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SUSTAINABLE GARDENS

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The aim for this garden was to design a space with an emphasis on sustainable practices without sacrificing modern day requirements.

These requirements include the need for screening plants to increase privacy, grass that's not going to die, an undercover entertaining area, a deck, and a swimming pool.

To achieve a sustainable design Daniel Tyrrell Landscapes offset the client's requirements with sustainable strategies. Permeable surfaces were introduced to reduce the amount of water run-off into stormwater systems. Materials have also been sourced through local suppliers to cut down on fuel emissions.

The pavilion is constructed and clad with plantation pine and sits over the Victorian-sourced hardwood deck. The gabion walls are filled with Harcourt granite spalls, again adding interesting texture while providing height and retention with a permeable function.

The wet edge plunge pool is constructed from glass and is the main focal point as you move through the garden. It's just big enough for two people and can be topped up with water caught via the tank and roof.



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The lawn is Sir Walter buffalo grass, which is drought hardy and requires less maintenance. It adds a soft space between the hard structures and heavy plantings. Access through the garden is in the form of a grate walkway,

which adds to the slightly industrial feel of the design, but corresponds with the permeable surfaces and galvanised materials.

The selected plants were chosen for their ability to sustain periods of water shortage once established, to provide screening and also to add life to the garden, through colour, texture, form and variation brought by seasonal change.

The trees used for screening are planted in a formalised fashion to provide shade in summer and allow some warmth through in winter. Under-storey planting is simple and green to add contrast to an eclectic central planting of hardy sun lovers which adds drama and diversity while still tying in with rest of the garden.

This garden is an example of how obtainable a modern sustainable garden can be, a credit to Daniel Tyrrell and his team.