner-city oasis.

Only quality finishes and fittings were used. For the interior, Queensland Family Pools chose a finish from The Blue Glass Pebble Company in the colour Pacific while for the waterline, the company opted for modern black tiles. For the pool lighting, energy-efficient PAL LED lights, which are operated via remote control, were selected.

A block wall with a sheer-descent water feature was built at the far end of the pool. This wall hides the filtration and sanitation system and doubles as a pool fence. The boundary wall, with its inset



timber panels, also does double duty as a pool fence while on the other two sides, fully frameless glass fencing ensures uninterrupted views from the entertaining area to the pool.

The pool surrounds were paved in 30mm tumbled, unfilled travertine and provide space for poolside lounging. The same stone was used for the stepping-stone path that leads from the entertaining area to the pool gate. The pale tones of the paving contrast with the rich green of the adjacent lawn where the children happily play.

Queensland Family Pools, which installs first-class pools throughout Brisbane, was established 23 years ago by owner and director, Chris Nicholls. The company's philosophy is to build the best pool the customer can afford, using the best-possible materials and equipment and the latest technology.

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Under cover

This award-winning swimming pool and water feature create the perfect retreat

THE BRIEF GIVEN TO TASSIE POOLS AND SPAS

was to design a stunning indoor swimming pool that would be easy to maintain, low on running costs and a joy to use all year round. But that wasn't all. The owners of the home, which was designed by Genette Stagoll of i4 Design, also wanted a breathtaking waterfall to draw the eye.

As the structural walls of the house were to form a large part of the pool, the shell was completed by the homebuilder, after which Tassie Pools took over. Tassie Pools installed a maintenance-free, smooth-to-the-touch fibreglass lining and then applied

mosaic tiles to create an eye-catching waterline.

The 20m-long pool was designed to wrap around the dining room so it could be seen, and enjoyed, from all living areas. To provide protection when lounging by the pool or taking a swim, part of the pool is covered by a Vergola opening roof.

As the waterfall is under cover and close to the kitchen and dining area, Tassie Pools chose a water treatment system that uses minimal chemicals. Isaac ozone generators controlled by a Chemigem monitor and feeder ensure the water is as close to drinking quality as possible. As an added benefit,



the backwash water is sent to a holding tank and used for garden irrigation.

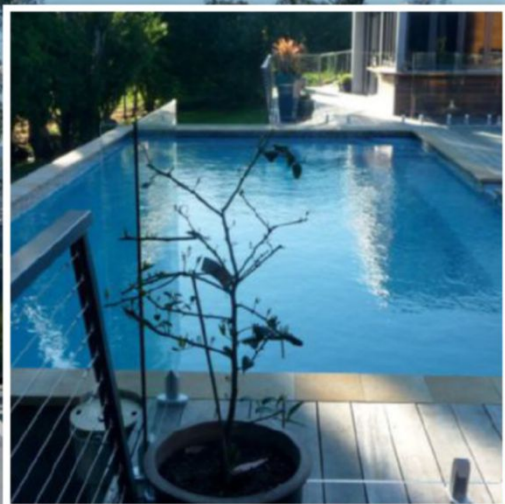
The water feature area plays a role in air control as the plant room is located behind it. The plant room acts as a duct, pulling warm, moist air out of the pool room through the heat pump, then expels it outside. An energy-efficient Sunbather solar heating system was installed, as was a pool cover, to minimise heating costs and reduce the need for full dehumidifying.

Tassie Pools and Spas entered this striking pool in the Best Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl Lined Pool by a Country Member category in the SPASA Victoria 2014 Awards of Excellence and won the top honour — a Gold award.

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Taking it outside

Inject some personality and style into your alfresco entertaining area with the latest outdoor furniture

Words: Carrol Baker

IS IT TIME TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO YOUR outdoor entertaining area with some smart contemporary furniture and decor? Combining comfort, elegance and good looks, furniture designers have made available a vibrant and diverse range of outdoor pieces to match your personal style. With new-look, durable exterior furniture, all the comforts of indoor living can be replicated outdoors for ease of entertaining.

Relaxing outside in the comfort of your own alfresco area really is a breeze with cosy outdoor sofas, plush lounge suites and pod chairs. There are also comfortable and durable daybeds to curl up in as well as bean bag chairs to while away lazy summer afternoons. From practical and beautiful dining settings to stylish outdoor bars, occasional and side tables, functional storage

solutions, ottomans and sun lounges, there's a wide variety of outdoor pieces to suit every taste.

A coordinated look

With such a strong emphasis placed on outdoor entertaining as part of the Australian lifestyle, our exterior living spaces should be furnished with pieces that complement our home's interior and offer durability and functionality, according to Dean Ramler from Milan Direct.

"It's important because today the outdoors and indoors blend seamlessly together in most modern homes," he says. "Especially in Australia, people spend more quality time outdoors, so selecting the right outdoor furniture is very important. Choose comfortable and stylish furniture and you will want to spend entire days outside in your very own oasis."



The Colo dining table
teamed with Balfour chairs,
available from Eco Outdoor.



Globe West's Cabo concrete table and bench seat with Calais Ali dining chairs.

Current trends in design have seen more people opting for pod chairs and daybeds. There's also a growing demand for lounge furniture and sofas, not just dining suites, as more people continue to embrace outdoor living at home.

When choosing furniture materials, wicker, or

Measuring up

Before you jump into furniture choices, you need to work out exactly how much room you've got to work with. Recognise and maintain pathways so you can still get to and around the garden, as well as storage and utility areas. Look at how your external doors and any exit pathways or stairs line up so you don't put in annoying barriers you'll have to keep skirting around, and also keep easy access to outside power points, light switches, sliding shutters and awning controls.

Once you've got your furnishing zones measured up, the next step is to decide how many people you want to accommodate for each activity. Dining for six requires about 10m², for 10 about 15m², plus any access walkways needed behind chairs. A little tête-à-tête space with a coffee table and two chairs can nestle into only a couple of square metres. An outdoor lounge area will seem too cramped if it's less than 4-5m².



The Roda Brick table and Orson dining chairs, available from Domo.

poly wicker, a woven UV-stabilised synthetic plastic, still remains a popular choice. The real advantages of using wicker, unlike the original cane we've seen in past decades, is it's hard-wearing and doesn't splinter, says John Strahan from Outdoor Living Direct. Also, the powder-coated aluminium frames that are used are highly durable.

Comfort does count

Good looks are important but so is comfort, with an emphasis on hard-wearing cushioning in wicker pieces, according to John. "It's all about quality; look for multiple layers of synthetic foam and poly-

cotton. It's resilient but comfortable to sit on for long periods of time," he says.

Want to update your look with some stylish new pieces but don't think you can afford the price tag? Well, think again. In times gone by, cutting-edge style and affordability haven't always been synonymous but, according to John, it's a trend that's slowly changing.

"Asian manufacturers are having a closer look at designs emerging from Europe, in particular Germany and Italy, so we're seeing good-quality, more affordable reproductions being made from more expensive European designs," he says.



Aperto table and bench seat with Cali Alis dining chairs from Globe West.



From Dune Outdoor Luxuries, the Cricket II chair is perfect for by the pool.

Curved and chunky or slimline and angular, there is an extensive range of on-trend furniture at affordable prices. This makes it easy to add a signature piece to your alfresco area to create a new look. This could be a curved love seat, egg chair or concrete table teamed with planter boxes with plants of architectural form.

By the pool

Soak up the warm summer rays in style with a sun lounge. Built for comfort and designed to add a touch of decadence to your outdoor space, sun lounges have remained a classic addition. Some have a range of adjustable settings, others feature matching side tables.

Inspired by resort-style living, daybeds are the ultimate in total comfort. Some have gentle curves, others are round, square or rectangular, and they can seat one, two, three or more. For a touch of romance, add a soft canopy billowing in the afternoon breeze.

Daybeds can also be multifunctional, linking together to form one larger daybed or segmented to construct an outdoor setting or additional seating on demand.

The latest trends

For the eco-conscious consumer, a new product known as ModWood, or plastic wood, has also been launched. It's being used to construct furniture pieces such as sofas, lounges and dining settings. The product is designed from reconstructed and recycled milk and soft drink bottles. It requires zero maintenance and is highly durable. John says that despite its obvious benefits and prolific popularity in European markets, Australian consumers have been slow to take up the trend.

Timeless timber also continues to make its mark. The warm look of natural timber furniture teamed with comfortable cushioning complements virtually any outdoor design.

So what colour palettes are we seeing in 2015? According to Dean, black, white and cream are popular. "These are colours that will work in almost any backyard," he says. That said, bright colours are making a big impact this summer.

Smaller spaces

With space often a consideration in outdoor living areas, some outdoor pieces are innovatively dual purpose — a chair can serve as a storage area for soft furnishings when not in use. For small deck areas, there are also suites that fit together like a modular jigsaw and, when not in use, look like a



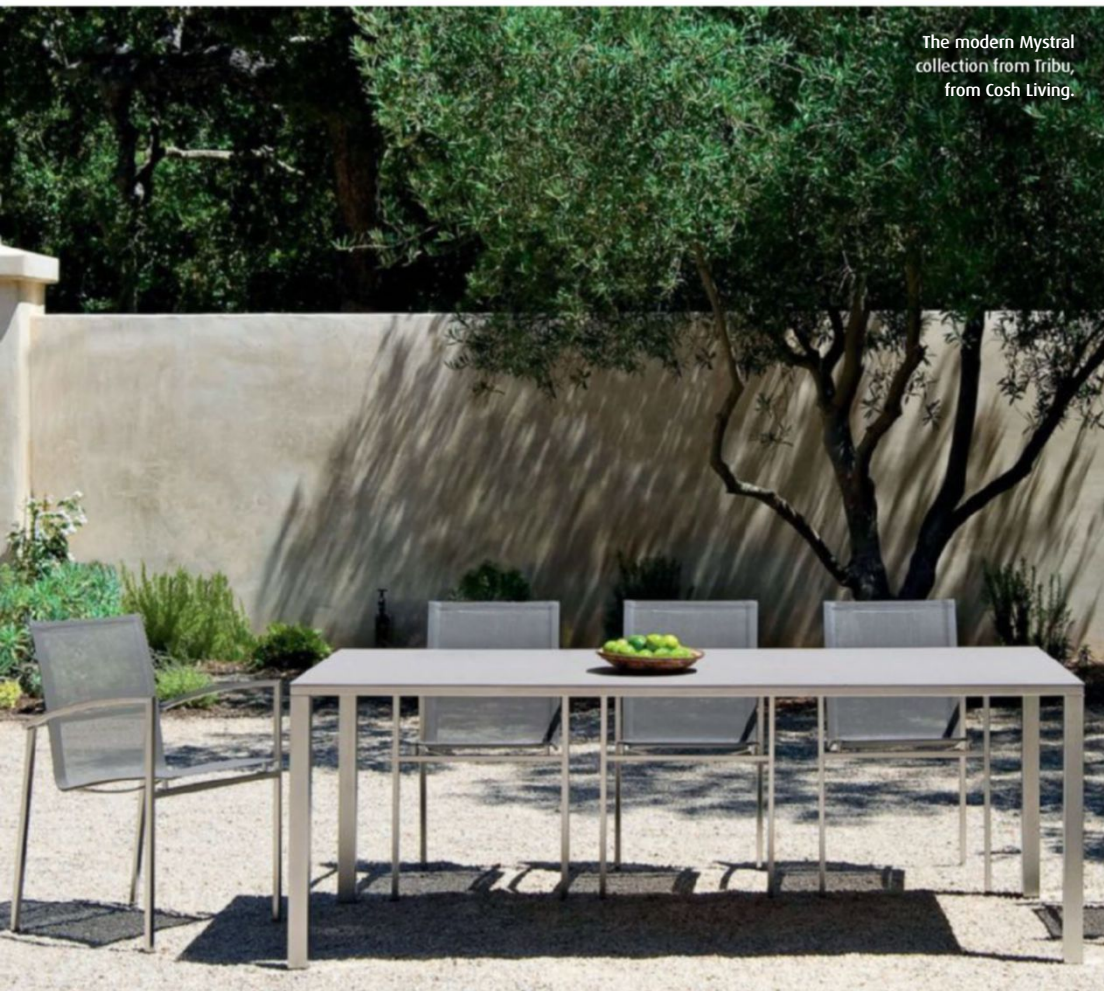
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If you are working with compact spaces, consider carefully what you want to use the area for, suggests John. "Do you want a place to relax outside in a comfortable chair and read the newspaper or to sit and eat dinner?" he asks. "That's one of the most important questions to ask yourself; otherwise you'll end up with a space that you aren't going to use as often."

Whether you are planning on updating your outdoor living areas with a whole new look or just adding a few select pieces, before you make a purchase, make a plan. The right style and the right placement will turn an outdoor space into an outdoor room; it can even make an area appear larger or add interest to an unused space.

Do your homework

Dean says that before you update your outdoor look, it's vital to do your homework. "First, work out the exact area you have to work with and what you are trying to achieve. Once the spacing is worked out, you can start on the type of product to purchase. What material do you favour — wicker, timber or metal, for example," says Dean.

Choosing a furniture style is of course a matter of personal preference, but the decision should also be based on what will complement your home and interior furnishings. "Once the material, size and style are selected, shop around and look for reputable sellers that back their products 100 per cent," adds Dean.

Designing and furnishing your outdoor living areas is an investment in your family's lifestyle. According to John, consumers do need to think carefully before they buy. "There's a trap in not spending enough — on the other hand, I also think, in some cases, you can spend too much," he says. "But sometimes I'm perplexed that someone will think nothing of spending \$10,000 on a deck but won't consider spending more than \$600 on furniture to put on it. I think that's false economy."

Finishing touches

Once you've hand-picked your pieces, it's time to accessorise. Team your furniture pieces with plush soft furnishings, laser-cut wall art, ambient water features or sculptures.

With so many fabulous pieces available to help you create a range of stunning outdoor living spaces, we asked our experts to share their favourites. For Dean, it's egg chairs and daybeds. "These products are both the ultimate in outdoor lounging," he says. "You can relax on either of these two great pieces all day by the pool and feel like you're on a holiday!"

John's top pick is a premium outdoor lounge. With top-quality weather-proof rattan over welded aluminium frames, comfortable cushioning, a coffee table and room to seat all the family, it's the ultimate stylish and durable entertainment package. Just add a few scatter cushions and an outdoor rug and you're ready to relax, he says.



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As a pioneer in online furniture sales (the company

began its online service in 2006), Bay Gallery takes great pride in delivering premium-quality furniture at unbeatable prices. With something to suit every taste and situation, the range includes an extensive collection of outdoor wicker furniture and teak furniture as well as lounges, sofas and much more.

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Bay Gallery, an Australian family-owned and -run business, offers both contemporary and classic pieces, ensuring there will be something to complement all outdoor decorating schemes. Add to this the company's reputation for quality, personal service and on-time delivery, and it isn't hard to see why it has earned its position as a market leader.

