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The well-orchestrated interplay of textures and materials creates a unique feel

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“Every aspect of the rear garden has a unique visual appeal”

Smooth curves, striking architectural forms and myriad textures have united to create this charming yet contemporary family outdoor living space.

Before the makeover, the garden beds were overgrown, there was a timber shed shoehorned into a corner and the pool was the singular focus of the rear yard. The owners wanted to add height and depth, and extend the visual plane of their outdoor living space to increase its appeal. Working to a design by Out From The Blue, Daniel Tyrrell Landscapes was given the task of totally transforming the



rear garden, creating a striking and stylish outdoor area that the whole family can enjoy.

The existing rear deck, which flows on from the kitchen, was rarely used because it was too small — the pool fence virtually split it in half. This awkward metal fence was replaced by sheer glass allowing a clear, uninterrupted view of the pool and beyond. And by placing the new fence closer to the boundary of the pool, it no longer impinged on the outdoor entertaining area.

Daniel Tyrrell and his team also tackled the

lacklustre deck, giving it a new lease on life by stripping it back to the stumps, adding new joints and increasing its length by a metre and a half. To provide casual additional seating for family and friends, wide timber steps were created and at the ends of the steps there are numerous inbuilt timber planter boxes, liberally planted with a selection of grasses, which add an urban, rustic feel. Now the owners have an idyllic space to entertain in, or sit and watch their children frolic in the pool.

The reinvented outdoor living area has many



