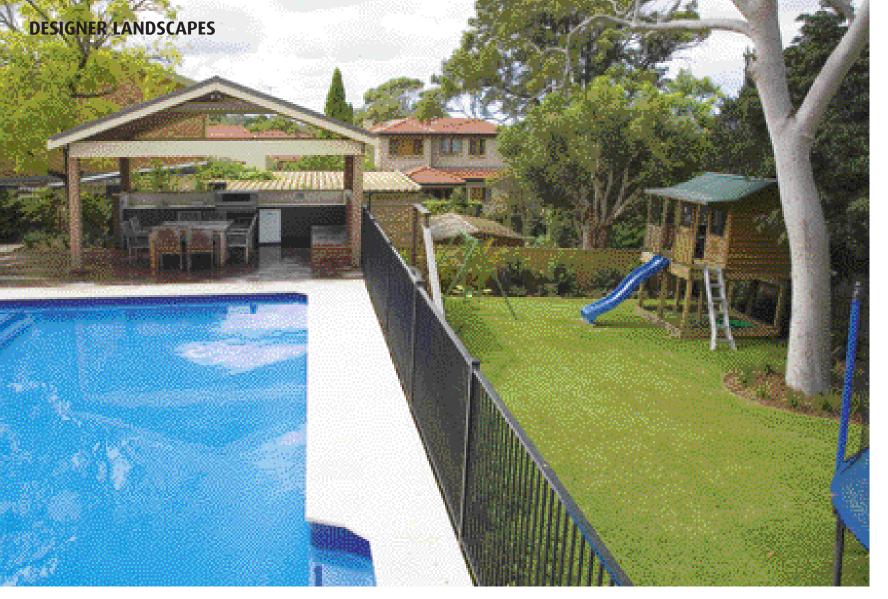
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Family first A modern family garden designed to be enjoyed for many generations to come

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IN A LEAFY SYDNEY SUBURB, SPACE LANDSCAPE Designs has created the ultimate family-friendly entertainer's garden. By focussing on the clients' needs and factoring in two major existing features - the swimming pool and a pair of mature trees - Space Landscape Designs was able to come up with a striking low-maintenance design that meets the family's every need.

The brief requested that the existing pool be incorporated, so it had to be integrated into the new landscape design. The pool was resurfaced to give it a more modern look and large-format stone pavers and timber decking introduced. To provide access to the lower garden level, new timber stairs were built and glass pool fencing was installed to allow open, unobstructed views.

A new poolside cabana was also designed. The large chunky timber frame is the focal point of the garden, with the warm timber tones and extensive lighting adding a real richness to the design. For the outdoor kitchen component of the cabana, a large stone work surface was installed which incorporates a gas barbecue, sink and bar fridge. The result is the perfect venue for entertaining — one that can take you from day to night.

Another clever inclusion is the outdoor shower. This adjoins the timber screen, which acts as a barrier between the entertaining area and the space designated for the clothes line.

When designing the garden, Space Landscape Designs was careful to keep in mind that the owners have a young family. The grassed lower level of the garden was designated the children's area and equipped with a cubbyhouse, trampoline and a swing set. When it's hot, the children find respite in the dappled shade of the large *Eucalyptus*.

For the owners, a vegie garden and water feature were must haves, so Space Landscape

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Designs created a raised vegetable garden using chunky recycled timber sleepers. The shape of this productive garden cleverly mirrors that of the rectangular water feature, which sits below a mature frangipani.

As with all projects undertaken by Space Landscape Designs, the planting style is carefully considered and sympathetic to the overall design, the site requirements and the owners' personal preferences. For this garden, a relatively lowmaintenance, modern tropical style was decided upon, hence the abundance of strappy plants (cordylines, liriope, cycads and rhapis palms) which provide textural interest and colour contrast.

What Space Landscape Designs has delivered is a family garden where every centimetre of the space has been properly considered and put to good use. In doing so, the company has guaranteed a garden the family will enjoy for many years to come - and an asset that will significantly boost the resale value of the property.



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