



# AILDM 2007 Landscape Design Awards Winner Category: Residential 3



The existing site is a large home about 15 years old on acreage. Existing landscaping consists of over grown semi-tropical plantings; thickly planted golden canes and 3 Jacarandas approximately 4 metres apart block the view from the house to the pool and visa versa to the house. The pool although structural sound was exhibiting signs of age with mortar erosion and the old PGH clay Bullnose paver was tired and dated. The paving to the portico matched the pool. The link to the pool from the house was simply lawn and a stone pathway through the garden. There is a level drop of about 1 metre from house to pool.

The client's dream was to renovate and upgrade the existing pool and rear entertaining portico into a fresh and modern entertaining area. They required a separate entertaining space which overlooked the pool. They wanted to use some timber decking and perhaps a tiled roof to match the house. Most importantly there was the need for a better link to the pool from the house and to maximise the vision from the house to the pool. The entertaining portico needed to be modernised and the use of big pavers was suggested. The paver, "Edenstone" limestone beech was the paver selected and a Bullnose version was used on the pool coping. The client wanted the pool paving to flow as one level and remove the previous step up. A series of square platforms were used to link the

house/portico/and outdoor kitchen pavilion to the pool. Each platform is a material change e.g, timber decking and large paving slabs. This helps to emphasise the square and angular nature of the design both in its form and material use. Rumbled 50mm white pebble was used as a contrast paving material. It was also employed to solve the challenge of pool coping and paving interface to avoid a paver sitting over both which due to movement would eventually crack. The pebble follows the rear line of the pool shell. It also rolls up to the spa which is appx. 80mm higher. The pebble was then used in the Dining Sala and on the deck to simply introduce some continuity and repetition of the product. Stainless steel was used to assist in the modernising. The client had already ordered the stainless steel outdoor kitchen There is a half circle stainless water feature positioned to draw the eye from the house toward the pavilion. Equally, in Specially made bollards, reverse the water feature is visible from the pavilion with a view back to the newly paved Dining Sala. Stainless steel was also used in the form of Bollards for the wire railing. The client was very clear on having full vision through the structures to the pool. Glass pool fence posts and supports for the Stone benches were all manufactured to suit.

Planting requirements were to be modern, tropical and low maintenance.

The following plant species form the basis for the soft landscape:

**Palms:** Ptychosperma macarthurii, Carpentaria acuminata, Chamaedorea sieffritzii, Raphis excelsa.

**Trees/Shrubs:** Magnolia little gem, Backhousia citriodora, Michelia figo, Syzygium cascade,

**Tropical Foliage:** Bambussa buddah belly, Cordyline red sensation, fire fountain, kauri rose, Dracena colorama, Phormium chocolate cookie, Striltzia regia, Cycas revoluta, Aralia black

**Groundcovers/Grasses:** Liriope stripey white, Zoysia tenata, Ophiopogon nana, Rhoeo discolour.



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