



OLD-WORLD CHARM

From an old bakery to a stunning family home ... what an amazing journey

Having purchased this property, an old bakery in the suburb of Deagon in Brisbane's North, the owners embarked on a major home renovation. So successful was the transformation that a leading home magazine wanted to feature it in an upcoming edition, so the owners approached Brendan Dun and Peter Sands of Aesthetic Landscapes to provide the finishing touch to the project — a professionally designed and constructed landscape.

"Their requirements were clear," says Peter. "Keep it looking old-world, include an outdoor eating area featuring a woodfired pizza oven and create a child's playground."

Describing the design of the garden as "New Age meets old-world with edible gardens", Peter feels the key features of the design are the granite cobbles, the woodfired pizza oven and the clever use of recycled building products.

"We also constructed a timber bench seat for extra seating along with a raised servery/bar area," he adds.

"Because of the woodfired pizza and the owners' focus on outdoor entertaining, special attention was given to creating a raised veggie patch within the immediate proximity of the oven," continues Brendan. "Drought-tolerant plants were also a major consideration as Brisbane was in the midst of a drought at the time and heavy water restrictions were in place.

"To offer varying heights and shapes to an otherwise small, flat yard we featured a low-water use Pandanus in an elevated garden bed."

Because the old bakery was such an iconic

building, Aesthetic Landscapes went to great lengths to ensure the new landscape had the required old-world ambience. "We did this by reusing the existing bricks from the site and by using recycled railway sleepers rather than modern-day products that just wouldn't have suited this project at all," says Brendan. "We also sourced a slab of gang-

sawn Australian red gum for the top of a bar/food preparation area. This was stained with a natural oil to bring out the amazing colour and grain in the wood."

With no side access, all products had to be manhandled through the inside of the house. Despite the logistical challenges, the end result was a stunning success. ■



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