



## Meet the designers:

DIG Landscaping is a Sydney-based residential landscaping company that's passionate about creating the ideal outdoor space for its clients. It has been operating for four years, but its directors have over 30 years of industry experience between them.

Following a mantra of 'Design, Install and Grow,' the DIG team offers the gamut of landscaping services from design and installation to ongoing garden maintenance. It is firmly focused on residential gardens, which has led to a variety of visual solutions answering a range of requests for private homes, from inner-city entertaining spaces for young couples, to family friendly suburban solutions that still exude personality.

Utilising natural materials such as lengths of bamboo as decorative privacy screening

and fencing for example, its designs solve the functional desires on hand with understated style. All the while utilising low-maintenance planting schemes full of lush greenery.

However the team also understands that no landscape is ever complete with each design continually evolving and requiring ongoing care and attention. As such, DIG Landscaping also provides extended maintenance services to ensure your garden continues to grow and flourish.

All in all, its aim is to deliver a smooth and easy process, making the landscaping experience in your own home exciting, relaxed and enjoyable from start to finish.

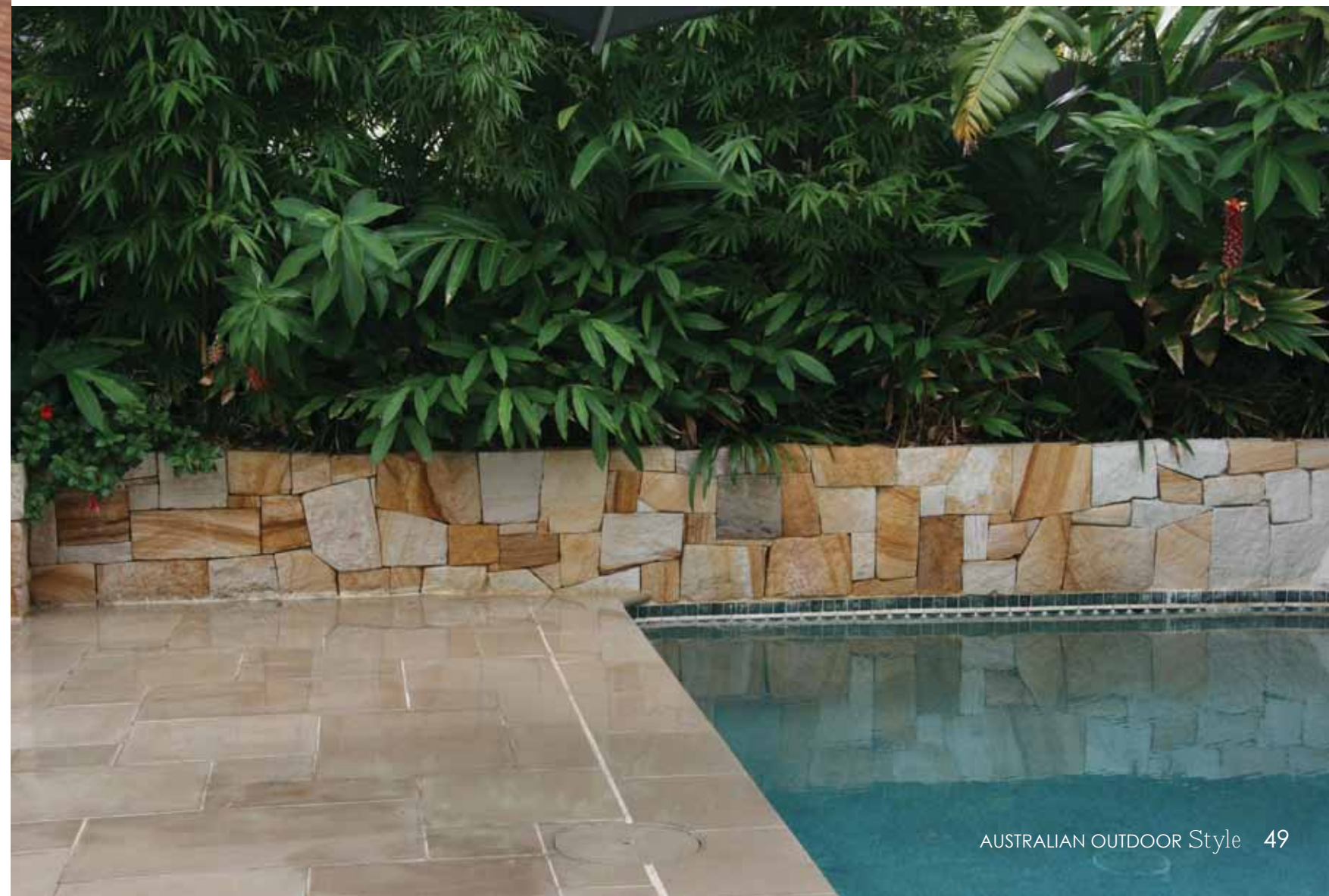
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# 'THEY CAN Dig it'

Step inside four distinctive designs from DIG Landscaping ...

