



# New traditions

A confident fusion of inner-city chic, eco-friendly flair and contemporary design

**ALTHOUGH NESTLED WITHIN THE PERTH SUBURB** of Piara Waters, this courtyard-style rear garden has an inner-city vibe thanks to its contemporary, warehouse-inspired design. From the wall art and industrial-style furniture to the seating area paved in recycled bricks, the look has just the right mix of urban charm and eco-friendly chic.

Designed and built by Landscapes WA, in conjunction with Dale Alcock Homes, the rear garden is a space dedicated to entertaining. Firstly, there is a large jarrah deck that is easily accessed

from the home via glass sliding doors. This area has a dining setting, a stainless-steel island barbecue, wall-mounted herb planters and ample space for guests to mingle.

Just two steps down from the deck is a second entertaining area where you will find a steel firepit with a natural rust finish surrounded by funky stools fashioned out of recycled materials. This area also features recycled brick pavers, reclaimed concrete lawn pavers (used as edging) and old jarrah railway sleepers (used as step treads).



Bridging the transition from deck to conversation area is a recycled steel planter with an appealing rust-effect patina.

“Using recycled materials always poses a challenge because of the physical condition of the materials. Through experienced workmanship and tried and proven procedures, we were able to successfully integrate these materials into the garden and deliver top-quality finishes,” says Ryan Pontifex of Landscapes WA.

Landscapes WA also brought its construction expertise to the garden elements that were built using new materials. “We built rendered, solid-brick walls around the entertaining areas,

while the wall along the side of the house was comprised of rendered brick pillars with powder-coated infill panels. To complement the walling, we also built texture-coated low retaining walls,” says Ryan.

In the front garden, the texture-coated low retaining walls reference the built structures found in the rear garden and work in harmony with the exposed aggregate driveway. Adding a contemporary touch, a custom-designed stainless-steel letter box face plate was attached to the front retaining wall.

“In both front and rear gardens, the plants used were mature evergreen types we knew would

thrive in the Western Australian climate without much maintenance. From flaxes and groundcovers to low-maintenance cycads and feature dragon trees, we were able to create a minimalist planting style to match the contemporary landscape design,” says Ryan. “For maximum water efficiency, we installed a sub-surface drip-line irrigation system with drippers placed every 150mm.”

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