



Heart's desire

A warm and inviting garden where family and friends can relax in complete comfort

THIS IS A GARDEN THAT INVITES EXPLORATION.

The lush planting, stunning stone work and inspired use of levels combine to create a garden that draws you out of the house and invites you to linger.

The goal was to turn the steep, previously unusable garden into an area where the owners could barbecue and sit with family and friends. Verdant garden beds were required too, as was a natural feel and a warm, welcoming ambience.

The central circular paving area with copper urn forms the focal point of the garden which was designed and built by Desired Effect Landscape Design and Construction. The urn, which was originally used for mixing chocolate at the Cadbury factory, is encircled by a ground cover planting of Ajuga 'Jungle Beauty' and is the feature around which everything else seems to radiate.

The stone work is a well-orchestrated symphony



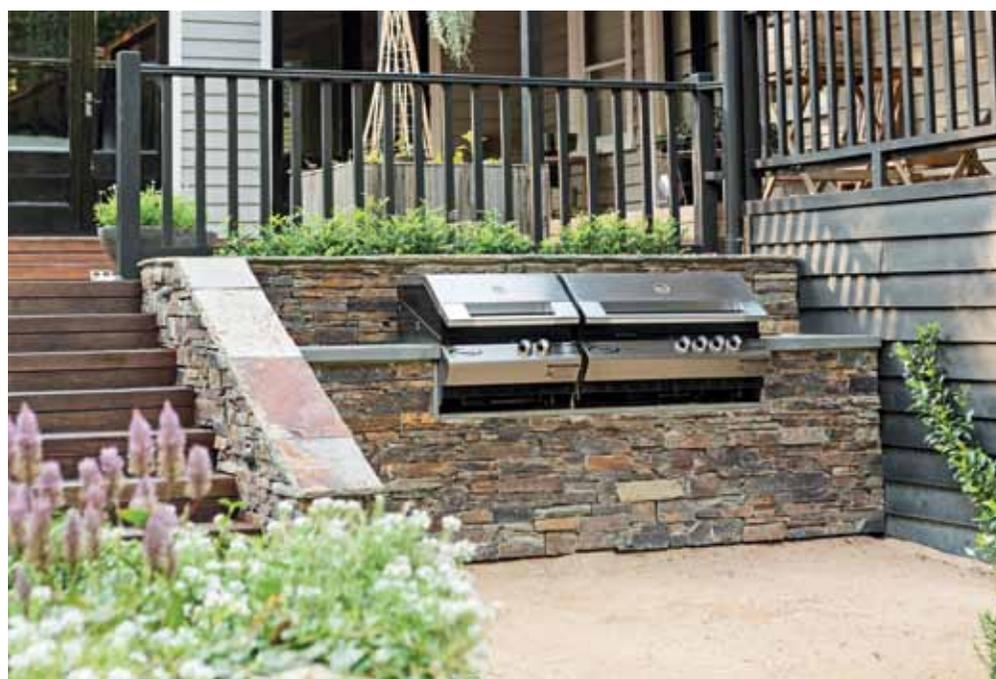
of colours, shapes and textures. The Titian Brown random paving is bordered by 100mm x 100mm bluestone cobbles which reference the 1000mm x 500mm flamed bluestone stepping pavers and the 50mm honed bluestone used as a bench top on either side of the barbecue. The block work retaining walls are clad with Otway stack stone and capped with matching Otway capping.

The planting scheme is vital to the success of this garden. On either side of the garden bench seat stands a standard liquidambar tree, planted to provide autumn colour and a shady canopy once fully grown.

Murraya were used in the upper planter boxes to border the existing, house-level decking while Portugal laurel was used as a border between the circular paved area and the lawn.

The garden features several 'Cleveland Select' pear trees — on either side of the lower stairs and the side path leading to the lawn area — and English box was used for borders around the pear trees and stepping pavers. Along the wall behind the garden seat star jasmine was trained on stainless wire in diamond pattern.

The result is a garden that touches the heart of the owners and fulfils their every desire.



Project details

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