



Holiday at home

This modern holiday resort-style garden retreat is truly something to celebrate all year round

WITH A CONTEMPORARY OUTDOOR ROOM, LUSH plantings, and a warm inviting colour scheme, the rear garden of this Perth home is designed to get you in the holiday mood. The front garden is just as impressive, making visitors feel welcome and setting the scene for what they'll find in the back garden.

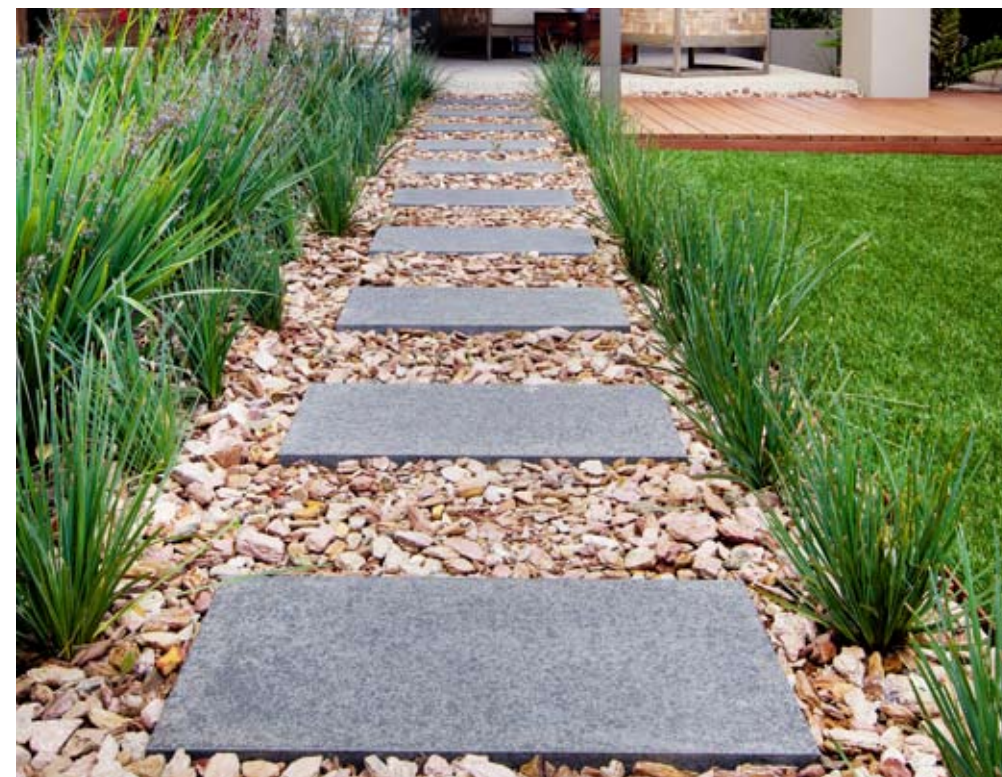
The owners wanted a modern Australian design both front and back, something in keeping with the contemporary interior of the home. As it was a tight block, they wanted a space-maximising design which would include more than one outdoor living zone as well as a small area where the kids could

play. For this they turned to designer Nic Russell from Landscapes WA.

The alfresco entertaining area is the centrepiece of the new design and adds another room to the home. It has a built-in kitchen and an outdoor heater, making the space usable all year round. The floor of the outdoor room is washed aggregate paving, a practical and contemporary choice.

Leading from the outdoor room across the back of the garden is a path of granite steppers surrounded by Toodyay loose stones. The same stones appear in other parts of the rear garden, as





well as the front garden, visually connecting the various outdoor spaces.

Most of the plants used were native species. The larger feature plants were *Xanthorrhoea preissii* (grass trees) and for mass colour *Anigozanthos* 'Big Red' (a kangaroo paw with vivid red flowers in spring and summer), all of which are watered using sub-surface drip irrigation. To mask the Colorbond fence, Landscapes WA erected Modwood screens and strategically placed a variety of plants which will soon wrap the garden in a wall of green.

In the front garden, two curved retaining walls were built — one of brick that was rendered for a clean modern feel, another constructed of limestone rubble, built as a feature. The plantings reference those used in the rear garden, further connecting front and back spaces.

Landscapes WA specialises in hard and soft landscape design, construction, and maintenance and works in tandem with home owners and home builders to deliver every project on time and within budget. In designing and building this impressive garden, Landscapes WA worked closely with the home builder, Celebration Homes.

Project details

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