

Made to admire

Design and construction expertise combine to create this modern Perth landscape

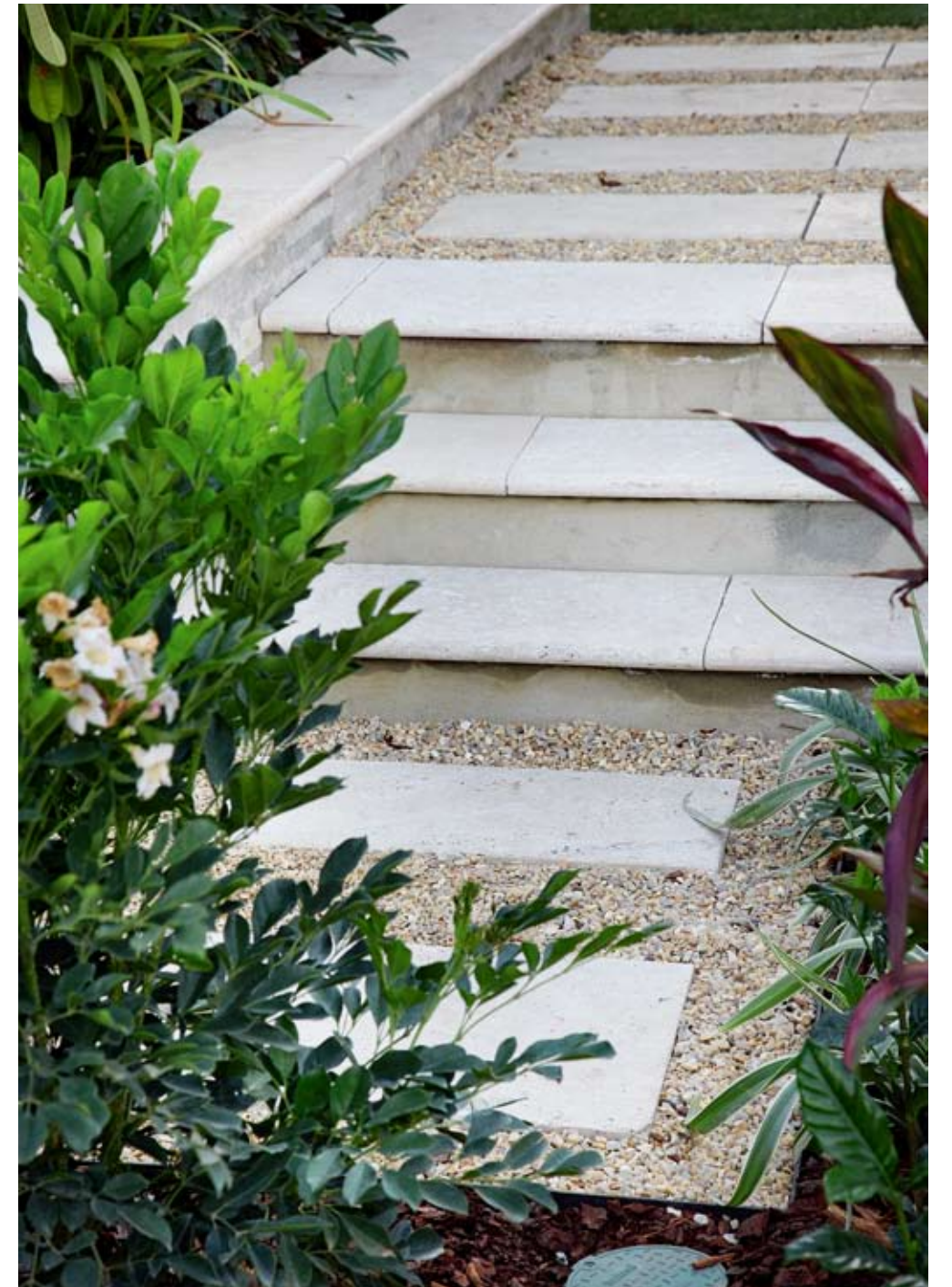
IT'S NOT JUST THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE AN alfresco meal with friends or relax in the sun that draws us outside. It's the chance to sit amid foliage and flowers, feeling at one with nature.

While a new outdoor kitchen can be up and running straight away, it takes time for a garden to develop that lush, leafy look we all desire. That's why, when creating this garden, Landscapes WA opted to use mature plants to ensure a welcoming, well-established look from the outset.

Designed by Landscapes WA in consultation with Celebration Homes, and built by Landscape WA's experienced construction team, the outdoor spaces that hug this display home in Piara Waters, an outer suburb of Perth, are meant to be used and admired.

"The goal was to create a luscious green garden by using advanced plants, but of course functionality and creating somewhere to entertain was just as important. The garden is traversed via a series of paths allowing easy access between





garden areas, and the entertaining space is modern and user-friendly," explains Ryan Pontifex of Landscapes WA.

The advanced planting scheme includes flowering plants such as the frangipani, bird of paradise and gardenia, along with strong architectural plants such as agaves and cordylines. With an eye to keeping the garden as water-wise as possible, a drip-line irrigation system was installed, stone mulch was applied to garden beds, and care was taken to choose plants naturally adapted to the locale. And instead of installing natural turf, low-maintenance artificial lawn was installed in the rear entertaining area.

"Equal care was taken with the hardscaping elements," says Ryan. "Exposed aggregate paving was used for the entertaining area and driveway, visually linking front and back gardens. Timber-look tiles contrast with feature charcoal steppers and add style to the entertaining area. The timber-look tiles were also used in the garden path leading to the entrance of the home."

Ryan adds that because this was a display home, there was a limited time frame in which to complete the landscape. "This challenge was overcome by the superior organisational skills of Landscapes WA and the team's ability to work on site alongside other trades," he says.

Project profile

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