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Of contemporary design, these professionally landscaped gardens put on a fine display



If you want to see where contemporary landscape design is heading, one of the best ways is to visit one of the more upmarket display homes and browse the professionally designed outdoor spaces. Property developers are in the business of making a good first impression and nothing seals the deal like a beautiful garden.

In addition to designing numerous private gardens every year, Aesthetic Landscapes is the preferred landscaping firm used by Queensland's McCarthy Homes. Under the guidance of company owners Peter Sands and Brendan Dun, Aesthetic Landscapes designs and builds the gardens for all McCarthy Homes' display properties in and around Brisbane, and the landscape showcased here is one of their latest creations.

The front entry is the picture of modernity and one of the stand-out design elements is the gabion-style feature wall. Built on-site using recycled railway sleepers and mesh, it features rock of several colours.

Natural Arenite stone pavers were chosen





to complement the exterior colours of the house and the feature wall. For colour contrast there are hardy red cordylines and easy-care succulents, while for a dash of green there is zoysia grass, chosen for its drought tolerance and lush look, poking out through the ground level mesh.

Although the rear garden is small, there was still sufficient space for a timber deck and areas of lawn where children and pets could play. Given the close proximity of the house to the neighbouring properties, Aesthetic Landscapes decided to use non-invasive bamboo and lilly pillies to offer instant screening and a feeling of privacy. To visually link the rear garden with the front and carry through the colour scheme, Arenite pavers were used as garden edging.

Peter Sands and Brendan Dun established Aesthetic Landscapes nine years ago and the business has flourished. The keys to their success are simple: they love what they do and they are backed by team members who have extensive experience in landscaping. Peter and Brendan also take a hands-on approach to the business that sees both of them on-site quoting, measuring, installing and providing the finishing touches to ensure the client receives the landscape they envisioned.

Aesthetic Landscapes is a full-service firm that can take you from the design stage to completion, which means you only need to deal with the one company and you are assured of receiving the personal attention of the owner-operators. It's also a company that caters for smaller landscaping projects right through to larger architectural projects, so no matter what your landscaping needs, Aesthetic Landscapes can help ■

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