



Indoor-outdoor living

A sub-tropical sanctuary designed for relaxed, resort-style living

Seamlessly integrating indoor and outdoor spaces, this modern sub-tropical garden — complete with stylish new entertaining area — has totally transformed this Brisbane property, creating a private backyard sanctuary where the family can relax amid lush natural surrounds.

Designed by Renai Stupari and closely detailed by Rob Cattle, co-owners of Vision Scapes, the garden has a resort-style ambience that the family loves.

"The garden has soft, flowing curves and a natural sub-tropical feel" explains Renai. "Soft, light colours contrast with timeless timber shades and natural grey slate adds a sense of depth. The many complementary focal points within the garden

create eye-catching features, including the sandstone wall/seat, the granite wall and the lush garden beds which are illuminated upon sunset when the striking outdoor lighting scheme comes to life."

"The family wanted every moment spent in the garden to be about relaxation and enjoyment, so having low-maintenance plants that would look striking all year round was a must," Renai adds. "As you can see, we've used strong architectural plants, including yuccas, cycads and dracaenas, to create areas of interest. To soften the effect and add splashes of colour, we've incorporated grass-like plants and cordylines."

The paving is of light-coloured natural

sandstone, its gently undulating surface lending an air of sophistication to the pathways and the lush garden beds under the pergola. To create natural breaks between the solid paved surfaces and to complement different sections of the garden, gravel of various colours has been used.

Tying in with the paving, sandstone blocks were used to create a raised garden bed. This extra level makes for an interesting centrepiece while providing additional garden seating.

Timber fencing was used to complement the style of the house, with natural-coloured weed matting applied to various sections of the fence, adding depth and contributing another feature to the garden.



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