



MODERN OUTLOOK

A space-maximising contemporary family-friendly garden with a modern tropical twist

With a beautiful new home in Brisbane's inner city, these owners wanted landscaped surrounds that would complement the architecture of their home, provide an engaging outlook and give their young children ample space to play.

Their brief to designers Brendan Dun and Peter Sands of Aesthetic Landscapes was to make the best possible use of what was a very steep site. In terms of style, they wanted something of a contemporary tropical nature and when it came to upkeep ... well, they wanted to spend as little time as possible maintaining it.

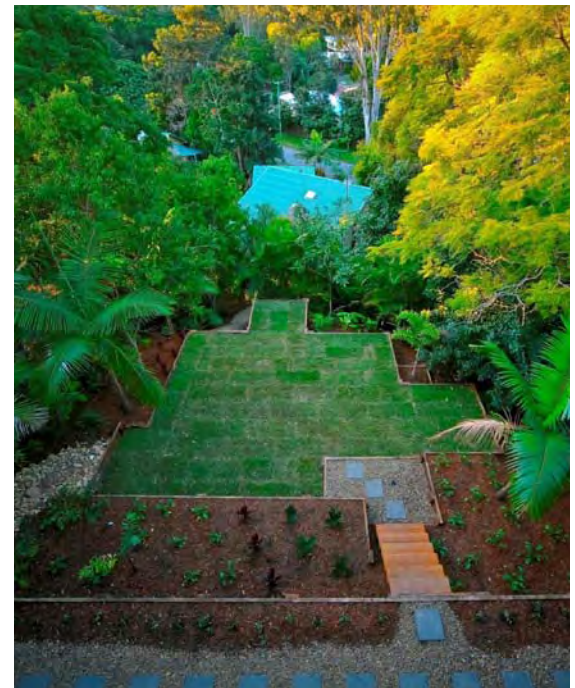
"To maximise the site's potential to the rear of the home, retaining walls and stairs were introduced and timber privacy screens constructed to the side of the home," explains Brendan Dun. "In the front courtyard, however, a large block rendered wall would have been too dominant, so instead we constructed a gabion wall feature with two smaller timber screens to offer a bit of landscape art to this area."

"Careful consideration was also given

to plant selection as the site had a lot of established trees, which meant much of the garden was in shade," adds Peter Sands. "With the shady conditions in mind, we chose Empire Zoysia turf for the rear garden; also philodendrons, heliconias, cordylines and bird of paradise."

Brendan and Peter worked closely with the clients to create the desired outcome. "They realised that a good design is an integral part of any successful landscape project," says Brendan. "And by having a design drawn up, the clients were able to have a clear understanding of what we were proposing for their site before work on the project began."

One of the reasons the clients chose Aesthetic Landscapes is they offer a full design and construct service. This means they can see the design through to completion, ensuring the end result remains true to the initial design intent. "Many designers offer to oversee the project, relying on various contractors to complete their projects. Aesthetic Landscapes actually does all their own work," says Peter. ■



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