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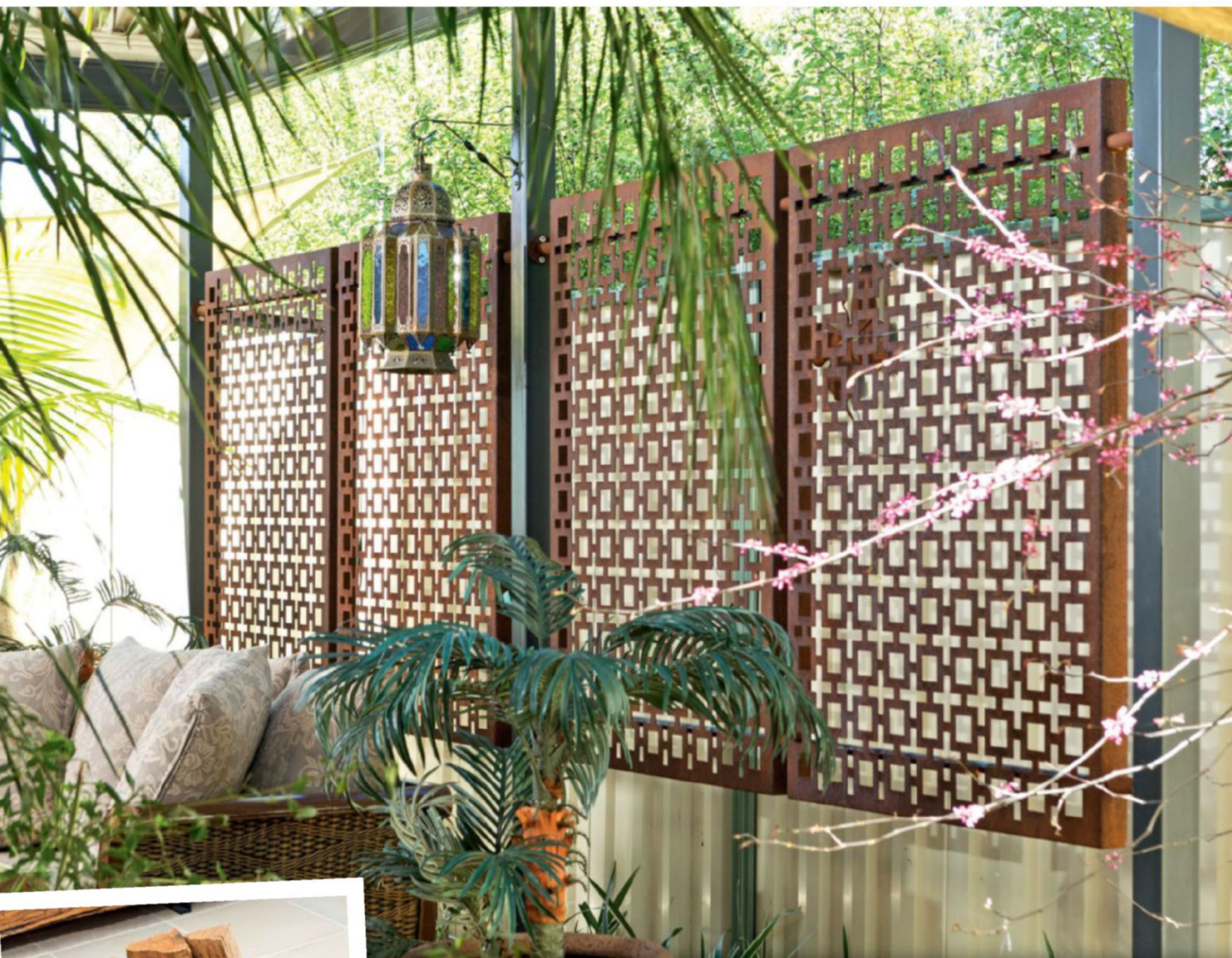
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Lighting the way

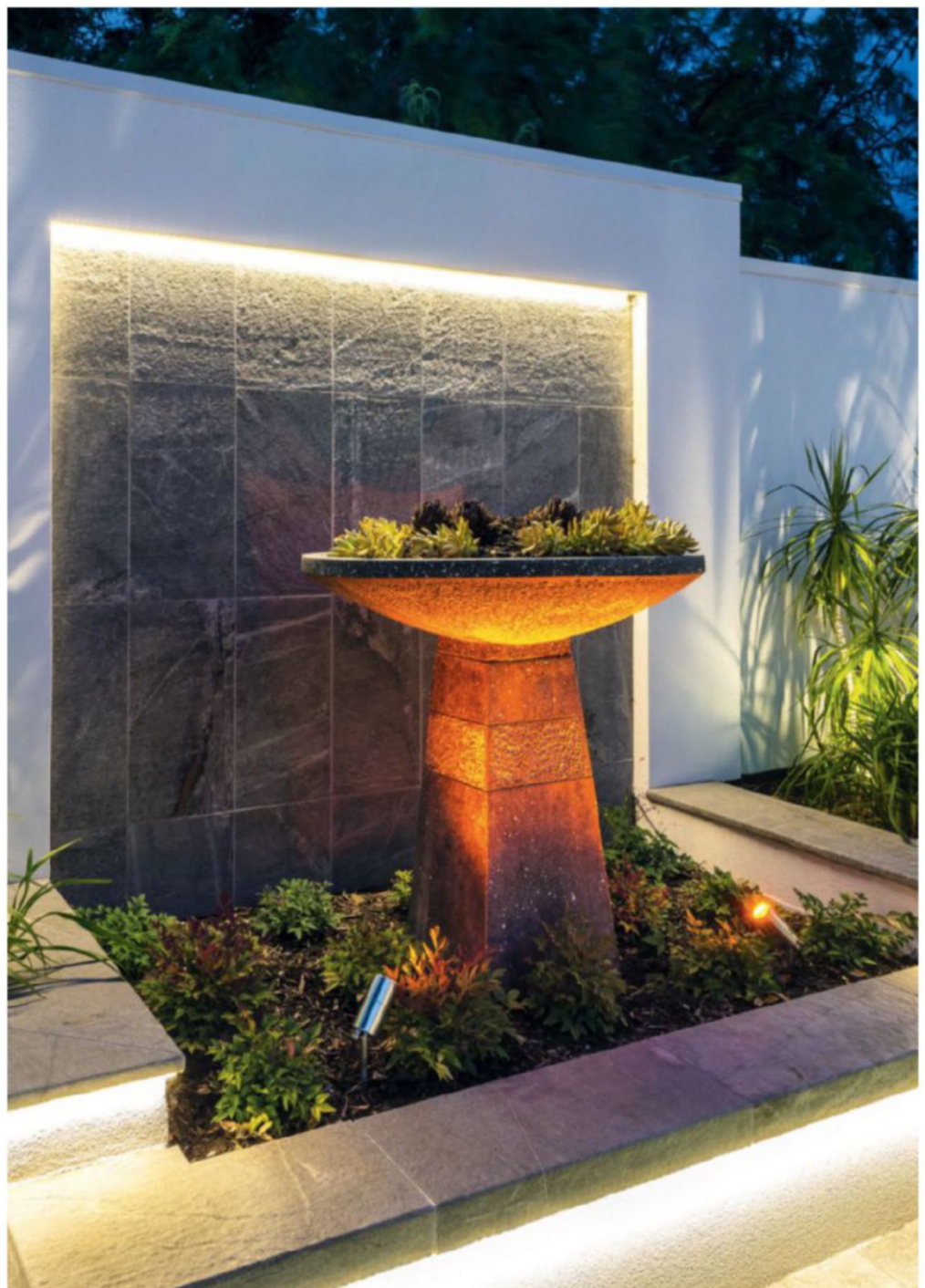
Add to the enjoyment of your garden with these modern lighting solutions

WHILE GARDEN LIGHTING DOES HAVE A PRACTICAL role to play, it is also about creating ambience and ensuring your outdoor spaces are just as appealing at night as they are during the day. “Good lighting is about helping you to appreciate your garden and it is an effective design tool that allows you to create depth and interest long after the sun has gone down,” says Troy Merchant, owner of LED Outdoor.

“The idea is to create an interesting blend of light and shadow, which is why a trusty old flood light washing over the entire garden won’t do you any

favours. LEDs offer the perfect design solution and, with their impressive energy efficiency, there is no need to worry about running costs, even if you have them on all the time. Most gardens will cost less than \$50 a year to light even if they are on six hours a day, every day of the year.”

LED Outdoor specialises in exterior lighting for residential and commercial properties and offers an exclusive range of low-voltage LED solutions for both professional installers and the discerning DIY client. “We only stock quality products that are tried and



tested. Most of our clientele are landscapers and electricians, so reliability is paramount," says Troy.

"LED Outdoor is focussed on keeping it simple," he continues. "We have already done the hard work and carefully selected products to suit every application. We also prize simplicity, which is why we have a standardised method of powering our lights. Our entire range of LEDs can be run from a single transformer."

LED outdoor, an Adelaide-based, family-run business, offers a free design service. Says Troy:

OUTDOOR LIGHTING



"All you need to do is send us photos and plans of your garden and we can help guide you through the whole process, from design to installation, regardless of where you live. We also offer free shipping, Australia-wide."

Modern design and contemporary styling can be seen throughout the range, as can versatility, with products suited to every location, including beachfront properties. Two of the latest releases are the Lotus and Willow spike spot lights. The spike attachment makes them simple to move and the adjustable head lights up features ranging from small pots to tall trees. Both lights are fully waterproof so they can also be used in ponds and water features.

The lights are constructed from high-grade anodised aluminium, which makes them resistant to corrosion from moisture and salt. It also ensures superior thermal efficiency, which leads to a longer life. The sleek Lotus spotlight utilises a super-efficient 5W Cree LED and is perfect for lighting small garden features and trees up to 5m in height. The Lotus's big brother, the Willow, has an 11.5W Cree LED, which can light trees up to 10m.

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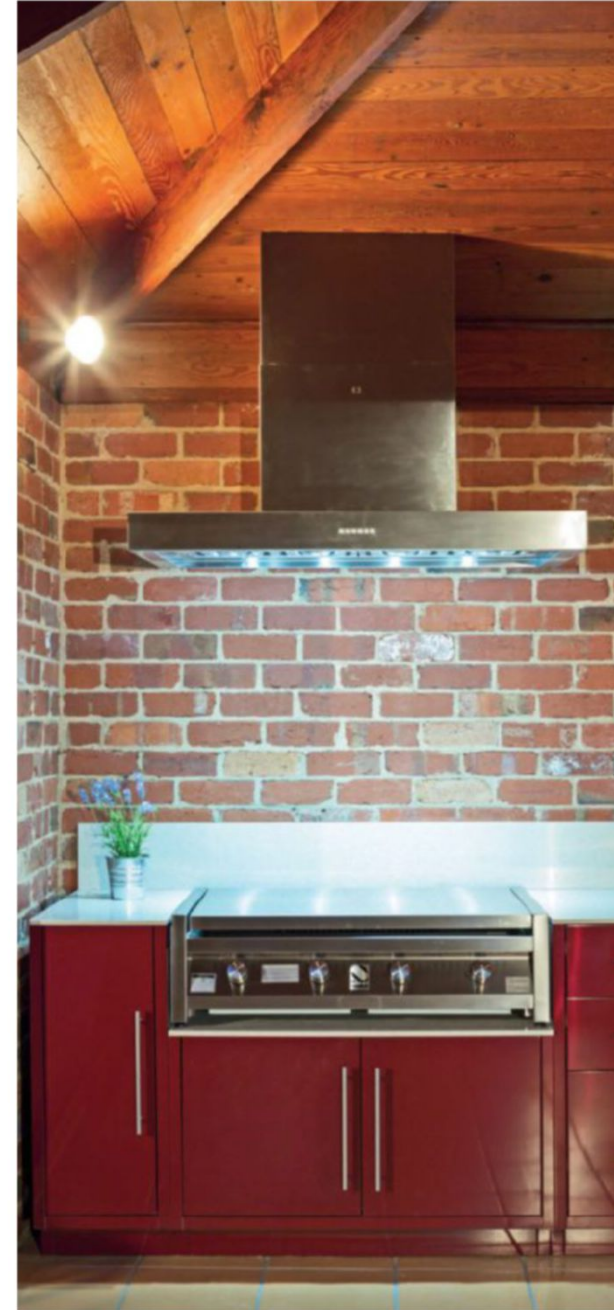
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Mix and match

A high-quality modular outdoor kitchen system for the discerning homeowner



ALFRESCO LIVING IS NOW FIRMLY PART OF THE Australian lifestyle: after all, what's better than having friends and family over for dinner on the deck or having lunch by the pool. And at the heart of every modern alfresco living area is an outdoor kitchen.

MyAlfresco (a division of Arisit Pty Ltd) specialises in the supply of modular outdoor kitchen solutions. Offering a wide array of top-of-the-range products, including barbecues, barbecue hoods, glass-back bar fridges, pizza ovens and even kitchen sinks and taps, MyAlfresco's modular outdoor kitchen systems make it possible for you to design a complete package, tailored to meet your individual needs.

With MyAlfresco outdoor kitchens, you have a choice of four colours for the cabinetry and a vast selection of materials for the benchtops. The range of modules is also impressive, ensuring you can mix and match your way to the ideal configuration.

The materials used in the construction of the cabinets and benchtops are backed by a 10-year outdoor-use warranty, a unique feature in this field.



You also have the peace of mind that comes with knowing MyAlfresco outdoor kitchens are fully weatherproof and won't be harmed by regular UV exposure.

But, creating the perfect outdoor kitchen isn't just about cabinetry and cooking appliances. Most outdoor kitchens live next to an alfresco dining

area so creating a comfortable outdoor entertaining space is vital. With this in mind, MyAlfresco offers outdoor heating solutions too.

At MyAlfresco, which offers nation-wide distribution, customer care is a priority. As part of this commitment, the company offers a complete installation service and a quick turnaround time from

receipt of order to manufacture and installation. Check out the website for more details.

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Get fired up

Put some zest into your summer entertaining with an outdoor kitchen and a stylish wood-fired oven

AS HOMEOWNERS CONTINUE TO DEMAND MORE

variety and versatility when entertaining, an outdoor kitchen with a wood-fired oven is rapidly becoming a must-have right across the country.

Zesti, an Australian company known for its high-quality wood-fired ovens, can supply everything you need to create a contemporary outdoor kitchen tailored to meet your individual cooking and entertaining needs. Custom-designed and -built full stainless-steel alfresco kitchens can be integrated with a wide range of products, including barbecues, fridges, sinks, ice machines and wood-fired ovens.

You also have a choice of stainless-steel or stone benchtops and if you would like your alfresco kitchen doors to have a customised finish, Zesti has introduced a stunning range of Aztec colours.

The innovative Zesti Z1100 wood-fired oven is considered by many to be the ultimate cooking appliance. Ensuring a restaurant-quality result, the oven cooks a varied range of food such as roasts, bread, vegetables, seafood, poultry and that all-time favourite, pizza. In addition to delivering the authentic flavours of wood-fired cooking, a Zesti wood-fired oven creates an ambience that guests

will love and makes cooking in your backyard fun.

Of course, the benefits extend further than the food you can cook and the enjoyment you have doing it. A Zesti wood-fired oven doesn't require the same maintenance as a barbecue as it self-cleans each time it is used. This is due to the high temperatures reached during the cooking process. Also, Zesti has eliminated the age-old problem of "bad cracking", the curse of many rendered wood-fired ovens, by using stainless steel in the construction.

Once you've decided that you want to make



a Zesti wood-fired oven the focal point of your outdoor entertaining, it can be easily incorporated into Zesti's custom-built alfresco kitchens as either a built-in or free-standing unit in your garden or outdoor room. It can also be incorporated into a trolley so that it can be moved around. Whatever option you choose, it will be an investment in your family's lifestyle and something you will enjoy for many years to come.

Zesti also fabricates a wide range of commercial products, including rotisseries, height-adjustable grills, tandoors and electric wood-fired ovens.

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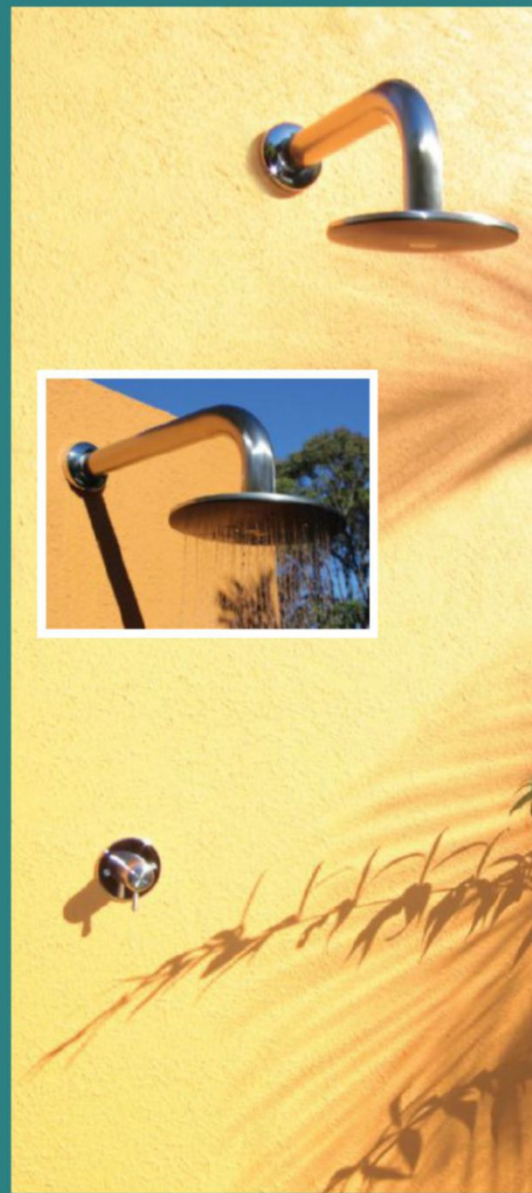
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The benefits don't stop there, however. All Rainware showers can be effectively run from a water tank with a pressure pump, while still maintaining a comfortable and pleasurable spray pattern. And being able to rinse off after a swim, workout, or even after mowing the lawn, makes a shower a desirable addition to any garden or pool area — especially if you decide on the hot water option.

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Designer flair

Add value and style with Australia's leading eco-friendly outdoor shower range

MODERN-DAY HOMEOWNERS ARE CONSCIOUS OF the need to use water wisely and with an outdoor shower now considered a must, Rainware's water-saving products fit the bill perfectly.

Rainware is a family business that offers an outdoor shower range developed to serve a very practical purpose; that is, to stand up to the coastal conditions of tropical Queensland where the lifestyle is all about the outdoors, the sun, the sand and the surf.

Designed and tested over many years to ensure that they will withstand Australia's harsh climatic conditions, as well as the wear and tear an active lifestyle imposes, Rainware's outdoor showers can be found in both public and domestic locations. The same robust technology required to withstand

public use is also found in their domestic products.

With an emphasis on quality and reliability, Rainware has secured a name in the plumbing industry as a market leader in the manufacture of premium-quality outdoor showers of enduring elegance and dateless design.

