

RB Landscapes Presents - The garden at Deepdene

The clients wanted to enhance their existing garden and highlight certain areas. The clients also wanted a separate living space from the house where they could entertain.

The project began with the installation of a 50,000 litre water tank. The tank is plumbed to catch the water from the entire roof surface of the house and the overflow of the pond; which is filled by the alfresco. It is also connected to a pit at the lowest point of the property where natural runoff is caught and pumped into the tank. This water is then used to irrigate the garden.

The alfresco kitchen was then constructed for our clients to enjoy. All the timber used was reclaimed; which is not only beneficial to the environment; it added an inviting, rustic feel to this garden. Within the alfresco we installed our own custom built wood fired pizza oven, fridge, sink and BBQ. The bench tops, pizza oven and roof of the alfresco were all externally covered with slate to complement the rugged feel of the timber.

Surrounding the alfresco is a natural pond, layered with sand and rock. This pond is filled by the alfresco roof water. Partially submerged within the pond stands a living wall divided by a natural rock cascade. The wall is filled with native ferns and some exotics and is constructed in such a way to create the illusion of a cliff face. A feeling is created leading the viewer to believe the alfresco was built at the cliffs base and the surrounding pond is being supplied by a river above providing the perfect microclimate. Water is circulated from the pond through the living walls where in a natural filtration process the plants are provided with the nutrients they require and clean clear water is returned to the pond. Nutrients enter the water in the form of excrement provided by a number of trout that call this pond home. The pond is an entirely self sustainable aquaponic system.

A circular deck has been built protruding from the alfresco to encompass the phellodendron (corktree). Our clients are fond of this tree, so we ensured they can now enjoy the shelter of its canopy in comfort. The garden is also planted out with shrubs, grasses, ground covers, climbers and mature trees such as Cornus (dog woods) and Pyrus (Pear trees).

Dry stone walling was used to link the alfresco bench tops in a flowing motion to the pool and spa area.

Drawing the viewer's eyes from the alfresco, along the wall and refocusing on the slate covered spa. The wall also serves the purpose of retaining soil for a garden bed and providing a wind break to the alfresco.

Sir Walter's Buffalo turf was used throughout the garden for its drought tolerance, hardiness (perfect for entertaining) and moderate shade tolerance.

Pathways throughout the garden were constructed using steppers rather than solid paths as this reduces run off, erosion and allows a greater amount of rain water to enter the soil.

This garden also includes:

- a Bocce pitch bordered by bluestone off-cuts
- custom made seating by RB Landscapes
- sculptural deck encompassing pear tree; built with reclaimed timber
- recycled steel piping sculpture to hide the water tank.
- Decorative, rustic steel pool fencing at entrance to backyard

When designing and building this garden Richard took the 'bush camping' approach; LEAVE NO TRACE!

We have achieved this; this new landscape looks as if it has always been there; coexisting with the house from the start.

A garden has been created which is now a relaxing, usable space.

Using original design, master craftsmanship and a lot of love; this garden has been transformed into a stunning success.

Precis of garden: Located in a quiet court is this stunning garden consisting of -

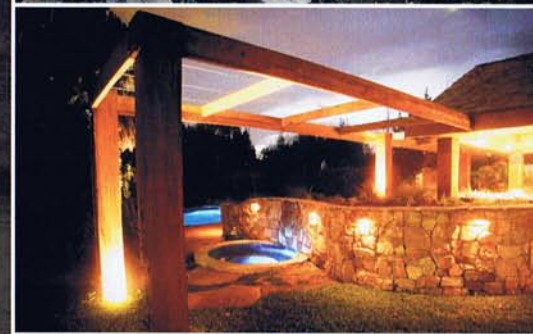
- an alfresco
- living wall
- pond
- cascades
- wood fired oven
- pool
- spa
- sculpture
- paved areas
- decking
- RB Landscapes custom made furniture
- Bocce pitch.
- shrubs, grasses, ground covers, climbers and mature trees such as a massive phellodendron (corktree), Cornus (dog woods) and Pyrus (Pear trees).
- All the properties water has been captured in its pond and also stored in 56,000 litres of water tanks.
- The alfresco consists of 98% recycled and reclaimed timbers.
- New paved areas use bluestone off-cuts, supporting brick structures are built with reclaimed bricks the sculpture has utilized reclaimed steel and all materials have been sourced locally.
- Decorative pool fencing inviting you into the backyard.

Garden Plants

Botanical Name	Common Name
Asplenium australasicum	Bird's nest fern
Arthropodium cirratum	Renga renga lily
Acer palmatum dissectum	Weeping maple
Cornus	Dogwood
Carex glauca	Blue sedge
Camelia japonica	Camelia
Clivia miniata	Kaffir lily
Diets grandifolia	Wild iris
Euphorbia characias	Euphorbia
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo
Hedychium gardenianum	Ginger lily
Hydrangea quercifolia	Oakleaf hydrangea
Liriope Muscari	Evergreen giant
Lagerstroemia indica	Crepe myrtle
Liriope Muscari	Giant mondo
Olea europaea	Olive tree
Ophiopogon japonicus	Dwarf mondo
Phellodendron	Corktree
Pyrus communis	Pear tree
Parthenocissus henryana	Silver vein creeper
Pratia pendunculata	White pratia
Poa sieberiana	Snow grass
Rosa	Climbing rose
Rosmariaus officinalis	Rosemary blue lagoon
Scleranthus biflorus	Green Cushion
Sedum spectabile	Ice plant
Thymus x citriodorus	Lemon thyme
Tracheospermum um jasminoide	Star jasmine
Thymus serpyllumalba	Creeping thyme
Vitis vinifera	Grape Vine
Wistaria floribunda	Wisteria
Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata	Grass tree
Buckinghamia Celissima	Ivory Curl Flower

Living Wall Plants

Botanical Name	Common Name
Adiantum fragrans	Maiden Hair Fern
Asparagus meyeri	Foxtail fern
Asplenium	Island beauty
Asplenium australasicum	Bird's nest fern
Blechnum patersonii	Strap water fern
Cordylina stricta	Narrow palm lily
Doodia caudata	Small rasp fern
Doryanthes excelsa	Gymea lily
Dryopteris	Canary island fern
Galnia sieberiana	Red fruit saw sedge
Gymnoschoenus sphaerocephalus	Buttongrass
Helmholtzia glaberrima	Stream lily
Hypolepis glandulifera	Downy ground fern
Meeboldina scariosa	Velvet Rush
Poa sieberiana	Snow Grass
Polystichum woronauii	Mother shield fern
Pratia pendunculata	White Pratia
Rumohra adiantiformis	Leather fern
Soleirolia soleirolii	Baby's Tears
Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata	Grass tree



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