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## 1. Design details: EASTERN ESCAPE (CARINGBAH, NSW)

Surrounded by high walls of evocative bamboo and with a stunning Balinese-inspired centrepiece pavilion, this design showcases an effective eastern influence used in a modern family home.

**Owners of garden?** Young family.

**Type of space?** Front and rear garden to complement newly renovated house.

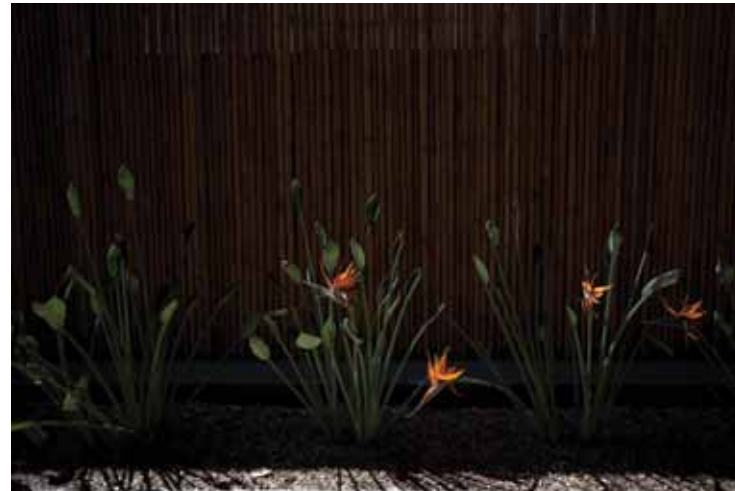
**Brief from client?** To provide an area for entertaining and to complement an existing pool.

**Timeframe?** Eight weeks from start to finish.

**Design Concept?** An Asian-style garden complete with tropical plants.

**Materials Used?** Travertine tiles, Bamboo nature reed screening along fence line, thatched Balinese hut.

**Plants used?** Planting scheme included phormium (New Zealand Flax), mondo grass and strelitzia (Bird of Paradise).



## 2. Design details: FAMILY FREEDOM (DRUMMOYNE, NSW)

A family friendly space that still has grown-up design elements to create a functional outdoor design that evokes a sense of a holiday-at-home.

**Owners of garden?** Young family.

**Type of space?** Poolside garden.

**Brief from client?** Clients wanted a garden that was functional for a young family with areas for kids to play and for the parents to enjoy relaxing and entertaining.

**Timeframe?** Six weeks from start to finish.

**Design Concept?** The owners wanted to divide the rear garden into two useable areas, one that included a lawn for the kids to play and a paved one around the pool.

**Materials Used?** Dry-pack sandstone feature walls were built to create raised garden beds around the pool area where there was a lack of soil and Classic Stone modular concrete pavers in neutral tones were used to connect the garden with the newly renovated interior of the home.

**Plants used?** These came from Alpine Nursery and included Bambusa textilis 'Gracilis' (Slender weaver bamboo) used as a backdrop to screen a neighbouring property quickly. Foliage plants such as Alpinia zerumbet, liriopie muscari and cordylines were used to layer and create that lush, topical, holiday look. Elaeocarpus eumundi was also planted to create a tropical-style privacy screen.

**Unique Features?** The use of low-maintenance plants that still give the wonderful feeling of being on holiday at home.

### 3. Design details: URBAN ENTERTAINER (RANDWICK, NSW)

This structural decking design creates a man-made environment for effortless entertaining, balanced with striking shots of greenery for maximum effect.

**Owners of garden?** Young professional couple - no kids.

**Type of space?** Small inner-city rear garden.

**Brief from client?** The back of this house was recently opened up with new bi-fold timber doors and the owners wanted to link their internal and external living areas.

**Timeframe?** Two weeks.

**Design Concept?** The final design includes a Merbau hardwood timber deck off the back of the house with built-in seating to provide an area close to the house for entertaining, and uses a series of landings to transition down to the lawn area.

**Plants used?** From Alpine Nurseries, Alphonse Karr bamboo with its striking yellow striped culms was used along one side boundary to provide privacy screening. Heliconias, liriopie muscari, cordylines and star jasmine were chosen as the coloured foliage to create a sense of depth in a smaller sized garden.



### 4. Design details: NATURAL ELEMENTS (SANS SOUCI, NSW)

With its mix of unique materials, this design balances the elements of earth and water in an understated modern tone.

**Owners of garden?** Young professional couple - no kids.

**Type of space?** Small L-shaped courtyard.

**Brief from client?** The clients had recently renovated a 1970s villa and wanted to have a garden that complemented their new interior. It needed to be level and private,

creating one area for entertaining and another for relaxing.

**Timeframe?** Three weeks in total.

**Materials used?** Merbau timber decking, concrete pavers, stacked-stone water feature.

**Plants used?** Bambusa textilis 'Gracilis' (Slender weaver bamboo) was used as a fast-growing privacy screen. A mix of alpinias, cordylines and liriopie were chosen to compliment the bamboo screen, hardwood timber deck and stacked stone water feature.