Offering the largest range of outdoor showers in the country, Rainware's products have evolved to support the growing trend for more creative landscape and pool designs, and to satisfy the call for products with artistic flair.

As a sign of their commitment to innovation and to mark the company's 10th year in business, Rainware recently released the stylish stainless-steel wall shower range, Marengo. Meticulously handcrafted from high quality 316 marine-grade





Made in the shade

Keeping your cool during summer is easy with these innovative cutting-edge awnings

DURING THE HEAT OF SUMMER, WHEN THE SUN

is out in full force, you need a sturdy and stylish shade system — enter the Markilux range of cutting-edge outdoor awnings. With more than 40 years' experience providing shade solutions, and an international reputation for technical innovation, Markilux offers an extensive selection of premium-quality external shade systems.

Whether you're seeking a folding-arm awning, a pergola awning or an external window awning, to name but a few of the products on offer, Markilux has a state-of-the-art solution. But keeping the sun at bay so you can enjoy the summer weather isn't



the only benefit of installing a Markilux awning. Increasing power bills are now a fact of life, so many Australian homeowners are actively seeking ways of reducing energy consumption and a Markilux awning is an excellent way of shaving dollars off your energy bill.

As the sun's heat mainly enters a home through its glazing, shading windows can significantly reduce the need to artificially cool your home with fans or air conditioning. Markilux awnings can prevent up to 95 per cent of the sun's heat from entering a dwelling, which can lead to impressive energy savings and reduced power bills.

Although the company offers a broad range of shade solutions, its folding-arm awnings are among the most popular — and progressive. Markilux was the first company to introduce a folding-arm awning, the Cocoon, which uses a "bionic tendon" (the result of extensive research and development in Germany). The Cocoon can support up to 1.2 tonnes, making it the strongest awning currently available on the market.

All products in the Markilux range feature a neat, modern finish and they are fully retractable, which means when they are not in use they are either totally concealed or barely noticeable. The range

of fabric types and colours is just as impressive, whether it's a conservatory awning you're after or a cassette-style folding-arm awning, and each product is available in a range of sizes.

Whether you live on the coast or in an inner-city location, a Markilux awning is the ideal solution for homeowners seeking a shade solution that is stylish, durable and eco-friendly.

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Outdoor oasis

Make the most of your entertaining area with a state-of-the-art sunshade

CATERING TO THE AUSTRALIAN LOVE OF OUTDOOR

living, Zipscreen provides privacy as well as year-round protection from sun, wind, rain and insects.

Specially designed for alfresco living areas such as pergolas, verandahs and balconies, Zipscreen seamlessly integrates interior and exterior entertainment areas, creating your very own outdoor oasis. What's more, Zipscreen can be made into impressive widths (up to 7m) without interrupting your view.

The unique side-fastening system secures the blind within self-aligning side channels, enabling installation in out-of-square openings — something other sunshade blinds cannot do. Functional, compact

and easy to install, Zipscreen is made with quality components that are designed and produced through Acmeda, an internationally recognised manufacturer with decades of experience.

Zipscreen can also be used as an external window covering, providing a sleek and durable alternative to traditional canvas awnings and outdoor roller shutters. By blocking the sun's heat from reaching your window, Zipscreen will save energy and reduce cooling costs in summer.

Suitable for residential and commercial applications, Zipscreen is housed within a modern enclosed square head box and can be either controlled by hand, crank

arm or completely motorised. The latter option offers effortless control at the touch of a button. Zipscreen also features an innovative impact-detection motor. Should an object collide with the blind, a message is sent to the motor and the sunshade automatically retracts to a safe position.

Available in a range of six contemporary colours, which can also be custom matched to suit existing surrounds, and an array of external fabrics, Zipscreen will complement any home or outdoor design.

For more information

Zipscreen Website www.zipscreen.com.au





BRING INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT OUTDOORS



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Acmeda's Zipscreen external shade system provides an inside feel for any outdoor entertaining area. Ideal for pergolas, verandas and balconies, Zipscreen turns alfresco areas into a comfortable new room, offering protection from the elements without interrupting the view.

Easy to operate, Zipscreen can be opened and closed manually or motorised, offering control at the touch of a button.

Zipscreen external blinds can be custom made up to 7 meters wide, in a colour and fabric to suit your outdoor design.



Head for cover

To get the most from your outdoor spaces, you need a flexible shade solution

IF YOU WANT TO GET THE MAXIMUM USE OUT

of your alfresco living area, you need an effective form of climate control — and to get the best solution for your specific requirements, you need specialist advice. Shadeform Sails specialises in the design, manufacture and installation of modern high-quality shade sails, blinds and retractable sails and awnings.

For the ultimate in versatility, Shadeform has perfected its hugely popular Shaderunner retractable shade system. Drawing on the company owner's background in sail making for the yachting industry, Shadeform created a sturdy and stylish system with an attractive nautical appearance. The Shaderunner utilises Ronstan ball-bearing sailing pulleys, is supported by stainless-steel wires for strength and longevity, and its design ensures maximum flexibility.

Working with Adelaide-based Building Domain, Shadeform recently installed this stunning Shaderunner for a homeowner in Parkside, SA. The retractable sail provides the ultimate in controllable contemporary shading and is the perfect addition to the eye-catching home renovation.

With today's high energy costs and the required six-star efficiency rating for all new homes, the Shaderunner is a cost-effective way to help achieve energy efficiency and provide thermal comfort to your outdoor setting. The Shaderunner provides retractable shade to reduce the need for summer cooling yet still allows sunlight in when required to maximise winter solar gains.

A simple but very effective retractable shade system perfect for the home outdoor entertaining area, the Shaderunner allows the user to control the degree of shade it provides. You have the



choice to fully extend, partly extend or neatly fold it away to allow the maximum amount of sunlight and warmth into your outdoor living space and internal rooms when desired.

There is a choice of either a 95 per cent polyester-mesh fabric or fully waterproof PVC fabric, both of which offer protection from glare and the sun's harmful rays. The fabrics are also mould and mildew-resistant and fire retardant.

Available in a manual or motorised version, the Shaderunner can fit within or under existing pergola structures. If starting without support structures or if you need to span long distances, posts can be installed specifically to support the system.

With distributors in all states, Shadeform can arrange full installation of the Shaderunner or it can supply the system in package form if you would like to install it yourself. Shadeform can also arrange supply or installation for its other shade products, which include folding-arm awnings, shade sails, side- and centre-post umbrellas as well as external blinds.

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Having it all

From outdoor rooms and kitchens to natural stone, this centre has it all

THE LANDSCAPING IDEAS & DESIGN CENTRE, ADELAIDE'S PREMIER

destination for creative landscaping inspiration, offers a range of interactive settings that showcase the latest high-quality, innovative and award-winning products. You will also find an experienced team that will work with you to develop a landscape design that is stylish, functional and personally tailored to meet your individual needs.

At the Landscaping Ideas & Design Centre, staff will help you through the entire process from initial garden design to supply of products, all the way through to final installation. The centre is also committed to continuously adding new products that will keep you ahead of the design curve.

"We are extremely excited to introduce our latest exclusive innovation, the LuxePod, which will change the way you think about expanding your home's

living space," says Andrew Pole, owner of the Landscaping Ideas & Design Centre. "Think pool house, home office or a luxurious retreat enabling you to enjoy the outdoors through all the seasons."

The LuxePod is a prefabricated structure that is made in a controlled factory environment using PIR foam-panel technology. It is delivered flat-packed and constructed on-site. Displaying a high attention to detail, the LuxePod has VM Zinc standing seam roofing, frameless glass folding doors, cedar internal walls and a cedar ceiling, as well as polished concrete floors and walls. Also, the design can be adapted to include, among other things, a bathroom, larger deck or even an outdoor kitchen.

If an outdoor kitchen is on the menu, check out the Adelaide Outdoor Kitchens display at the Landscaping Ideas & Design Centre. Picture a polished concrete benchtop and shining BeefEater barbecue with beautiful stainless-steel tapware, or you might prefer a wok or grill, or maybe a beer tap and fridge ... the possibilities really are endless. If you want a custom-made outdoor kitchen Adelaide Outdoor Kitchens can turn your dreams into reality.

"Another quality product that customers can't seem to get enough of, and one that is right on trend, is Barnstone's Australian bluestone. This stone was heavily featured in the Best in Show and Gold medal-winning display garden





at the 2014 Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show," says Andrew.

This 100 per cent pure Australian bluestone is sourced from the rich volcanic regions of Port Fairy in Victoria and can be used in either residential or commercial applications. It complements both classic and contemporary designs and comes in an incredible range of formats to suit every project. To see the true beauty of Bamstone bluestone, visit the centre.

Of course, quality products need to sit within a

professionally designed landscape if they are to reach their full potential and the Landscaping Ideas & Design Centre can design a garden or outdoor living space perfectly tailored to meet your individual needs. Says Andrew: "Clever design and resourcefulness is fundamental when planning your landscape. Make an appointment to speak to our in-house landscape architect and experienced landscape consultant to create your dream outdoor living space."

The Landscaping Ideas & Design Centre is located in the Adelaide suburb of Parkside and is

open from 10am to 5pm Thursday to Saturday, or at other times by appointment.

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Tenaru Timber & Finishes distributes the Sikkens range of high-quality wood-

care products. This includes Sikkens Exterior wood-care range (transparent timber finishes for decking, cladding, windows and doors), Sikkens Interior wood-care range (abrasion-resistant coatings for all timber surfaces inside the home) as well as a range of new Sikkens products for preparing timbers prior to coating and a quick-drying water-based Sikkens range.

New products include Sikkens Cetol BL Tannin remover (for extracting natural tannins from hardwoods prior to coating), Sikkens Cetol BL Deck & Wood cleaner and Sikkens Cetol BL Garden Furniture cleaner (a unique water-based gel formula for cleaning grey, weathered timber and rejuvenating it back to its original natural state prior to coating) and Sikkens Cetol BLX-Pro (a quick-drying, water-based coating for all exterior timber projects, which allows three coats to be applied in a single day).







Also new to the market are Sikkens 100ml sample pots (which allow you to test a desired product and colour on your timber project prior to final application), Sikkens 500ml tins (which enable you to buy a smaller quantity for small maintenance projects such as stair treads and window sills) and Sikkens Cetol TS Satin Plus (a colourless abrasion-resistant coating for all timber surfaces inside the home, which leaves a lovely satin finish).

Sikkens wood-care products protect timber surfaces from the damaging effects of harsh UV rays and because the finishes are transparent, they highlight the natural beauty of the timber and its wood-grain features.

With the Sikkens wood-care range, maintaining your exterior and interior timbers is simple. To make the process as easy as possible, Sikkens provides customers with technical data that clearly explains the steps involved in preparation and application.

If you're planning to go down the do-it-yourself route and wish to coat your timber deck, the Ezee deck brush is specifically designed to take the hard work out of the process while still achieving the perfect finish.

Sikkens wood-care products are available from Inspiration Centres, the Paint Place, Bristol Decorator Centres, Bunnings Building Supplies, Masters Home Improvements, Mitre 10 outlets as well as many other specialist paint and hardware stores around the country.

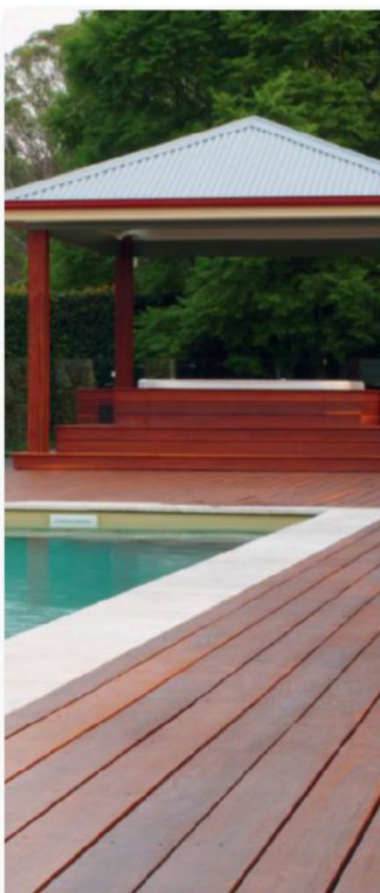
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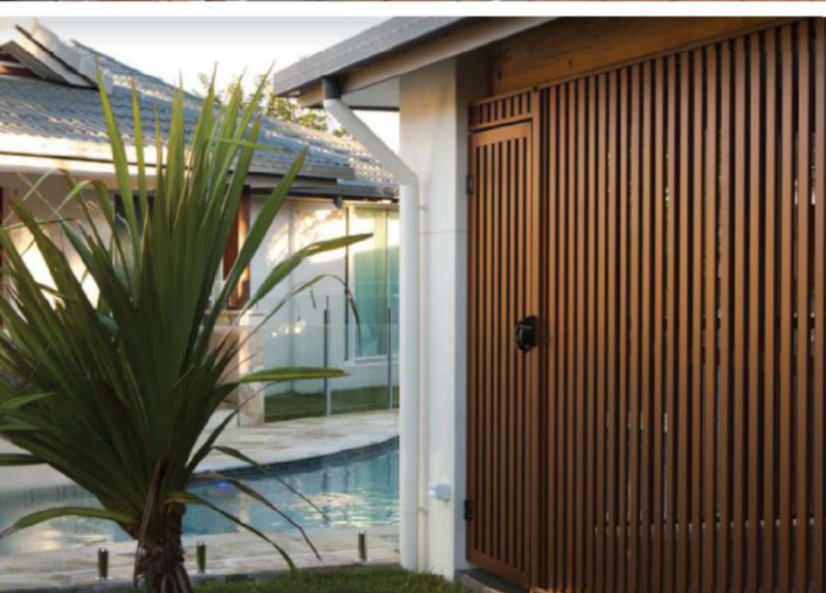
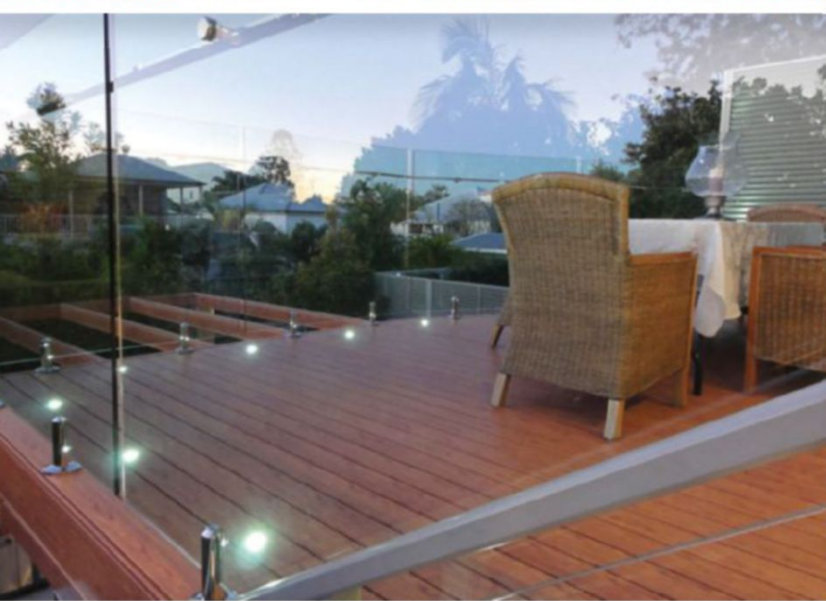
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WHEN DESIGNING A GARDEN OR OUTDOOR

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The key to success is to have a clear vision, so sitting down and planning your new outdoor area in fine detail is of paramount importance. Thankfully, by

