

Backyard beauty

Packed with features, this pool is not just a pleasure for its owners but also for the environment

The owners of this suburban Melbourne property wanted to transform their current rear garden into a luxurious pool and outdoor living zone. They wanted a space that would provide them with a resort-like feel that maximised the possibilities of both their lifestyles and family needs.

Built by Tim Sprague of Kiama Pools and designed by Mark Browning of Cycas Landscape Design, the pool and spa were made key elements. The one-metre fall from the northern to the southern boundaries provided the perfect opportunity to work with the levels through a vertical element between the pool and spa.

The pool was to be a minimum 7.5m long and 4m wide, fully tiled with a retractable all-weather covering, and the spa was to be large enough to facilitate the entire family of six. The owners' plan for the pool pavilion was to create a modern space that integrated with the pool and spa as seamlessly as possible while being totally enclosable in adverse weather conditions. This space was to provide an alternative to the current living room within the house.

The decking needed to be expansive enough for the family to dine in without interrupting the flow of the area and the relationship between the pavilion and house. The owners also required a paved area adjacent to the pool that would get as much sunlight as possible. The owners wanted to include a water storage system for watering the new garden and topping up the pool and spa.

Continuing the water-saving theme, both the pool and spa have Remco Swimroll covers to minimise water evaporation and a Viron CL 400 Cartridge Filter ensures minimal backwashing. All elements are controlled by a Viron Connect Pool and Spa Controller with touch pads located both inside the house and in the pavilion.

The tones around the pool and spa are muted through the use of sawn bluestone in the paving and steps and a feature dry-stone wall to the southern end of the pool.

The pool pavilion sits on the same level as the spa to its north. The pool pavilion has a huge opening to the spa and is surrounded by wide-format decking, providing a sanctuary from the heat of the day. The pavilion is equipped with all the necessary components of modern-day living, including open lounge with fireplace, fully fitted kitchen, shower and toilet.

External finishes on the pavilion are also muted and the same dry-stone walling that was used on the feature wall to the pool is used to tie the areas together. Also opening to the west, facing the dwelling, the pavilion blends into an outdoor meals and barbecue area. Here, too, decking is used on the floor, perched over several underdeck water tanks.

All in all, this pool and landscape will provide years of enjoyment for the owners and add considerable value to both their property and lifestyle.



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The best of both worlds

A custom L-shaped pool satisfies the needs of the whole family

This pool, designed and built by Kiama Pools, combines functionality and leisure with its custom, L-shaped design. The client's brief included a lap zone for some serious swimming time and a children's play area, while retaining generous lawn and entertaining space.

Through its personalised design process, Kiama Pools achieved the desired result: catering for all members of the family. The company incorporates the client's own ideas into its design process for the optimal finished result.

The pool uses 70mm-thick bluestone coping for a simple and sophisticated effect. It's maintained with an Astral Neat 'n' Clean in-floor cleaning system and minimises environmental impact, utilising water tanks to top up the pool.

The final product brings together the best of both worlds: the smart use of space and an area for all to enjoy.

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Leading Melbourne landscape gardening company Kiama Landscapes is well-known for creating award-winning luxury gardens and outdoor living solutions.

Led by Tim Sprague and Stephen Lloyd, Kiama Landscapes has constructed lavish outdoor living areas across Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula for almost 25 years, winning a multitude of industry awards along the way.

In order to meet a strong client demand, Kiama Landscapes launched a swimming pool and outdoor pavilion construction division: Kiama Pools.

This new division saves customers precious amounts of time but, more importantly, creates one vision from the initial consultation through to the project's completion.

Kiama Pools specialises in the complete package of pools, landscapes and outdoor rooms.

Completing around 15 pools each year, Kiama Pools prides itself on providing one-on-one service to its clients. Kiama Pools is now a member of SPASA Victoria.