



Australian style

An open-plan garden designed for relaxed entertaining



designer landscapes

Melbourne designer Daniel Tyrrell offers a contemporary native design with a relaxed open layout and a richness of texture and colour. This earthy garden brings life to the best ideas possible for maximising an outdoor space.

The client brief was not unusual in today's climate: a low-maintenance, drought-tolerant garden with a planting scheme comprising Australian natives and screening for privacy. Along with wanting their 'needs' satisfied, the clients also 'wanted' a firewood stack wall they saw in a magazine.

"When designing the garden, because of its size and unusual shape, we wanted to utilise as much of the space as possible without losing balance and scale," explained Daniel. "By blurring the boundary with screens and plantings we achieved a feeling of space and privacy, both of which add to the relaxed atmosphere."

While the striking feature wall is one of the most arresting aspects of the design, the various seating and deck levels lead you out into the garden to appreciate the water feature and planting scheme.

A restrained approach has been taken to the planting, with the number of species kept to a minimum. For added texture there are several different varieties of banksias. For colour and a touch of drama there is brown sedge (*Carex buechananii*); for height and form there are hardy water gums (*Tristaniopsis laurina*).

At night the canny mix of materials, colours and textures is cast in a whole new light, setting the mood for real entertaining.

DANIEL TYRRELL LANDSCAPES

31 Balston Street
St Kilda East Vic 3183
Mobile: 0416 016 446
Email: info@danielyrrell.com.au
Website: www.danielyrrell.com.au

Photography by Manmade Image

