



The good life

The ultimate family-friendly outdoor living experience



Complementing the contemporary façade of the house and offering the ultimate in family-friendly living, the redefined front and rear gardens of this impressive Perth property prove what can be achieved with good design.

Simple, subtle and exuding street appeal, the new-look front garden is not just for show. Designed to encourage interaction between the owners' and the neighbours' children, the front area was 'opened up' and a grassed space included, encouraging active play.

The rear garden is a much more private and versatile space, one that can be called on to perform numerous functions. It has been divided into four rooms: a service area where you will find the clothes line; an entertaining and dining area signified by the decking; a play area comprising the refurbished pool and lawn; and, finally, a place for contemplation defined by feature panels and comfortable seating.

The design of the rear garden was aimed at 'connecting' interior and exterior spaces by setting up viewing portals from inside the home. One of the most striking is the view of the pool — framed by double windows and laser-cut 'rusted' metal feature panels — when entering the home through the front door.

Lighting transforms the garden rooms at night, hiding the service area while highlighting the entertaining and sitting areas. The new external light fittings — complete with dimmers — are controlled by a modern LED display C-Bus switching system which can be pre-set to create various lighting moods.

To leave the maximum amount of time for pure enjoyment, the planting is low maintenance and includes mass-planted rows of dwarf flax lily (*Dianella* 'Little Rev') along with sedge (*Carex testacea*) and kangaroo paw (*Anigozanthus* 'Bush Rangers'). For screening, there is sweet viburnum (*Viburnum odoratissimum*) and a number of advanced magnolias (*Magnolia grandiflora* 'Exmouth'), underplanted with spiny-headed mat-rush (*Lomandra longifolia* 'Tanika').

Thanks to the design expertise of Guy Mouritz and Adam Usher of Perth-based Ritz Exterior Design, the owners are now enjoying the ultimate outdoor living experience.

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