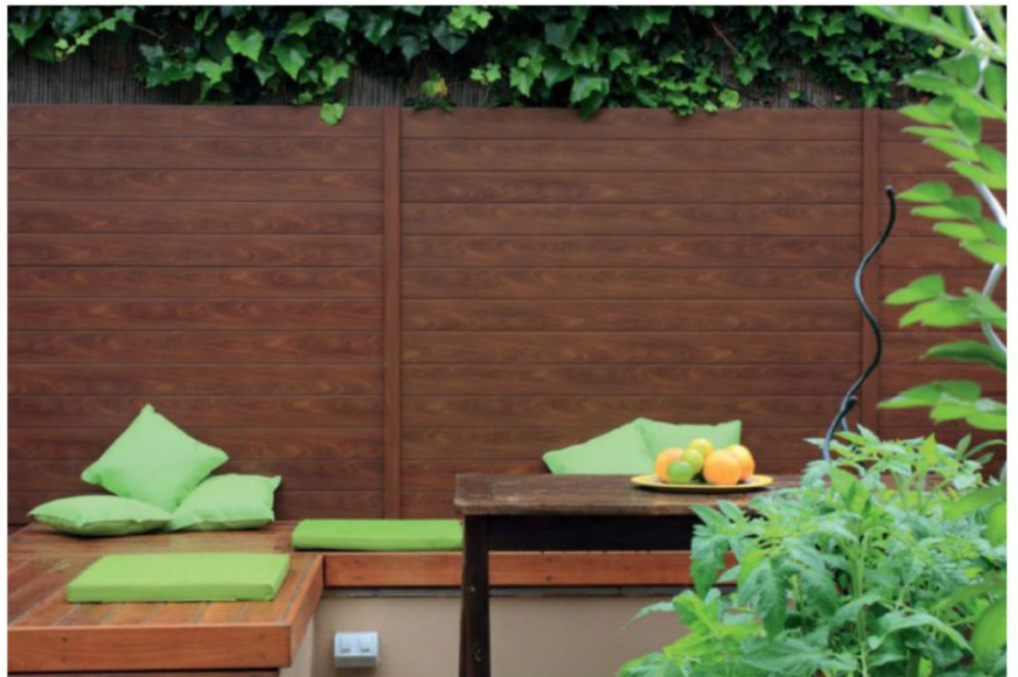
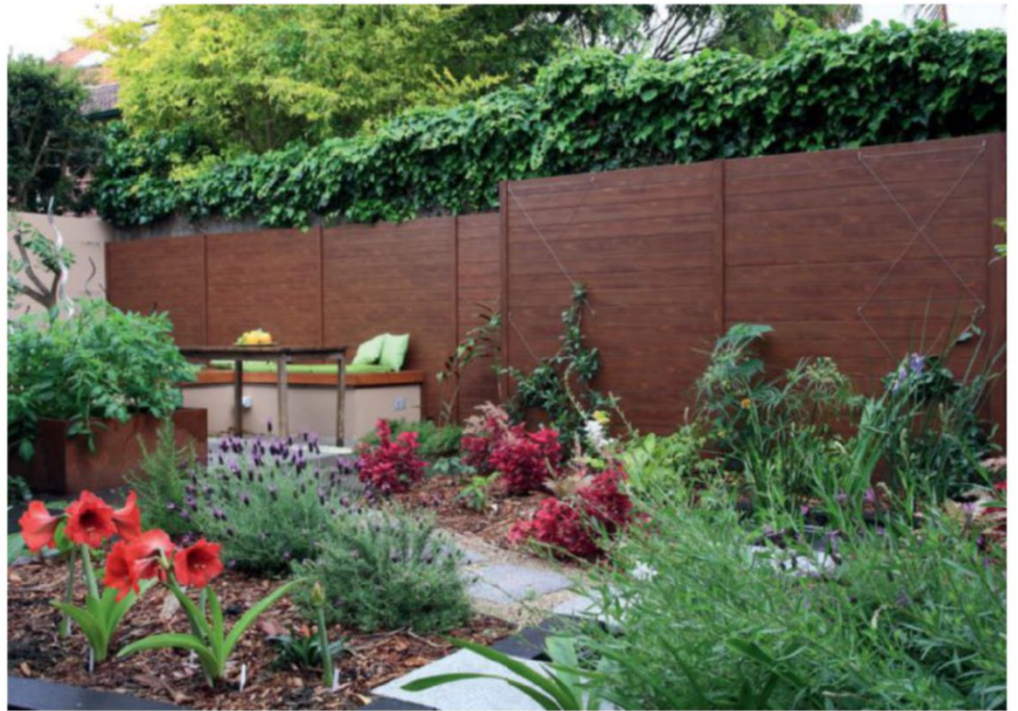
choosing Knotwood, you can tick many of your must-have items off your list at the one time.

Knotwood manufactures wood-look aluminium systems, which can be used as an alternative to timber or conventional aluminium across a wide range of applications. Combining function with form, Knotwood can be used for anything from fencing, decking, shutters and gates to handrails and privacy screens, ensuring a fully coordinated look throughout your outdoor space.

All Knotwood systems work together and are available in more than 30 wood-look colours as well

as a full range of powder-coat colours, giving you the flexibility to match any design. You can also rest easy knowing your outdoor area will keep its clean, uniform finish from the day you install your system.

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Knotwood is designed and manufactured in Australia, so you can be sure it will hold up to Australian conditions. All the finishes are UV resistant and will not fade, flake or chip. Longevity is assured too, with the full product range carrying a 15-year manufacturer's warranty.

With Knotwood, you get a consistently clean finish that has all the natural advantages of timber without any of the drawbacks. You also get an extremely low-maintenance, long-lasting product that is cost effective, time saving and looks great.

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Clad tidings

Update your fence or garden wall with do-it-yourself, ready-rendered cladding

IF YOU HAVE A DATED GARDEN WALL, A SHED THAT HAS LOST ITS LUSTRE or the exterior of your house is in dire need of an update, Foamfast's range of cladding panels is an affordable and environmentally friendly solution.

Foamfast's pre-rendered external panels can be used to give a backyard, courtyard or swimming pool area a luxurious new look. They can also be used to modernise an old fence or create pillars, bulkheads or planter boxes to complement the style of your home or any outdoor structures such as a poolside cabana or garage. You can even use Foamfast panels to clad or "box up" an existing pergola, turning it into a contemporary outdoor entertaining space that can be used year-round.

Foamfast's versatile new-generation external cladding panels are made of expanded polystyrene which is core-reinforced with fibreglass mesh. This makes the panels strong and solid but lightweight, which is why they are so easy to



move and the ideal cladding solution for balconies, roof terraces and decks.

Foamfast's range is extensive and includes ready-to-hang 40mm screens that you simply attach to an existing fence to create a rendered feature. The company also has a range of pre-coated walls and feature screens, including 120mm solid wall panels, which stand 1800mm high and have posts installed. All you need to do is concrete them into the ground.





“Our panels offer exciting opportunities for the do-it-yourselfer, landscape designers and builders as they can be used on straight or curved walls. This flexibility also makes it possible to combine different options such as timber slat infills, aluminium screens, lighting, intercoms, sliding gates and much more,” says Julian Waterman of Foamfast. “Strong but lightweight, the panels are easy to install and they’re the ideal solution when weight is an issue, such as on balconies and roof terraces,” he continues.

“All panels are manufactured using a fire-retardant additive and the insulating properties offer acoustic benefits for those who live on busy streets. A Foamfast fence or wall will withstand a certain amount of ground movement and expansion and the panels can have a six-star energy rating.”

Foamfast products, which boast superior strength and durability, and are easy to install, are made in South Australia where the company’s experienced in-house installation team is dedicated to ensuring that every project is completed without fuss and to the highest standards. Foamfast distributes Australia-wide factory-direct from its plant in Adelaide. The company also provides landscapers, builders and homeowners with the peace of mind that comes from knowing the panels have a 10-year warranty.

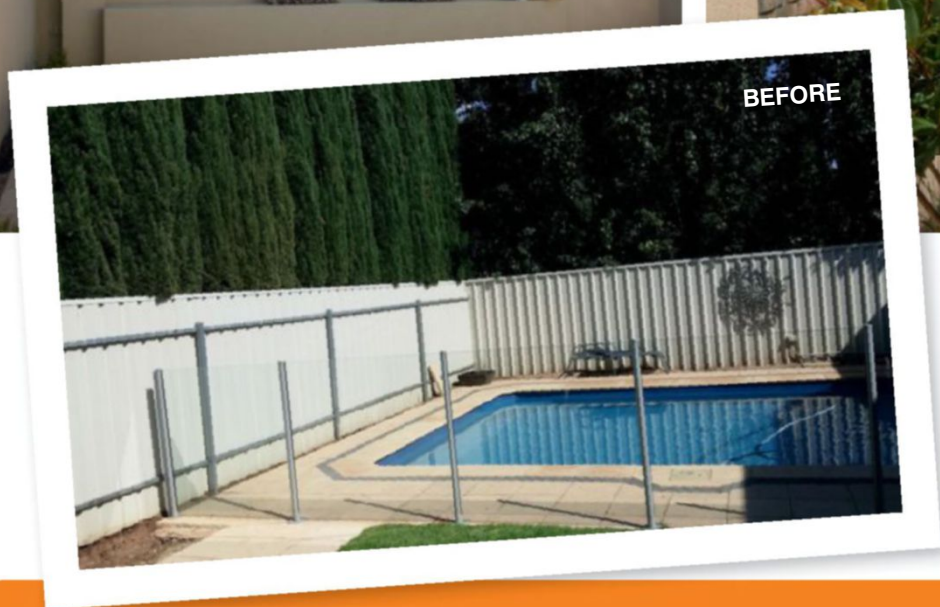
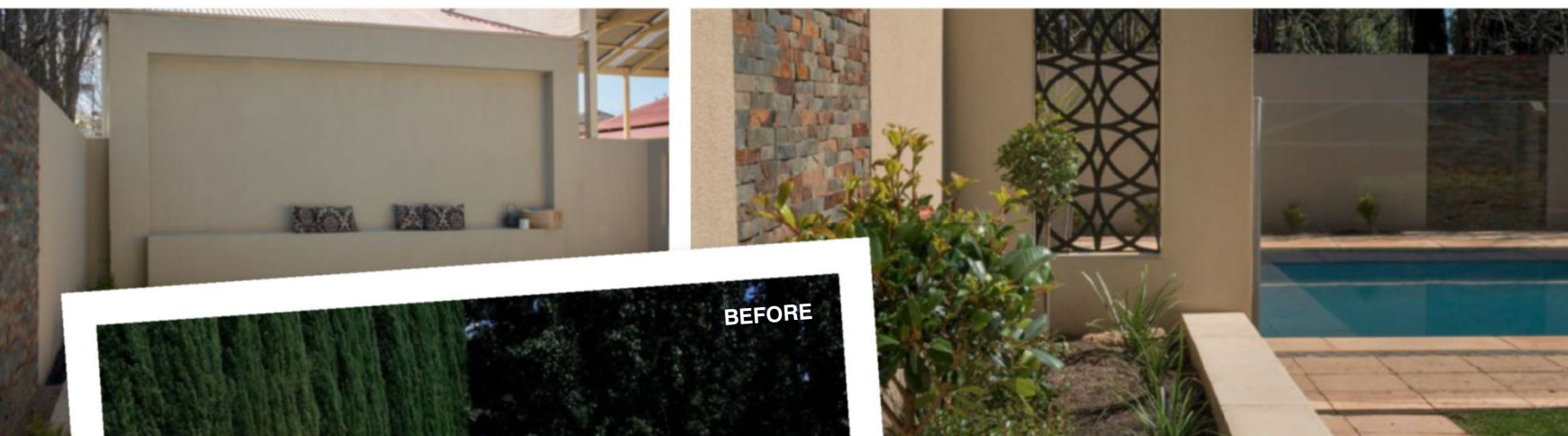
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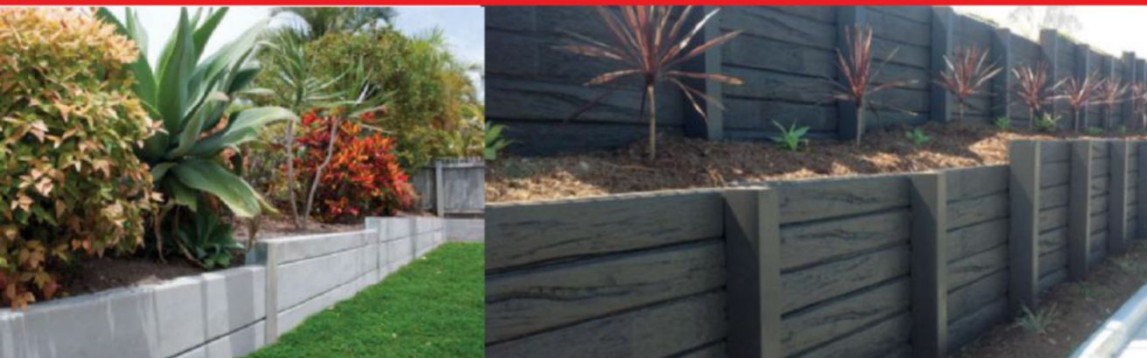


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Many people don't consider the long term longevity of the materials used to build a retaining wall. Concrete sleepers last at least three times longer than timber, and will not need replacing from termite damage, water damage, rotting or warping.

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Long-lasting concrete retaining wall sleepers provide a practical and aesthetically pleasing design solution

RETAINING WALLS HAVE A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY

in garden design. They can be used to create level spaces on a sloping site, add height and visual interest to a flat block or define different areas within a garden. While they may have an important job to do, such as holding back rock and soil or providing support for a terrace, retaining walls also need to be aesthetically pleasing, not just sturdy.

Aussie Concrete Products specialises in the manufacture of concrete retaining wall sleepers. Unlike timber sleepers, you don't need to worry about termites, rotting or warping — with Aussie

Concrete Products, you have the peace of mind that comes with knowing your new concrete retaining wall is built to last.

Aussie Concrete Products' retaining wall sleepers are engineered and designed to last up to 30 years, which is considerably longer than many other retaining wall products, especially timber. Also, the range is broad, offering a design, finish and colour to suit any home or landscape design.

The latest addition to Aussie Concrete Products' collection is the Lite-Style range, shown here. Lite-Style is designed for retaining walls less than 1m high

and is also perfect for building raised garden or veggie beds. Easy to install, this long-lasting product is ideal for the DIY market and small handyman jobs. Lite-Style is available direct from Aussie Concrete Products or selected Bunnings Warehouse stores.

For your convenience, Aussie Concrete Products has estimators that can visit your home to quote on the cost of building a retaining wall and the supply of material. If you go to the website, you will also find an online calculator so you can accurately determine what materials are needed to complete your retaining wall or garden bed.

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Garden design by Wenna Cao from Holmesglen TAFE, MIFGS 2014 Achievable Gardens.

Holding the line

Give shape, definition and designer flair to your garden with strong yet flexible steel edging

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FormBoss edging systems allow you to create curves and angles with ease and, thanks to the rounded top edge and hidden stakes and connectors, the finished result is elegant and clean. For a fully coordinated look, ask about FormBoss tree rings and pre-made raised planter beds, ideal for veggie or herb gardens.

Once installed, FormBoss edging stays put. It is strong and durable, making it perfect for everything from family gardens to commercial projects, and it comes with a 10-year replacement warranty.

So impressive is the FormBoss range that it is often chosen by Australian designers participating in the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show (MIFGS). FormBoss edging has played a key role in many winning MIFGS display gardens including the 2013 winner of Best in Show. In 2014, FormBoss edging featured in eight MIFGS gardens.

Greenlines Gardenware offers a full range of services, including free quotes, pre-curved of edging products and Australia-wide delivery. You can buy direct from the Melbourne factory or from one of the ever-increasing number of resellers popping up all over the country.

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Royal Grass offers a range of nine different

grasses, including the Deluxe, featured here. The Royal Grass Deluxe consists of three popular green shades: Summer Green, Olive Green and Lime Green. This combination gives you the kind of fresh green colour you typically see in lawns when spring turns into summer. Royal Grass Deluxe also has a 36mm grass fibre, which gives it a full, freshly mown look.

Like all Royal Grass products, Deluxe has the unique V-shaped fibre, which mimics nature for an authentic appearance. Thanks to the new micro nerve technology (MiNT), the fibre has greatly reduced reflective properties resulting in an appealing, realistic matt appearance. The overall result is a fibre that is better able to remain upright

with reduced reflection, making it look very natural.

The installation of Royal Grass products requires expertise, professionalism and a passion for laying artificial grass. That's why the products are mainly sold through a network of authorised dealers, mainly landscapers and artificial grass specialists. If you purchase a Royal Grass product through one of them, you can rest assured that you will have a carefree journey with a beautiful green lawn as your final destination. That said, the grass can also be laid by the adept home handyman.

Royal Grass, previously marketed as Regal Grass, comes with an eight-year warranty and a great after-sales service. If you would like to evaluate the different colours, you can visit one of the show gardens or request samples.

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Design diversity

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THE MODERN AUSTRALIAN FAMILY SPENDS A LOT of time by the pool or in the garden so it makes sense to choose paving and walling products that can stand up to the wear and tear of daily use. Good looks are, of course, important but durability, strength and ease of maintenance are essential.

Ticking all the right boxes, Customstone SA produces a high-quality range of contemporary concrete paving and coping products with complementary walling. Each product is hard-wearing, of consistent size, thickness and finish, and comes in a variety of colours and finishes.

For safety in the garden or around pools, spas and water features, the pavers have slip-resistant surfaces. If you live in a coastal area or have a saltwater pool, you can take comfort in knowing that the pavers are salt-resistant.

For design flexibility, Customstone SA's large-format pavers are available in five sizes (400mm × 400mm, 450mm × 450mm, 500mm × 500mm,

600mm × 300mm and 600mm × 600mm). These can be teamed with the driveway pavers (300mm × 300mm and 400mm × 400mm), bullnose coping (400mm × 400mm, 500mm × 500mm, 500mm × 350mm, 500mm × 280mm, 600mm × 600mm, 600mm × 350mm, 800mm × 400mm with corners to match) and the mortared walling (500mm × 250mm × 200mm). Straight pencil-edge pool coping (800mm × 400mm and 600mm × 300mm), bullnose radius coping and double bullnose coping are also available.

By using Customstone SA's large-format pavers, you can make a small outdoor space appear larger. This is because of the reduced number of join lines, which ensures an uncluttered look. Replacing sections of lawn with easy-care paving can also help reduce your water use and time spent on garden maintenance.

