



BIG THINKING

An innovative swimming pool and garden design enhances a compact site

The design brief from the owners of this property on Sydney's northern beaches was to create a simple yet stylish pool and entertaining area and low-maintenance garden.

The clients wanted the area to feel larger and completely open but also requested a sense of privacy be created. They wanted a swimming pool as big as possible, an outdoor entertaining area and lawn, all within a 10m by 15m backyard. Space Landscape Designs undoubtedly achieved a fantastic result, despite the restricted space.

Added to the owners' list of wants was a design that would enhance the architecture of the modern beach house and continue the theme into the garden. With two small children, an area of turf was also required. The site had to be integrated into the larger landscape and needed to strengthen the connection with the beach.

The pool design was a modern, geometric shape. The focus of the design was on the details. The pool was fully tiled with Bisazza mosaic glass tiles. The use of a random-blend pattern adds interest and movement to

the water while reflecting the beach beyond. The simplicity of the shape showcases the glass mosaic tiles, timber decking and sandstone paving.

The sandstone coping and timber blend with the natural environment and give the area character and warmth. With very limited space, the pool equipment was all hidden under the timber deck with access under the raised bench seat.

A feature of the pool is the rear stone-clad planter box. The planter box provides screening of the rear boundary fence and is an attractive backdrop. The careful selection of materials reinforces the design intent, with the pool surrounds being a combination of timber and sandstone. The sandstone provides a strong statement yet is timeless.

Due to limited space, a garden was not possible on both sides of the pool, so a horizontal-slatted timber screen was designed to provide privacy and hide the boundary

fence. Trees on the neighbouring property provide the backdrop behind the screen.

A natural feature on the site was a sandstone rock outcrop, which the client wanted to preserve. A rockery was designed around the outcrop, with the largest rock being used as a seat and a tree fern providing shade. It has also become an area of intrigue for the children to climb and explore.

Being a service-driven company, Space Landscape Designs provides clients a relaxed and personal service. The close interaction between client and designer ensures the design is carefully tailored to suit individual needs and aspirations. Their work is based on a thorough understanding of the physical characteristics of the site and their expertise ensures clients obtain the best possible outcome. ■

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