



Simply elegant

With its clean design and air of understated elegance, this garden is simply sublime

THE GOAL WAS TO CREATE A VARIETY OF CHIC

entertaining spaces across two levels. New garden beds were to be introduced but the existing camellia hedges retained to maintain privacy.

“The spaces required in the brief included a large sunken lounge area for relaxing, a space for sun loungers, and an all-weather area for barbecuing and dining to entertain family and friends,” explains Luke Roodenburg of Sand & Stone Landscapes.

Luke’s design is simple, elegant and in keeping with the style of gardens you typically find in the homes of the northern Sydney locale. Central to the success of the newly installed garden is the carefully composed palette of materials and plants.

“We used silver travertine paving as the hard floor finishes and for the pool coping to complement the classic feel of the home,” says Luke. “To pick up on the warm tones of the merbau timber used in the privacy screen and the large timber beams of the outdoor room, we introduced a line of *Magnolia* ‘Little Gem’, a plant which has leaves with a reddish-brown underside.”

The barbecue in the outdoor room was integrated into a large bench that provides ample preparation and serving space and doubles as a bar-style eating area. This was finished in Atlantic stone and is the highlight of the outdoor entertaining area. To cool things down in summer, the outdoor room has ceiling fans while downlights set the mood for night-time entertaining.

Two steps down from the outdoor room is a welcoming, comfortably furnished lounge area. From this vantage point you have a clear view of the inviting pool, as you do from the paved sun lounge area at the end of the garden. Keeping the whole space feeling as open as possible and ensuring uninterrupted sight lines, the swimming pool is fenced in frameless glass.

Project details

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