Whether you're planning a contemporary or classic outdoor project, there are many colours





and finishes to choose from. You can be assured of finding something of a complementary tone and texture. For paving and coping, various custom and honed finishes (where the aggregate shows through) are available. While the exposed-aggregate finishes are particularly popular at the moment, the smoother finishes are still in demand. The projects shown here feature Mocha Honed pencil-edge coping with Mocha Traditional 600mm x 600mm x 40mm paving and White Sands Distinctive bullnose coping with White Sands

Distinctive 600mm x 600mm x 40mm paving.

To ensure a fully coordinated look throughout your outdoor areas, most Customstone SA products, which are all made to order, are available in the company's complete range of colours and finishes.

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Wonder walls

For a contemporary look, choose architectural rock gabion feature and retaining walls

PERMATHENE IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE A NEW welded-mesh gabion product called Aki Galfan Plus, which is made from steel and has a 280g-per-metre-square coating of 10 per cent aluminium and 90 per cent zinc.

This coating offers an estimated lifespan twice that of Permathene's previous standard Galfan, which had a five per cent aluminium and 95 per cent zinc coating. In a low-salt environment, the expected life of the new material is more than 90 years (compared to 10 years for standard plain galvanised mesh, which typically has only a 60g coating).

Permathene also now stocks a range of 316-grade stainless-steel and USA-made black powder-coated PVC

products, ideal for salty, coastal environments or where an architectural look is preferred.

To build the Permathene gabion, there are three connection methods. The spiral, which is the strongest connection and offers protection against the sharp edges of the welded panel; the C ring, which is used by most landscapers as a quick, economical way to build gabions; and, now, a new method called the U clip. This is a neat way to join the panels together because the clip is hardly noticeable and connects the panels together tightly without any gaps.

While many prefer the look of the spiral, others like the clean look of the C ring and U clip. Spirals are quick, C rings and U clips are fastened using either special

hand tools or pneumatic tools. All tools, hand and pneumatic, are available for hire or sale to customers.

Permathene offers two standard aperture sizes: 75mm² and 100mm x 50mm, both in 4mm Galfan Plus. When choosing the aperture size, consider the type and size of rock you will be using. Rocks must, of course, be larger than the openings. As rock is delivered in various sizes, it is good practice to place the larger rocks against the face of the gabion and the smaller rocks in the centre.

One of the best things about gabions is that you do not need to use expensive rock, especially in the middle of the cages. You can use recycled brick, concrete and other materials with only the facing rocks being hand placed. Try to prevent any voids by placing the rocks like a jigsaw puzzle, which may be a bit of work but is well worth the effort.

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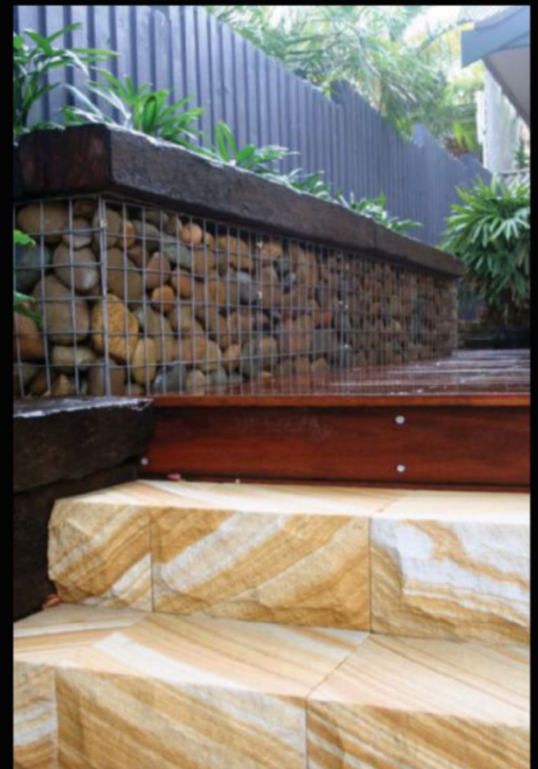
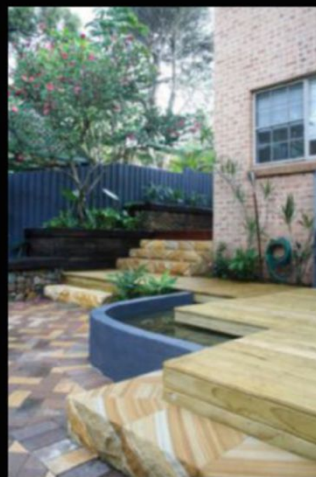




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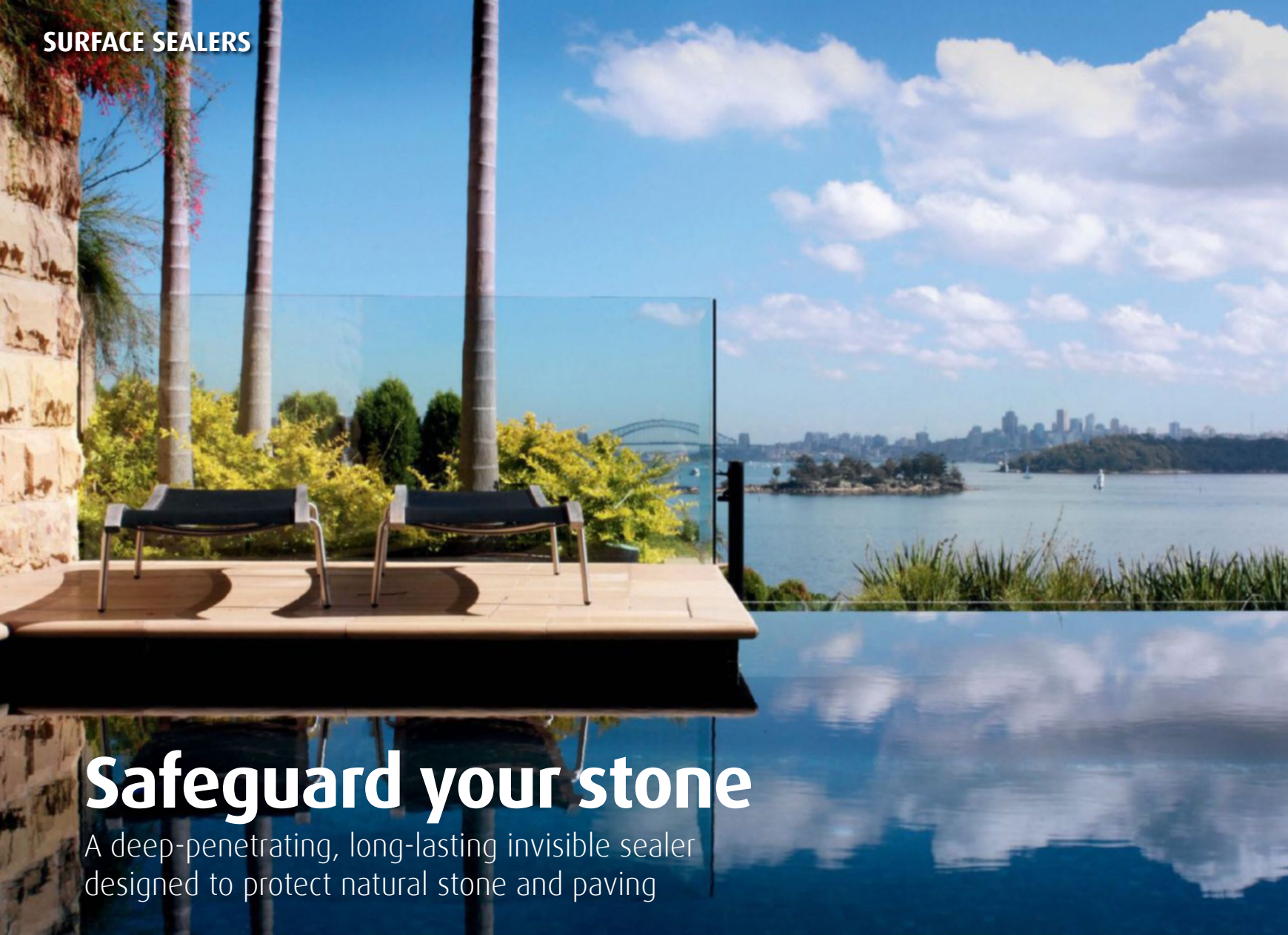
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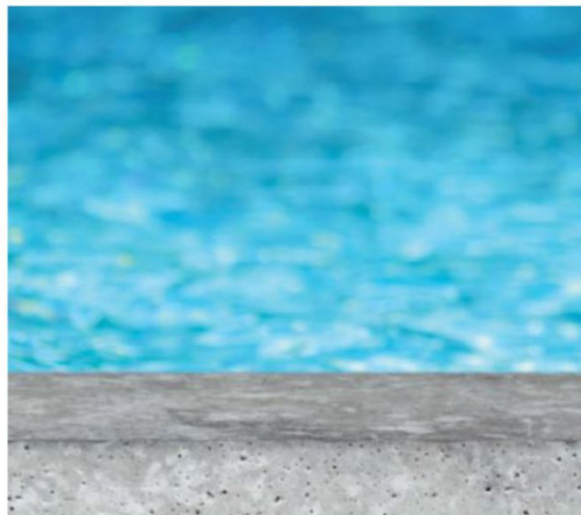
Nature's gift

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Pool areas are a specialty at Cave with their travertine pavers becoming increasingly popular throughout Australian homes. "Our travertine pavers are ideal for use around



Australian pools. They're not only striking to look at, but they stay cool in the summer heat, are non-slip, salt resistant and extremely tough too," says Deb Houghton, architectural sales consultant for Cave. "The good news is we offer a beautiful array of paver colours and endless design possibilities to mix and match so your pool area can flow through to other outdoor entertainment areas."

When it comes to creating external walls, Cave can provide endless ideas for a beautifully warm and rugged look outside. Available with a sawn back for easy application, Cave's loose stone wall cladding range is designed to add a modern touch of organic beauty and timeless elegance. And like all of the company's natural stone, it's sourced from all over Australia as well as the world's premier stone quarries to guarantee you're buying only the highest-quality stone product.

"The team at Cave is obsessed with outdoor design and is really committed to making sure you create your perfect pool, garden or landscape solution,"

says Deb. We're also very aware that long wait times are frustrating, so we leave no stone unturned to ensure customers get what they want when they want it. By having a large range of sizes, textures and laying patterns in stock, we're confident all our stone products can be delivered on time.

"At the end of the day, we want to inspire Australian homes with the world's best natural stone, and do it at affordable prices," proclaims Deb.

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It's only natural

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Bamstone bluestone is quarried in Port Fairy, Western Victoria, and is considered by many to be the purest bluestone in the world. The product range, which is 100 per cent Australian manufactured, is extensive and includes traditional stone fencing, windowsills, thresholds and lintels, interior flooring, cladding, steps and risers as well as pool coping (including drop-edge and bull-nose) and outdoor paving (in finishes ranging from diamond sawn to honed and polished).

Bamstone also produces custom-designed outdoor furniture, seating and sculptures. Known for its attention to detail and excellent customer service, this Australian-owned company works closely with architects, home builders, landscape designers and pool builders to achieve superlative results, whether it's a residential or commercial project.

Bamstone has been involved in many prestigious projects, including Cycas Landscape Design's Gold Medal-winning show garden at the 2014 Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. This stunning garden (showcased here) also won the prestigious Best in Show and Mark Bence Construction Awards. Bamstone itself has won multiple accolades, including the 2014 Australian Architectural Award for Best Export Project, endorsed by the Australian Stone Advisory Association.

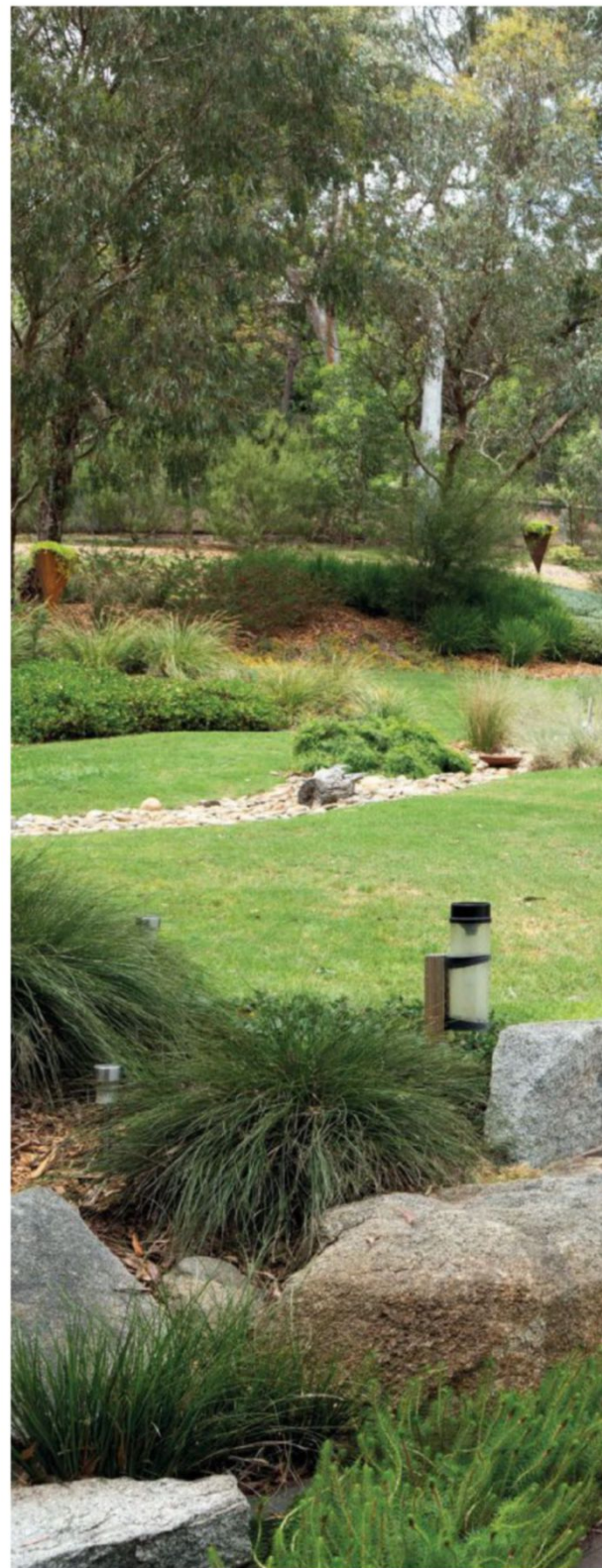
For more than a quarter of a century, Bamstone has been supplying high-quality natural bluestone products to the home construction, landscaping and pool industries Australia-wide. Bamstone's ownership of captive quarries in Western Victoria means that it always has a consistent supply of some of the world's finest bluestone and its investment in state-of-the-art European machinery ensures a high-quality result every time.

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Turn to stone

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IF YOU WANT AN UPMARKET ALTERNATIVE TO traditional bricks or an elegant stone for your next landscaping project, Wistow bluestone is the natural choice. This richly coloured, ageless Australian stone is the perfect choice for any outdoor application, whether it's retaining walls, patios, swimming pool surrounds, driveways, steps or paving.

A premium natural stone product, genuine Wistow bluestone is only available from Wistow Bluestone Quarries, located in Wistow, an outer suburb of Adelaide. Admired the breadth of Australia for its unique beauty, great strength and superior quality, Wistow bluestone has been used



in countless building and landscaping projects, both residential and commercial.

Boasting a beautiful blend of colours — greys, blues, golds and silvers — Wistow natural bluestone complements many different styles of homes and gardens, such as the garden featured here, which was designed by Melbourne-based RB Landscapes. There is also a wide array of products, including Wistow crazy paving. This is a popular choice for use in rustic, bushland or cottage-style gardens. It looks especially good when used around free-form pools and for garden paths to give that relaxed, country-style charm so many people favour.

In fact, Wistow bluestone is a great choice for use around any style of pool as it's not affected by saltwater or salt chlorination, needs no sealing, is relatively non-slip and will not fret or flake.

Wistow's bookleaf walling is another popular product and is ideal for landscaping or use in house construction. Bookleaf walling is suited to modern and more traditional designs and each piece is hand-graded to ensure quality.

Walling stone, with its rough-faced texture and highly sought-after rustic appearance, can also be used in many landscaping and building applications including retaining and feature walls, garden edging,

steps, columns, water features and house exteriors.

Wistow can supply stone to all states in Australia and every stone product is hand-graded and carefully packed on pallets for delivery. This means you are always assured of receiving not only the highest-quality stone, but products that are delivered in good condition. To learn about product availability, contact the head office.

