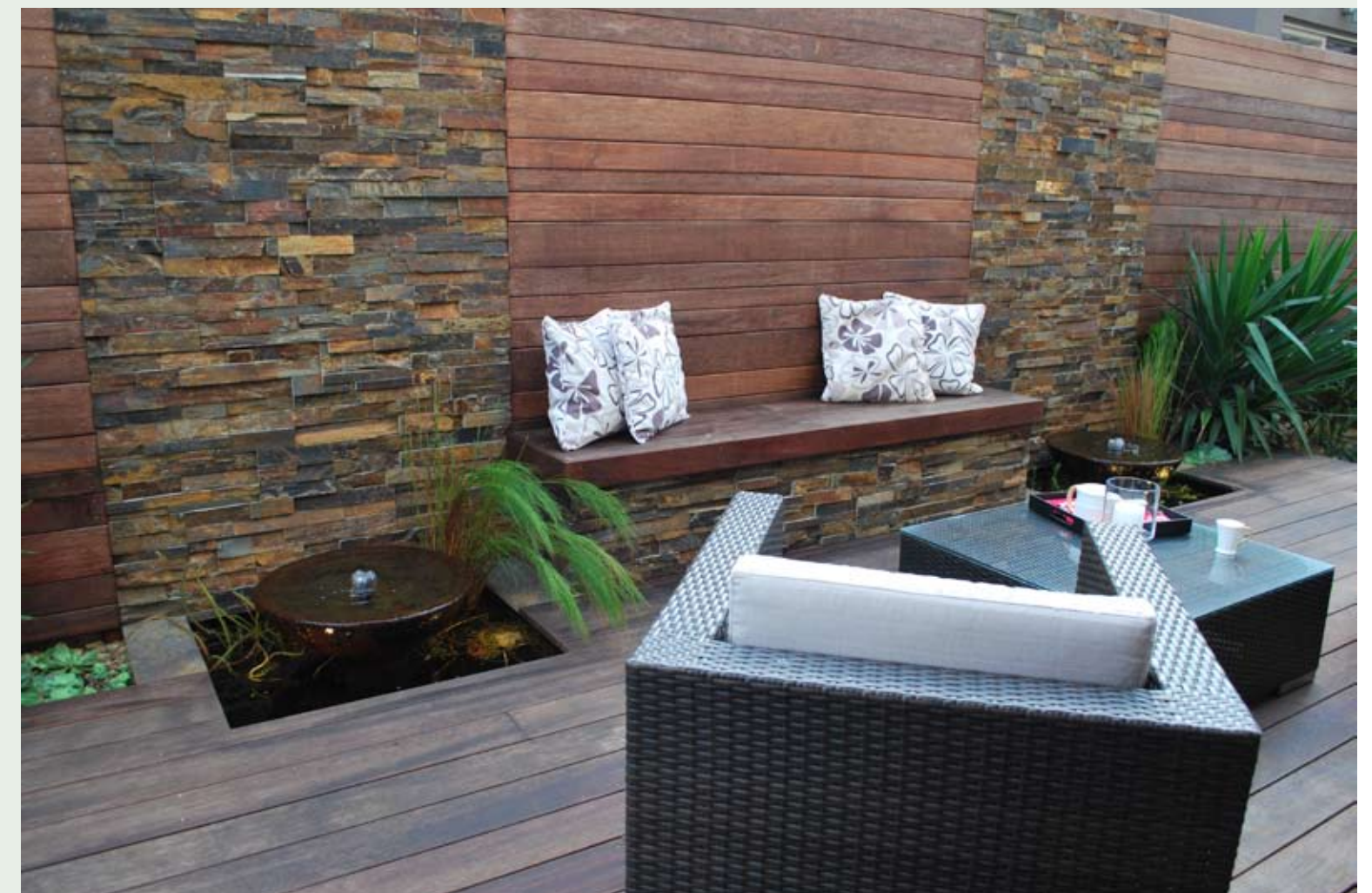


Outside Living

Designed and constructed by Terry Meehan and his team at Seasons Landscape, this stunning East Brighton design has a focus on outdoor living.





An alfresco outdoor entertaining area was part of the client brief for this newly constructed home. This includes an outdoor kitchen and bar with built in barbecue, sink, cabinetry and stone bench top, a space simply perfect for cooking and entertaining outside.

The design exhibits a distinctly Asian influence with the inclusion of an authentic Chinese warrior statue which was imported from China after the owners having lived and worked there for the past couple of years.

One of the nicest features of this outdoor space is the incorporation of water in the form of two low bowls that spill gently into ponds. These bowls are part of a feature wall made of stacked stone and timber. Also as a part of this feature wall, a bench seat also made from the same-stacked stone and timber provides an inviting getaway space.

These stacked stone feature panels match the façade of the home and a wide hardwood front fence makes a seamless landscape transition from the front to the back of the property.

The use of subtle lighting highlights the water and tree features.

Plant selections used include Yucca elephantipes, Mondo grass, Liriope 'Evergreen Giant', Acer palmatum 'Senkaki', Stachys lanata 'Lambs Ears' and Westringia 'Wynyabbie Gem'.

The recreational area for the kids, providing a basketball ring and a synthetic grass putting green is also a thoughtful addition.

Concrete flagstones have been utilized as stepping-stones and raised hardwood decking helps to tie everything together naturally.

Seasons Landscape have produced an outdoor dwelling space that they can be proud of, and the owners of the property in turn have gained a delightful area in which to escape the rigors of day to day life.

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Country Flair

Constructed by award winning landscape design company, Seasons Landscape, this large country themed garden maintains a quiet, provincial feel.





As a garden is an extension of a home, it's important to blend the exterior design harmoniously to complement a home's interior and aspect. In light of this, the owners of this home in Kew wanted to create their own little piece of countryside living right in their own suburban-Melbourne back yard.

For this to happen, the owners desired to incorporate an urban veggie patch, pear, nectarine, peach and apple trees, a citrus wall of oranges, lemons and limes.

Many natural elements tie together in this project to complete the country garden look including 90mm hardwood decks, a radial timber screen and black limestone slabs weighing approx 180kg each. To be installed, these slabs required the services of a counter weight hoist, but as the effect is stunning, this was well worth the effort.

The inclusion of a timber bench seat provides a spot to sit and enjoy the country styled ambience that this garden creates. It's a place to escape to and enjoy a breath of fresh air in the midst of our hectic, modern lifestyles.

As well as the fruit and citrus trees, other plants used in the garden are Cotoneaster, Boston Ivy, magnificent and colourful Japanese Maples and Silver Birch. A Persimmon tree was also added to the other edible varieties.

This setting is a wonderful example of what can be done to recreate a beloved setting, in this case the countryside. With a little bit of imagination, who knows where you could travel to by visiting your own back garden.

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