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# DOWN BY THE RIVER

An inspired design makes the most of this large  
and leisurely riverside property



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**L**ocated on the banks of the Brisbane River, this property required a garden that would make the most of its prime location and give the owners the outdoor retreat they had always dreamed of. To achieve this, they turned to Brendan Dun and Peter Sands of Aesthetic Landscapes.

“We were introduced to the site well before construction of the house even started, which is an ideal situation for a landscape designer,” explains Brendan Dun. “After a thorough site analysis and a briefing from the owners, we were able to set about designing — and

then building — a stunning contemporary landscape that fitted perfectly with their new home and its waterside location.”

“This was an especially large residential block so our design focused on providing entertaining areas both front and back,” adds Peter Sands. “To complement the entertaining areas of the house, we used timber extensively throughout the garden. This took the form of timber screens, timber boardwalks and decks, and timber infills in the rendered block walls used for fencing on all boundaries.”

This is a landscape project with myriad





special features. There are custom-made water features and a custom-made outdoor shower (constructed by the Aesthetic Landscapes team) to service the pool area. Then there are the custom-made automated gates with intercom system, a front entertaining pavilion, a children's playhouse and extensive lighting to set the mood of the outdoor areas at night.

"Only the best-quality materials were used," says Brendan. "We used 600mm x 400mm Flamed Basalt pavers for the pathways and pavilion, Flamed Basalt cobbles with exposed aggregate for the driveway, and stacked stone

on the front rendered walls and feature walls around the pool."

"For the feature planting, I hand-selected established pandanus trees and cycads," continues Peter. "I then chose Zoysia turf for the lawn areas because of its slow-growing nature. To keep the new lawn and plants healthy, we installed a large water tank under one of the decks. This is used to service the irrigation system.

"When taking on a project of this size, it is important for clients to start planning their landscaping before any major construction

starts," Peter continues. "In this instance, for example, there were many things that we needed to communicate to the builder and pool builder. Special consideration also needs to be given to access for all the trades, as well as provision for landscape lighting and plumbing."

Of course, a good design is integral to the successful outcome of any project, which was the case here, says Brendan. "A huge amount of satisfaction was gained by Aesthetic Landscapes taking this project from design stage to completion," he states. ■



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