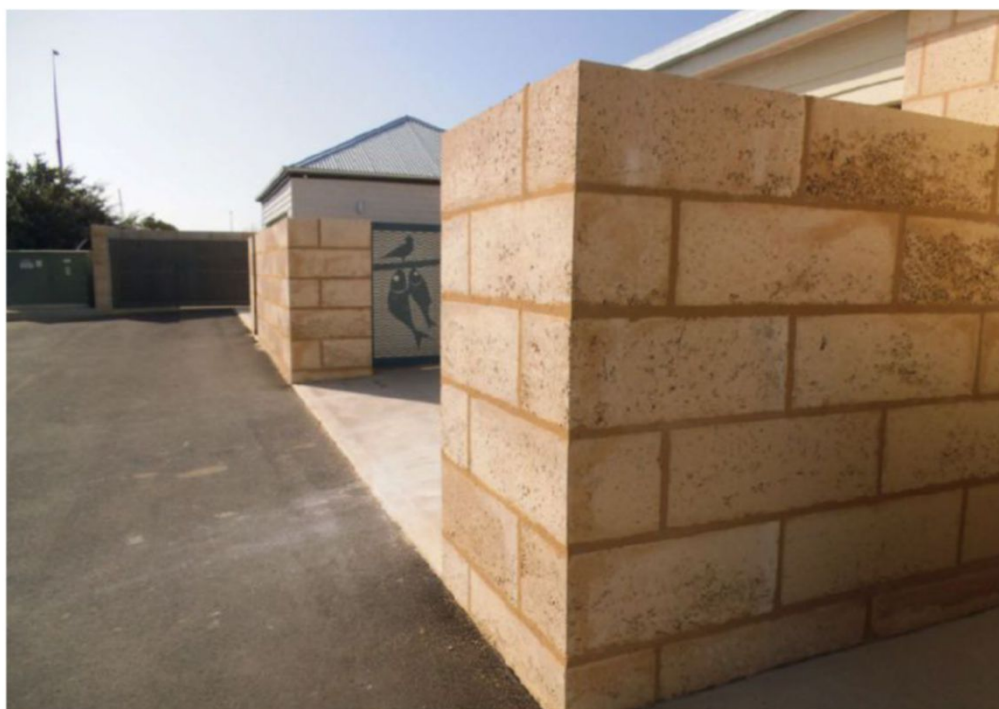
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Timeless appeal

Reconstituted limestone blocks, bricks and pavers offer beauty, versatility and strength



THERE IS NO DENYING THE TIMELESS APPEAL OF

natural limestone, but what if you could have the beauty and texture of limestone combined with the strength of concrete? Jaffa Limestone specialises in the production of reconstituted limestone blocks, bricks and pavers. Made from crushed limestone and cement, these products are denser and stronger than quarry-cut limestone yet have the look and feel of natural limestone.

Jaffa Limestone products, which can be used for both indoor and outdoor spaces, have an earthy quality, an appealing texture and a lovely natural colour that will enhance any home or landscape design. The stone is sourced from limestone outcrops located at Cape Jaffa in the south-east of South Australia, after which it is crushed and mixed with cement for a product that is durable, strong and versatile.

Products range from square-edge wall blocks that can be used to build solid stand-alone privacy or retaining walls to solid pavers that are ideal for driveways, paths, roadways and public



NATURAL STONE





thoroughfares. Jaffa Limestone also produces building stone that suits a wide range of house designs and it recently introduced a hollow-core block to its range. This is a lightweight alternative that has the unique limestone characteristics of the rest of the collection.

Demonstrating its endless versatility, the Jaffa Limestone range was used to build Cape Jaffa Anchorage, an award-winning residential marina. The product was used extensively throughout the subdivision, including along roadways and pathways — even the marina's seawall was built using Jaffa Limestone blocks.

All products are tested to ensure compliance with the relevant Australian Standards relating to strength, durability and slip-resistance, so you can be assured of quality, performance and longevity. You can also rest assured that expert advice is on hand as the staff has experience in

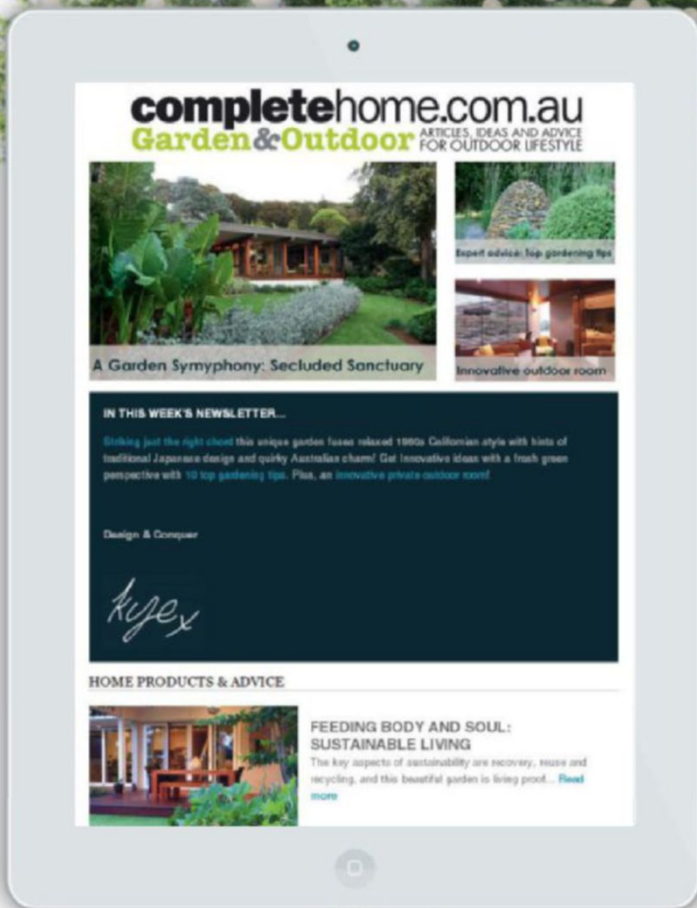
the construction of everything from retaining walls and stairwells to buildings. They can even advise you on how to use their products as thermal mass, making your home cooler in summer, warmer in winter.

Jaffa Limestone, which also supplies tools to make the job even easier for the home handyman or builder, has a number of agencies around South Australia and Victoria. The company can also deliver Australia-wide. For more details, visit the website where you can download a product catalogue as well as construction and design guides. There is also a gallery of completed projects to inspire you.

For more information

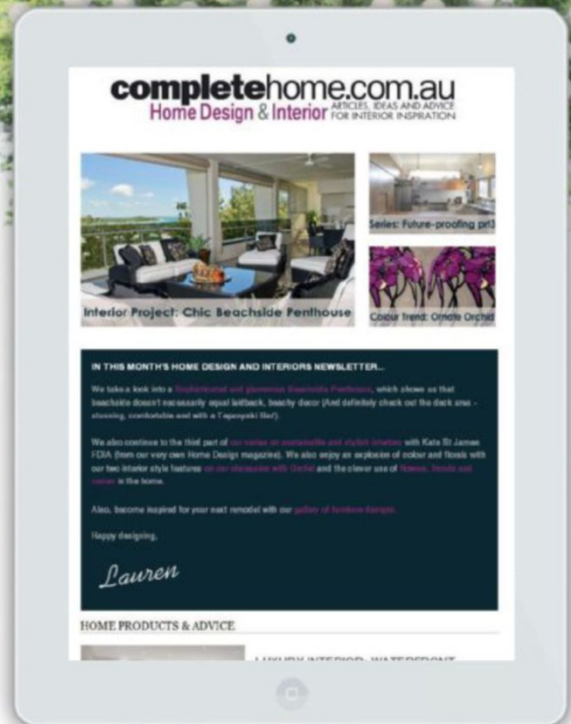
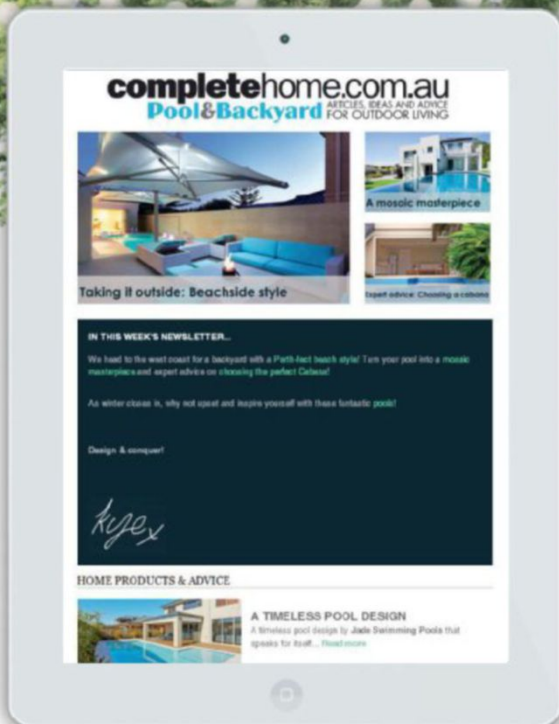
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Take it to the edge

Greenlines Gardenware offers a large array of easy-to-install domestic and commercial-grade steel-edging solutions, ranging from flush edges to 400mm-high retaining walls. You also have a choice of galvanised steel, ZAM (exclusive-looking and ultra-durable) or Corten steel (boasting a natural rust finish) and various gauges to ensure the edging is of the appropriate strength for your project. Greenlines' FormBoss edging systems allow you to create curves and angles with ease and thanks to the rounded top edge and hidden stakes and connectors, the end result is elegant and clean. For a coordinated look, ask about FormBoss pre-made raised planter beds, which are ideal for vegie gardens.

Greenlines Gardenware | www.formboss.com.au



Enjoy effortless shade

The Shaderunner is a retractable shade system that fits any situation effortlessly. Its cord operation ensures simplicity and adds to the nautical look. The owners of Shadeform Sails, makers of the Shaderunner, come from a sailing and sailmaking background and used this knowledge to perfect the system. The Shaderunner is suspended from sailing pulleys on stainless-steel wires that can be mounted on or under existing pergola-type structures, or from support posts put in specifically to house the system. Large extensions are possible, making the Shaderunner even more versatile. You have a choice of 95 per cent polyester mesh or a waterproof fabric available in a range of colours.

Shadeform Sails | www.shadeformsails.com.au



Beauty of bamboo

With more than 1500 species of bamboo worldwide, these plants offer enormous diversity. Given there is such a broad choice, you need expert guidance to ensure you choose the right bamboo species for your garden, whether you need a feature plant or a living privacy screen. Bamboo specialist Peter Ravesi and his expert team from Red Cloud Bamboo pride themselves on their depth of knowledge.

They also take great pride in the variety of their bamboo plants, all of which are potted in containers and are guaranteed disease-free. You can get pots as small as 200mm up to a 500-litre pot with an impressive bamboo feature plant (anywhere up to 10m tall).

Red Cloud Bamboo | www.redcloudbamboo.com.au



Art of outdoor cooking

The Artisan is a modular stainless-steel outdoor kitchen that allows you to create the configuration that best suits your needs. Pictured here is the Artisan four-burner barbecue with side-burner, kitchen sink and fridge module. The sink can be plumbed to hot or cold water and the fridge has double-glazed heated glass doors to avoid condensation. The Signature 3000 barbecue comes with a roasting hood, rust-free cooktops and quartz start ignition. You can choose a linear layout (as shown here) or buy an optional corner unit to create an L-shaped design. If you only need a fridge, these are available separately in one-, two- and three-door versions.

BeefEater | www.beefeaterbbq.com



For any occasion

Committed to innovation and keeping ahead of the design curve, Globe West is continuously adding new collections to its already diverse array of superior-quality outdoor furniture. One of the newest and most popular additions is the stunning Cuba collection. Built using recycled teak, the range includes the Cuba dining table, bench seat and Cuba Ali dining chair (pictured here), plus a side table, coffee table, the Cuba Woven dining chair and a comfy sunbed. The 2015 Globe West Collection offers a vast array of outdoor living pieces incorporating an eclectic mix of exquisite materials, textures and colours. This means there really is something for everyone and every taste, so you can create your own unique outdoor living or entertaining space with ease.

Globe West | www.globewest.com.au



Save water and money

Harvest the rainwater that falls on your roof with a Polymaster tank and you can keep your garden green for free. Just imagine: no more high water bills. Polymaster tanks can be fitted to a drip irrigation system or the water can be used for car washing. They can also be plumbed into bathrooms and laundries. Polymaster slimline tanks, designed for maximum volume and minimum footprint, are available in two modern styles, several sizes and more than 22 Colorbond-matched hues. For peace of mind, these tanks come with a 10-year warranty and have a seamless self-supporting roof structure for added strength. Underground tanks and large round tanks are also available.

Polymaster | www.polymaster.com.au



Time to square up

The average Australian garden has become much smaller over the past decade, with many people now living on courtyard-sized blocks. We are also seeing a trend towards square and rectangular gardens. The Squarewave sprinkler from Pope Products was developed especially for smaller gardens and square lawns. As the name suggests, the sprinkler puts out a square water pattern. With a spray diameter of 10m it will reach the edges of your lawn without wasting water or missing the corners. It also comes with a flow-through design for joining multiple sprinklers. The Squarewave sprinkler has a full metal construction (including the base, nozzle and spinner) for strength and stability.

Pope Products | www.popeproducts.com.au

The gourmet cook's choice

Heatlie's Australian-made Island Gourmet Elite is the ideal choice for outdoor kitchens. The stylish, stainless-steel unit can be dropped directly into any type of benchtop, including timber, laminate and granite, and comes fully assembled, making installation a breeze. Its solid-steel hotplate is ideal for cooking all types of food, including stir-fries, seafood, pizzas and traditional barbecue favourites such as prawns. Also, the steel ribbon burners prevent charring, eliminate hot and cold spots and ensure food is cooked evenly. Hard-wearing and easy to clean, Heatlie barbecues are available in LPG or natural gas and come with a flame-failure safety feature, which shuts off the gas if the flame goes out. The roasting hood is optional.

Heatlie | www.heatlie.com.au



Going above and beyond

If you're looking for design ideas, visit Glosswood's new-look website where you'll find an abundance of images and inspiration. Glosswood has revamped its website to show the versatility of its prefinished timber lining boards. The site dedicates one page to each colour in both the UV (satin) and matt colour ranges, providing plenty of images of real homes using each colour. More images and advice are found in the Gallery section. One of the newest additions to the Glosswood range is the 3D Designer Profile series. Pictured here, the boards were used to clad the ceiling of the pavilion in Peta Donaldson's award-winning display garden which featured at the 2014 Australian Garden Show Sydney.

Glosswood | www.glosswood.com.au



Dreaming of Kuta

Manufactured to the highest standard using premium-quality plantation-grown teak, the Kuta outdoor bench seat range (available as a three- or four-seater) is exclusive to Bali Republic. Ideal for a secluded spot in the garden or a prime position on a deck or patio, a Kuta bench is both stylish and comfortable, enabling you to relax and enjoy your outdoor space in style. To find out more about this beautiful bench, visit the Bali Republic online showroom. While there, take a peek at the extensive outdoor furniture range, which includes daybeds, sofas, recliners and more. Bali Republic offers free metro delivery Australia-wide and provides a 14-day money-back guarantee.

Bali Republic | www.balirepublic.com.au

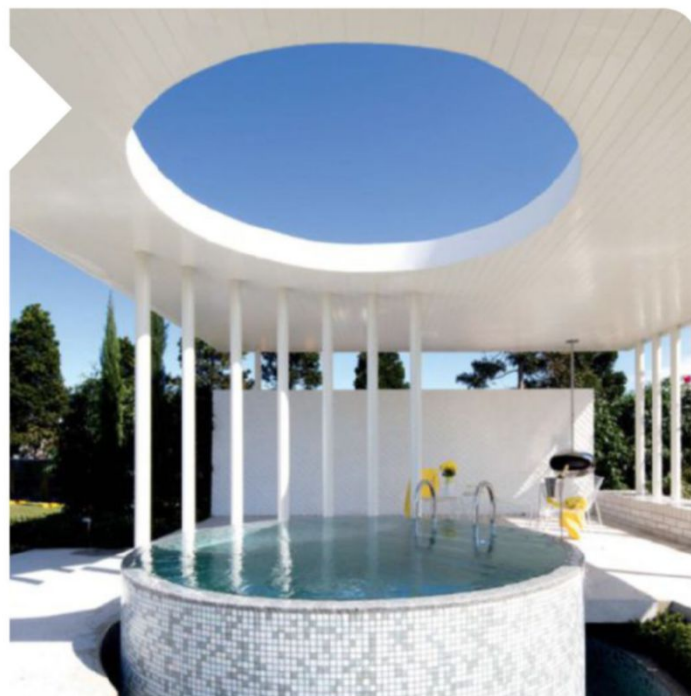


Photo by Alexander Mayes



Rich and exotic

Cave | The Home of Stone is excited to announce the arrival of the Coldstream bluestone limestone paver, which joins the company's popular travertine and limestone ranges. Coldstream is an exotic stone sourced from Turkey, which has a unique rich, dark blue-grey colour. While most limestone is a light creamy colour, Coldstream's darker blue is the perfect complement to a deep-blue swimming pool or lush green garden. Available in a wide range of sizes, Coldstream pavers are as practical as they are beautiful. Offering a non-slip surface and durability in Australian conditions, they're a natural fit for both indoor and outdoor use, particularly in and around swimming pools, outdoor entertainment areas, spas and indoor wet areas.

Cave | The Home of Stone | www.cave.com.au



Good looks and longevity

Outdeco's modular screens offer good looks, longevity and versatility. Screens can be adapted to any purpose; think partitions, arbours, gateways, fencing and bench boxes, as well as decorative panelling to dress up or mask a dull garden wall, or screening to conceal a shed, water tank or pool equipment. Made in Australia from compressed hardwood board, Outdeco screens can be easily framed or finished in various ways. They can also be painted any colour you like, sealed with decking oil or left to weather naturally so, no matter what the style of your project, there'll be a finish and pattern to suit. Pictured here is the Mahjong, one of Outdeco's 60 per cent privacy screens.

Outdeco | www.outdeco.com.au



Time to mix and match

Bali Republic has such a vast range of luxurious outdoor furniture that it is easy to mix and match different lines to create a combination that perfectly complements your alfresco living space. By mixing and matching, not only do you get an end result tailored to your own needs, it will also be unique. This outdoor dining setting comprises a Renon table teamed with Nusa Dua chairs (both exclusive to Bali Republic) and the result is stunning. The Renon table is manufactured with premium-quality stainless steel and plantation teak, while the Nusa Dua chairs are made of stainless steel and feature a world-renowned Batyline sling, which is exceptionally comfortable and highly durable.

Bali Republic | www.balirepublic.com.au



Perfection of pebbles

No matter what the time of year, weeds need pulling and gardens need mulching. Mulching is the best way to retain moisture in your soil (which means less time watering) and keep weeds at bay (less time weeding). It is also a great way to improve your garden's appearance, either for your own enjoyment or to improve its sales appeal. Pebbles are an attractive, cost-effective choice that continue to look as good as the day you first put them down. Mawsons river pebbles come in three colours (Mansfield, Ovens/Whorouly and Seymour) and in various sizes. Drop into a Mawsons site or stockist to discuss how you can transform your garden.

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Designer outdoor screens

Orchard is part of Outdeco's range of 90-plus per cent privacy screens. It is designed for use in areas where you want the greatest privacy but still want subtle light, a cooling breeze and a stunning architectural effect. Previously, the only option for 90-plus per cent privacy was timber slats. Outdeco also produces the versatile Gardenscreen range of 60 per cent and 80 per cent privacy designs, which provide an affordable decorative solution for the DIY market and landscapers. Gardenscreen modular panels can be used to form a decorative wall frieze, partition wall or privacy screening. All products are Australian-made using sustainable hardwood timber tailings

Outdeco | www.outdeco.com.au



Is it a seat or a light?

The dove-shaped Paloma is regarded as a design classic the world over — and for good reason. The dove is one of Finnish designer Eero Aarnio's favourite animals, which is why he used its sleek form as inspiration for his Paloma

garden seat. The Paloma can add life to any outdoor space — it can even float on water — making it

a versatile addition to a poolside area. Made of rotational, moulded polyethylene, the Paloma is available in a translucent LED version if you would like to use it as a lamp instead of — or as well as — a garden seat. Designed by Eero Aarnio for the Serralunga 1825 collection of outdoor seating, accessories and illuminated pots, the Paloma is now available from Kellock Trading. Kellock Trading | www.kellocktrading.com.au



Designer outdoor kitchens

LimeTree Alfresco specialises in the design, manufacture and installation of contemporary outdoor kitchens. Built to withstand all types of weather conditions no detail has been missed to ensure the delivery of a quality product, right down to the use of marine-grade stainless-steel fittings. Because of their sturdy construction and waterproof cabinetry, a LimeTree Alfresco outdoor kitchen can be installed anywhere you have space. LimeTree offers an extensive range of options, including a designer colour range, giving you the freedom to design your perfect outdoor kitchen. The company also provides a free design service, 3D-rendered drawings and floor plans with each quote, as well as 10-year UV warranty on all exterior surfaces. Could you ask for more?

LimeTree Alfresco | www.limetreealfresco.com.au

Just sit back and relax

The Blue Stone lounge is one of the newest additions to Bay Gallery's impressive outdoor furniture range. Of stunning design, the five-piece wicker setting is crafted from hand-woven, half-round PE wicker that is UV-, water- and rust-resistant. The feet are of solid ashwood timber and the coffee table has a tempered glass top. Made of soft polyester, the cushion covers are resistant to water, oil and staining. If needed, the covers can be removed for hand washing. Bay Gallery offers an extensive range of outdoor furniture, including lounges, dining settings, bar settings, chairs, tables and sun lounges. Contemporary interior furniture is also available.

Bay Gallery | www.baygallery.com.au



Lighting your way

LED Outdoors, the garden lighting specialist, offers an exclusive range of low-voltage solutions for professional installers and discerning DIYers. The company's entire range of energy-efficient LED lights can be run from a single transformer and as all garden lights are extra-low voltage, they can be safely installed by homeowners. Cables can also be easily laid in garden beds and under pathways. One of LED Outdoors' most popular products is the Bilby brass path light. Of solid brass construction, the light is easy to install in garden beds and features a 3W warm-white LED. The Bilby is great for lighting pathways and highlighting low planting.

LED Outdoor | www.ledoutdoor.net.au

Modern lifestyle solutions

With an Australian-made Lifestyle barbecue or outdoor kitchen, you'll get all the heat control and cooking performance you need. This means you'll be able to cook a pancake on low heat on the stainless-steel hotplate for a leisurely family breakfast and then crank it up to high at night to cook marinated prawns in a minute or two. Lifestyle even has a modular outdoor kitchen range, aimed at the avid entertainer. Of modern design and made from commercial-grade stainless steel, a Lifestyle outdoor kitchen is a beautiful addition to any home. More importantly, it is durable, functional and value for money, which is exactly what Australian families are looking for.

Lifestyle BBQs | www.lifestylebbqs.com.au





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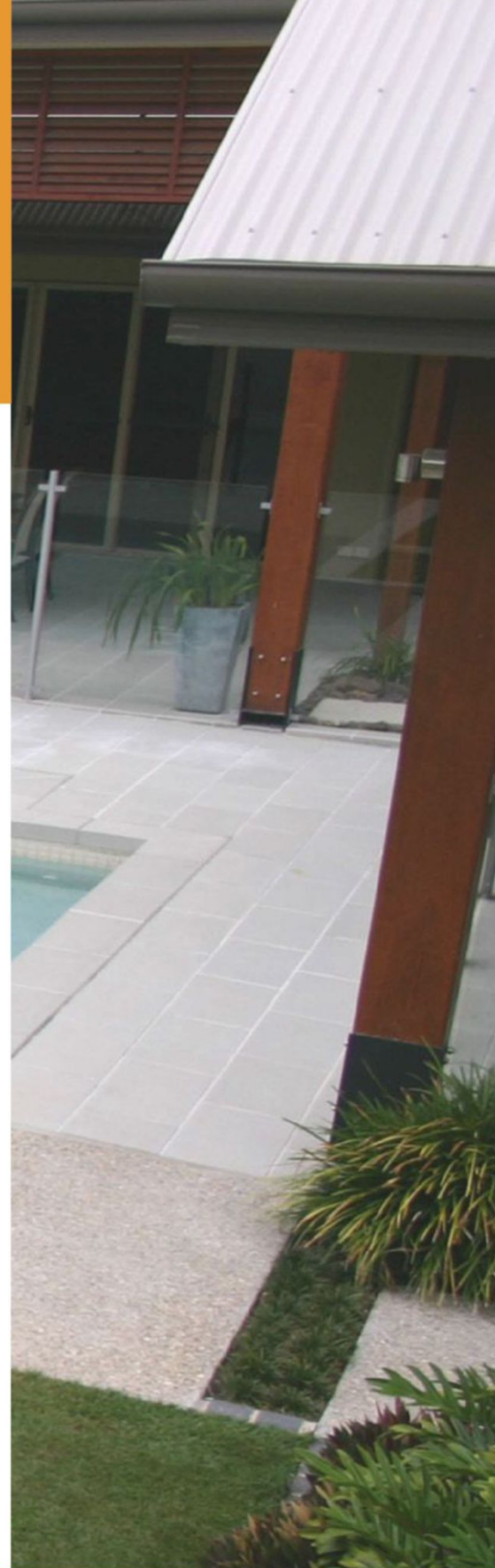
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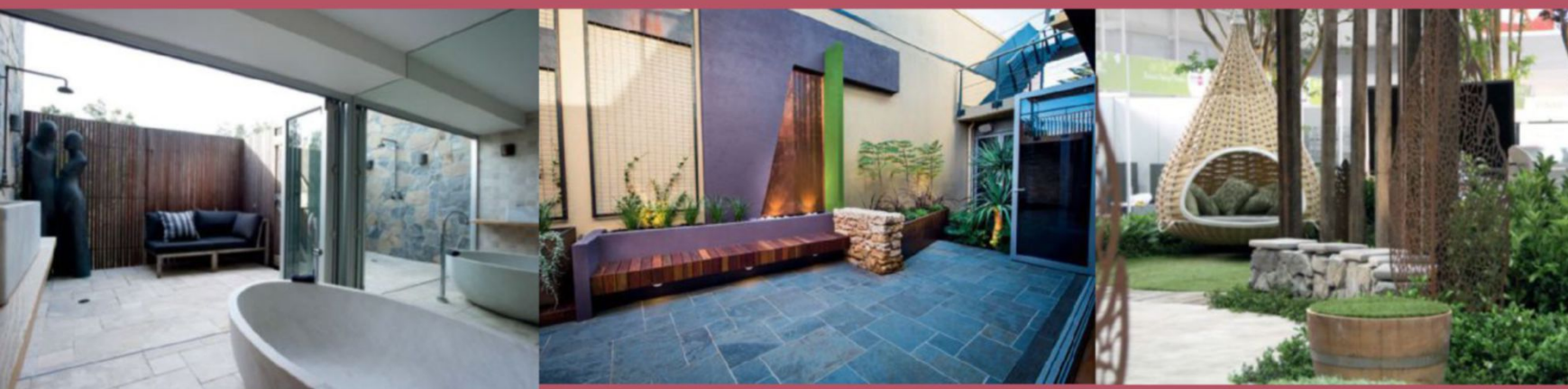
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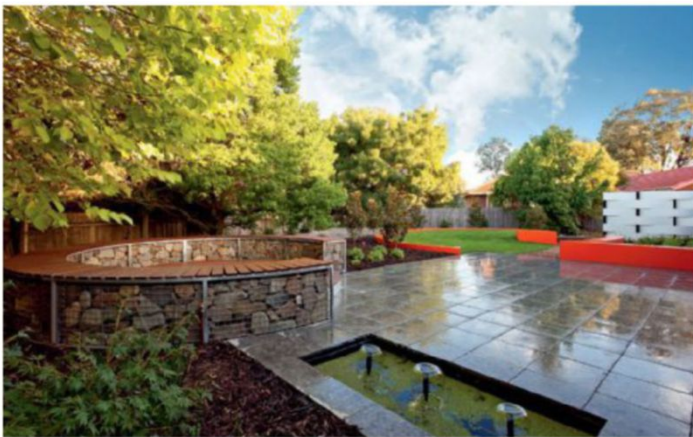


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Residential up to \$75,000

WINNER: Easycare Landscapes **PROJECT:** North Lyneham residence



Residential \$75,000-\$150,000

WINNER: Antscapes **PROJECT:** Forestville residence



Residential \$150,000-\$300,000

WINNER: Nature's Vision Landscapes **PROJECT:** Copacabana residence



Residential over \$300,000

WINNER: Rolling Stone Landscapes **PROJECT:** Dural 2 residence



🏠 Residential Regional — Open Value

JOINT WINNER: Nature's Vision Landscapes **PROJECT:** Merewether residence



🏠 Commercial Civil up to \$250,000

WINNER: Profile Landscapes **PROJECT:** The Kinghorn Cancer Centre



🏠 Residential Regional — Open Value

JOINT WINNER: Co-ordinated Landscapes

PROJECT: Private Art Gallery, Black River Farm



🏠 Commercial Civil \$250,000-\$1 million

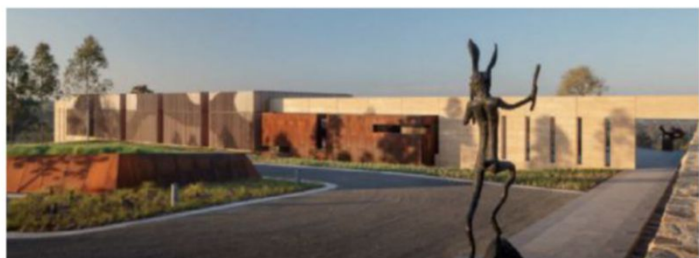
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Commercial Civil over \$1 million

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Open Space Parklands — Open Value

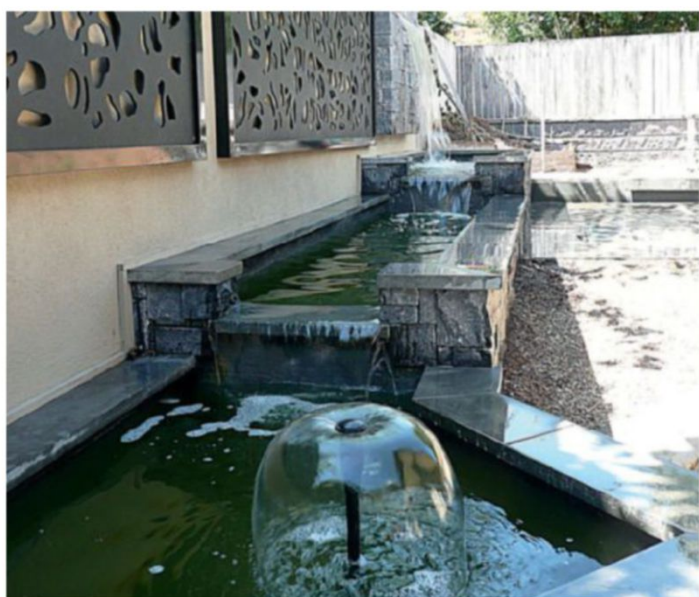
WINNER: Scape Constructions **PROJECT:** Ettalong Foreshore Redevelopment



Playground Leisure Facilities — Open Value

WINNER: Co-ordinated Landscapes

PROJECT: Blaxland Riverside Park, Stage 3



Landscape Features over \$75,000

WINNER: KMD The Outdoor Construction Company

PROJECT: Neutral Bay residence

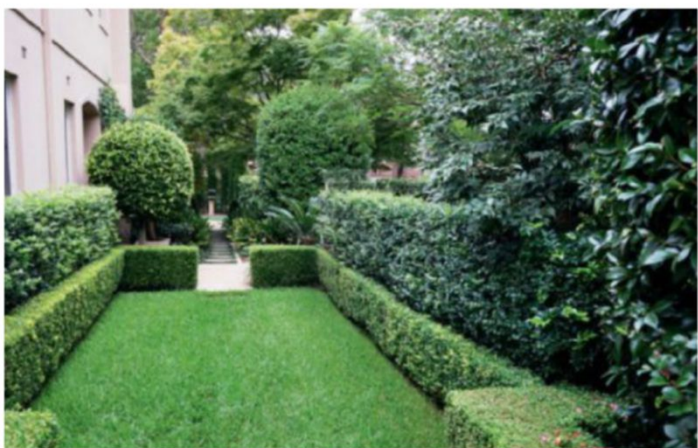
Landscape Features up to \$75,000

WINNER: Easycare Landscapes **PROJECT:** Ebden Street, Ainslie



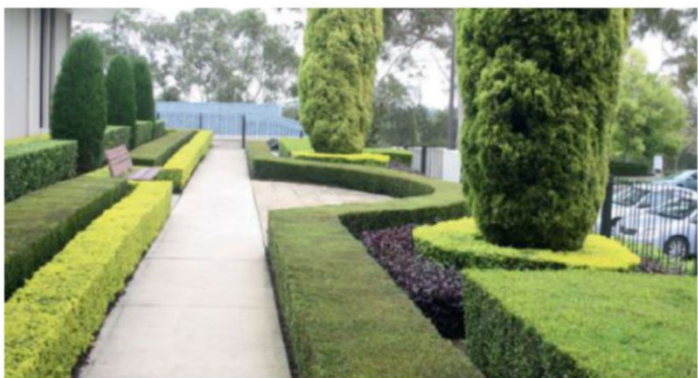
Pool Surrounds up to \$75,000

WINNER: The Other Side Landscapes **PROJECT:** Minto residence



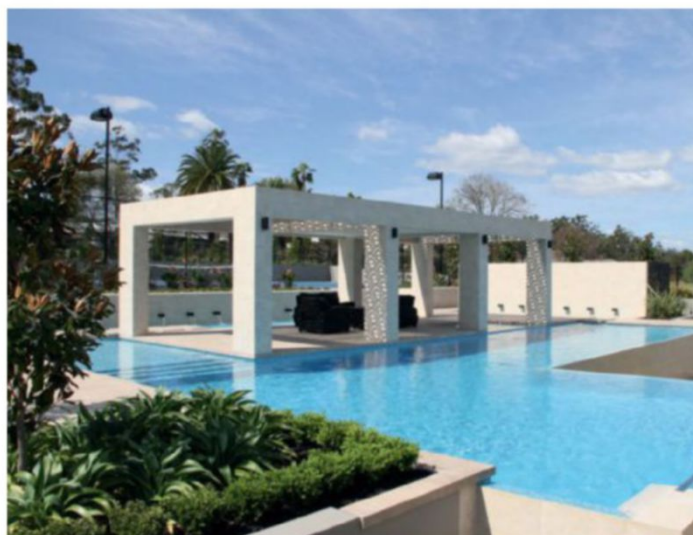
Maintenance Residential

WINNER: Artview Landscapes **PROJECT:** Lorimer residence



Maintenance Commercial

WINNER: Skyline Landscape Services
PROJECT: Sydney Australia Temple, Carlingford



Pool Surrounds over \$75,000

WINNER: Rolling Stone Landscapes **PROJECT:** Dural residence



Plants in the Landscape

WINNER: The Other Side Landscapes **PROJECT:** Minto residence



Sustainable Landscape Residential

WINNER: The Other Side Landscapes **PROJECT:** Minto residence

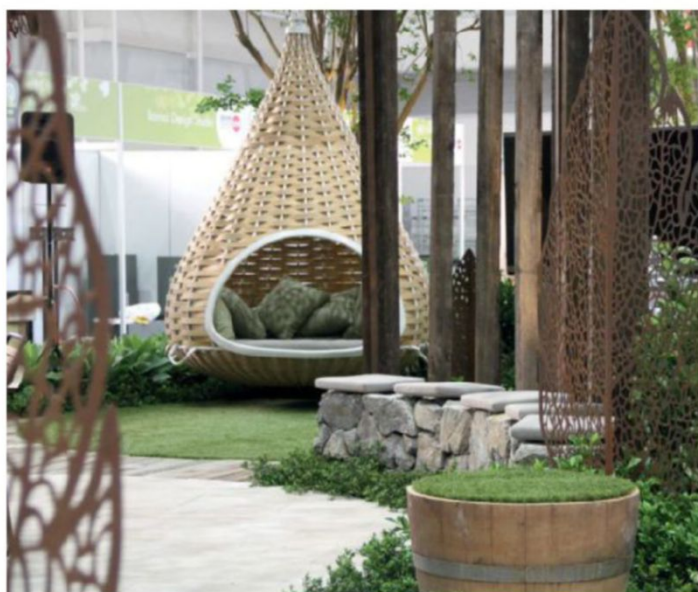
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🔗 Sustainable Landscape Commercial

WINNER: The Garden Company

PROJECT: West Melbourne



📍 Exhibitions and Events

WINNER: Rolling Stone Landscapes **PROJECT:** Grand Designs Live 2013



📍 Apprentice of the Year

WINNER: Joshua Passafaro **COMPANY:** The Gardenmakers



📍 Local Government Award

WINNER: Regal Innovations

PROJECT: Prince Alfred Park



📍 New Member Rising Star

WINNER: Sydney Landscape Management Services

PROJECT: Moorebank Sports Club



➤ ***The Graham Ross Residential Landscape Construction of the Year Award***

WINNER: Nature's Vision

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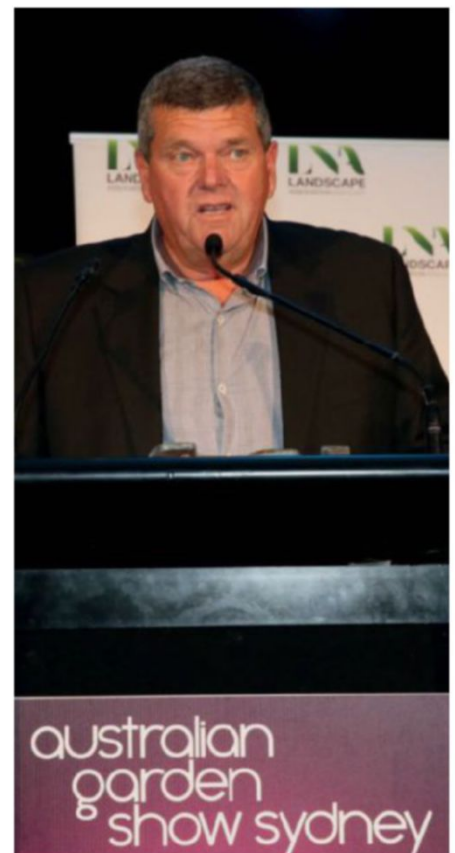
PROJECT: Copacabana residence



➤ ***The Graham Ross Commercial Landscape Construction of the Year Award***

WINNER: Co-ordinated Landscapes

PROJECT: Blaxland Riverside Park, Stage 3



➤ ***Life Member Award***

WINNER: Barry Stubbs

COMPANY: BNS Landscapes



➤ ***President's Award***

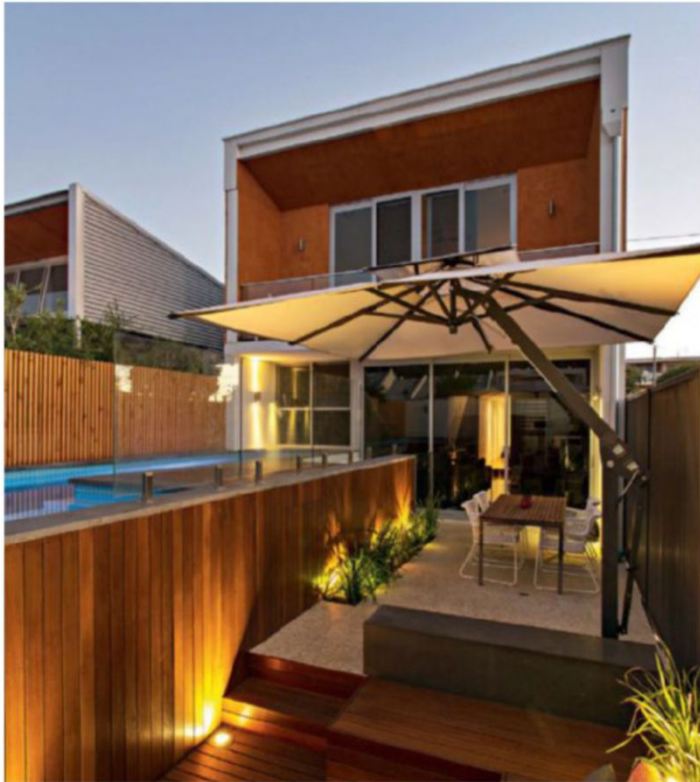
JOINT WINNER: Jim Taggart, Taggart Consulting (pictured)

JOINT WINNER: David Bambridge, The Gardenmakers

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🏠 Designer Residential up to 250m²

WINNER: Tim Davies Landscaping **PROJECT:** Highgate residence



🏠 Landscape Design over 150m²

WINNER: NewForms Landscape Architecture and Phase3 Landscape Construction **PROJECT:** Remedial Works Bakery Lane, Rottnest Island



🏠 Designer Residential 250-500m²

WINNER: Landscapes WA **PROJECT:** All Saints Way, Project Elements



🏠 Designer Residential over 500m²

WINNER: Outside In **PROJECT:** East Fremantle residence



🏆 Design Commercial/Civic over 500m²

WINNER: Newforms Landscape Architecture and Phase3 Landscape Construction

PROJECT: Mundaring Weir Interpretation Precinct



🏆 Category: Contractor Residential \$75,000-150,000

WINNER: Phase3 Landscape Construction with Josh Byrne & Associates

PROJECT: Josh Byrne's residence



🏆 Contractor Commercial/Civic up to \$500,000

JOINT WINNER: LD TOTAL **PROJECT:** Gecko Park, Honeywood



🏆 Contractor Residential over \$150,000

WINNER: eScape Landscape Architecture & Construction

PROJECT: Burns Beach residence



🏆 Contractor Commercial/Civic up to \$500,000

JOINT WINNER: Landscape Australia Pty Ltd

PROJECT: ECU Reflection Spaces, Stage 1 Welcome Site

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Contractor Commercial/Civic \$500,000-\$1 million

JOINT WINNER: Deep Green Corporation

PROJECT: CBUS Properties, Globe Court landscaping rejuvenation

Contractor Commercial/Civic over \$1 million

WINNER: Landscape Elements

PROJECT: Perry Lakes, Stage 4



Regional Categories: Commercial projects located more than 150km from Perth metro area

WINNER: Landscaping WA PL

PROJECT: Osprey Key Workers Village, South Hedland



Contractor Commercial/Civic over \$1 million

WINNER: Landscape Elements **PROJECT:** Perry Lakes, Stage 4



Sustainable Landscapes— Residential

WINNER: Josh Byrne & Associates

PROJECT: Josh Byrne's residence



Sustainable Landscapes — Commercial

WINNER: Newforms Landscape Architecture and Phase 3 Landscape Construction

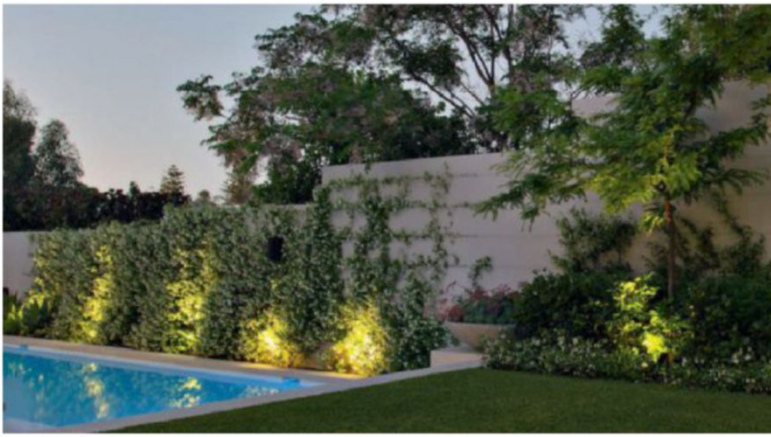
PROJECT: Mundaring Weir Interpretation Precinct

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Maintenance — Commercial

WINNER: Landscape Australia Pty Ltd

PROJECT: Burns Beach Estate



Best Special Feature — Plants

WINNER: Tim Davies Landscaping **PROJECT:** Branksome Gardens residence



Best Special Feature — Built Feature

WINNER: Landscape Australia Pty Ltd **PROJECT:** Port Coogee Foreshore, Waterplay Park



Maintenance — Residential

WINNER: Tim Davies Landscaping

PROJECT: Branksome Gardens residence



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The value of design

What this highlights is that in order for something to retain its value or, indeed, appreciate over time, it must first be designed well, then built and maintained well. Then it will, in all probability, fall into the prestigious category of becoming timeless. If you afford yourself an adequate budget for the engagement of a landscape design professional, and subsequent landscape construction and maintenance professionals, you will have spent that money well and, in turn, have a garden that will truly stand the test of time.

The key is to choose your landscape designer well. Talk to people who have engaged a landscape

designer, visit garden shows and open gardens, search your state-based landscape association website and look through magazines. Decide on a shortlist then have an initial discussion with each designer to see if they listen to what you say. Your designer should help bring your ideas to life or if you're looking to them for inspiration and direction, be sure to emphasise the importance of having a garden that will not only look good now, but well into the future too.

Doing your homework

Often, budget will be a considerable factor in the decision, which is fine. Just be upfront with your designer and allow them to maximise the scope of the design while being aware of your finances. Talk to past clients about their experiences. Make your decision on who to engage only when you have done the homework. Having a "gut feeling" about who to work with is a good thing, but that must be matched by your confidence in the designer's skill, experience and ability to communicate well.

The same goes for when you select your landscape

construction professional. No doubt your designer will have their own recommendations or, having gone through the considered process of selecting a landscape designer, you may even have a landscape builder in mind. However, one thing remains the same, if you don't pick the right landscape builder, someone with the right skills and experience, your garden may not last into the coming years, let alone become a timeless masterpiece.

Maintenance matters

The final element to consider is engaging a landscape maintenance professional to look after your garden's ongoing maintenance. No one buys a car, neglects to maintain it, expects it to go forever and then hopes to get a good price for it when they sell it. Maintenance is one of the key elements to longevity, and gardens are no exception.

Simply put, investing in a professional designer will help ensure your garden stands the test of time. This foundation of good design, combined with an appropriate investment in construction and maintenance, will result in an enviable lifestyle reward while you are living in your home and it will boost your sale price should you move on.

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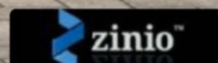
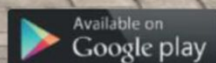
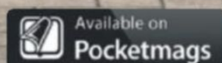
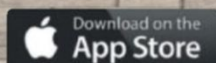
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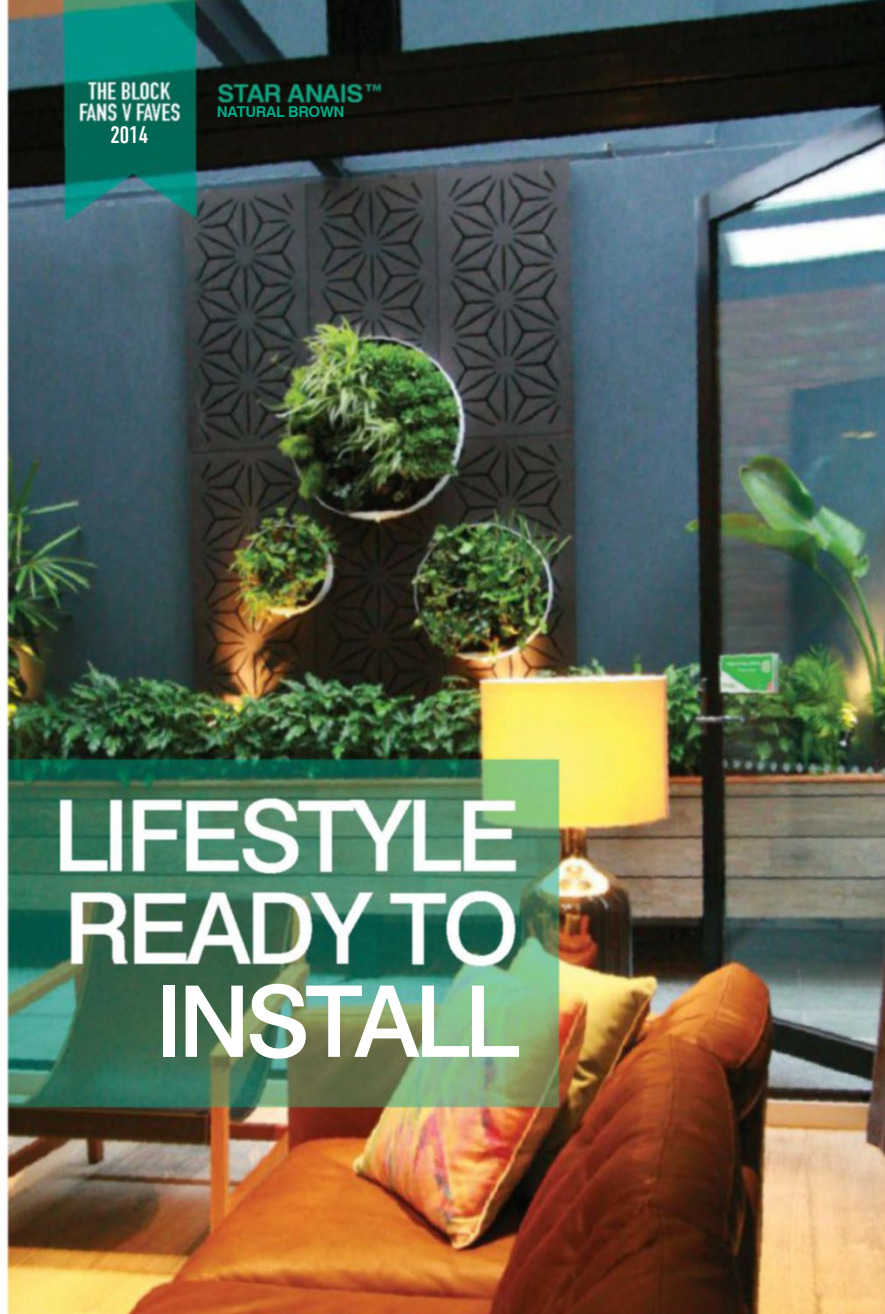
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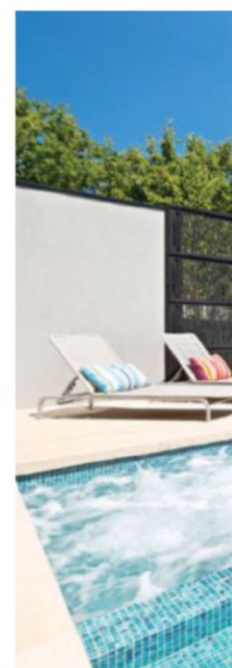
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