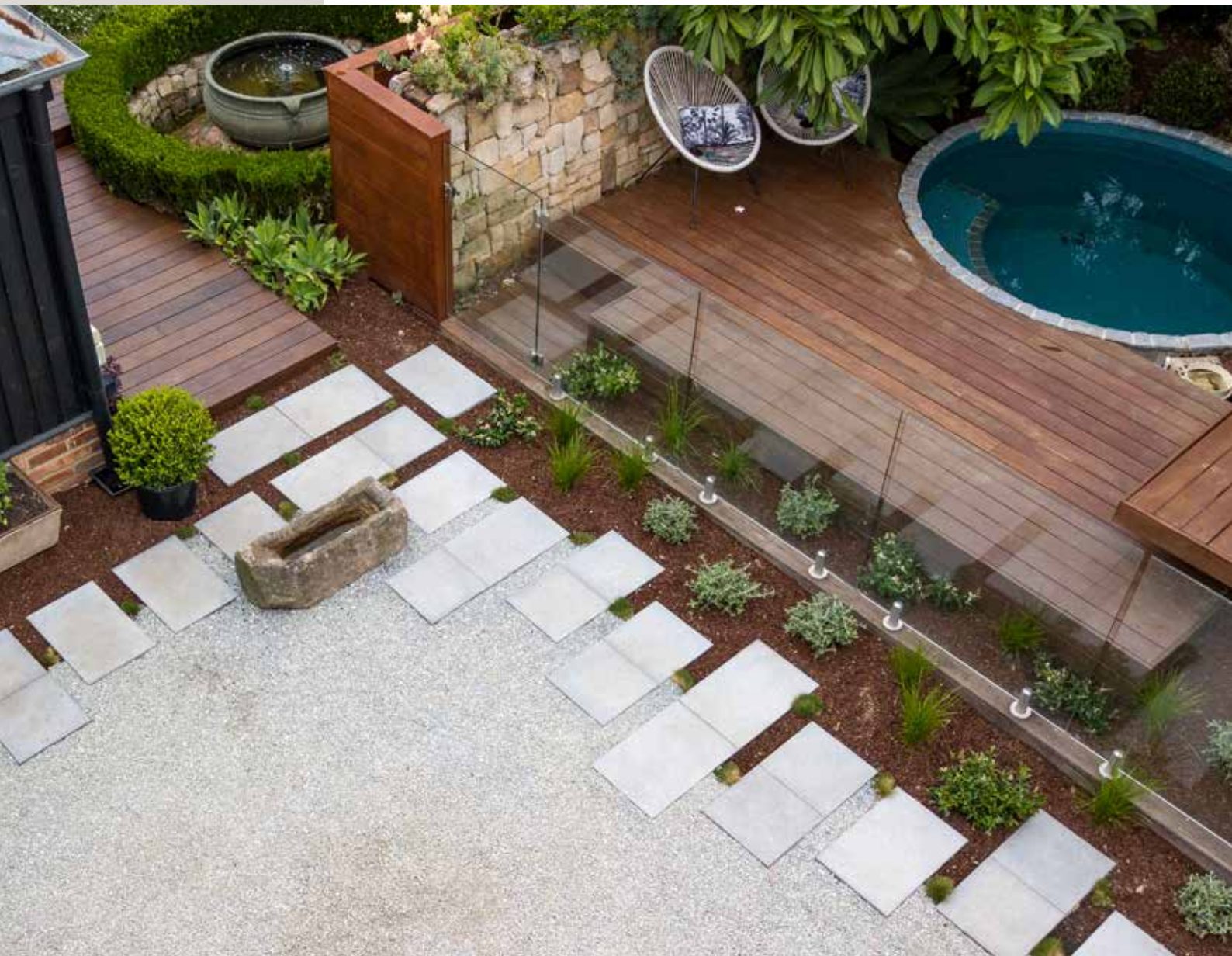


7 easy DIY projects to revamp your outdoors



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Veggie Patch

Grow home grown herbs and vegetables in a raised planter

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REASONS TO DIY A VEGGIE PATCH

1. Health - Physical and mental!
2. Family Fun
3. Low cost project

Vegetable patches and herb gardens are more popular now than ever before and for good reason! Veggie gardens allow you to grow, harvest and enjoy homemade produce - a great cost saver and even better fun for the family.

A raised planter box is the best way to grow quality produce. By building up, you can bring in organic soils which are full of nutrients for your home harvest. In many backyards, the soil you bring into a raised garden will create far better growing conditions to digging into whatever is under your grass.

"The feeling you get growing your own herbs and veggies to use when cooking with your family far surpasses anything on offer at the local supermarket" says Jason Hodges.



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JASON'S TOP VEGGIE PATCH TIPS

- i. Invest in premium or organic soils to grow your family's crop.
- ii. Research the herbs and veggies that will grow best in your location.
- iii. Use landscape grade adhesive to glue the top course of blocks down for added stability.

DIY A VEGGIE GARDEN IN 4 STEPS

1. Dig out a trench, spread roadbase and screed a sand & cement mix on top.
2. Start laying blocks – use a string line and tap blocks to level.
3. Finish laying blocks, glue down the top course (or caps) and fill with soil.
4. Plant out with your favourite herbs and veggies.



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Entertaining Area

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Create an exceptional outdoor alfresco area to spend time with family and friends

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REASONS TO DIY AN ENTERTAINING AREA

1. Creates an immediate feature area in your home
2. Unlocks alfresco dining, outdoor cooking and entertaining opportunities
3. Adds value both to your home and lifestyle

Creating a paved entertaining area or courtyard space is probably the number one DIY landscaping project for your backyard in terms of the value it can add to your property and to your family's lifestyle.

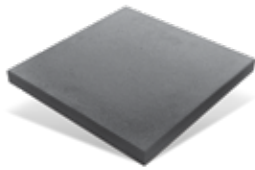
The best part about being in the backyard is being outside and able to enjoy a private paradise in the comfort, safety and privacy of your own home. These areas will transform the way you use your outdoors. With a good entertaining area, there's always a reason to be outside; from cooking to alfresco dining under the stars or simply socialising with family and friends, a new space will ensure you're able to enjoy the best of our year round climate.



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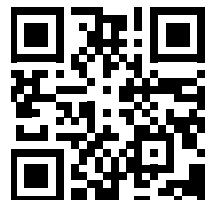
JASON'S TOP ENTERTAINING AREA TIPS

- i. You can't entertain in mud! Create an all-weather entertaining area with a paved patio space. A solid foundation is vital but it doesn't need to fill your yard. For smaller courtyards, try a premium paver with a nice surface texture to add a visual element.
- ii. Consider how you'll use the space. For example, don't buy a 12 piece outdoor setting if you'll most often use the space as a couple!
- iii. Add life to the space with feature lighting, you can hang outdoor rated festoon or fairy lights with ease. To cap off a beautiful area, bring in a fire pit – they are a feature element in all seasons.





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Front Path

Make a lasting impression with a high impact feature path

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REASONS FOR A FRONT PATH

1. First impressions count - boost your homes street appeal with a sophisticated entry path
2. Very practical DIY project – save having a goat track in your lawn by introducing a path or steppers
3. Creates a sense of order with line, form and texture

If first impressions do count, take a moment and consider the impression that the front of your property gives about the rest of the house.

A common sight in homes with turf out front is the 'goat-track' from the driveway to the door. It can be difficult for turf to recover but there's a quick DIY fix – create a new front path! You can dress up a path with decorative pebbles and greenery between which will deliver a great first impression!



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JASON'S TOP FRONT AREA TIPS

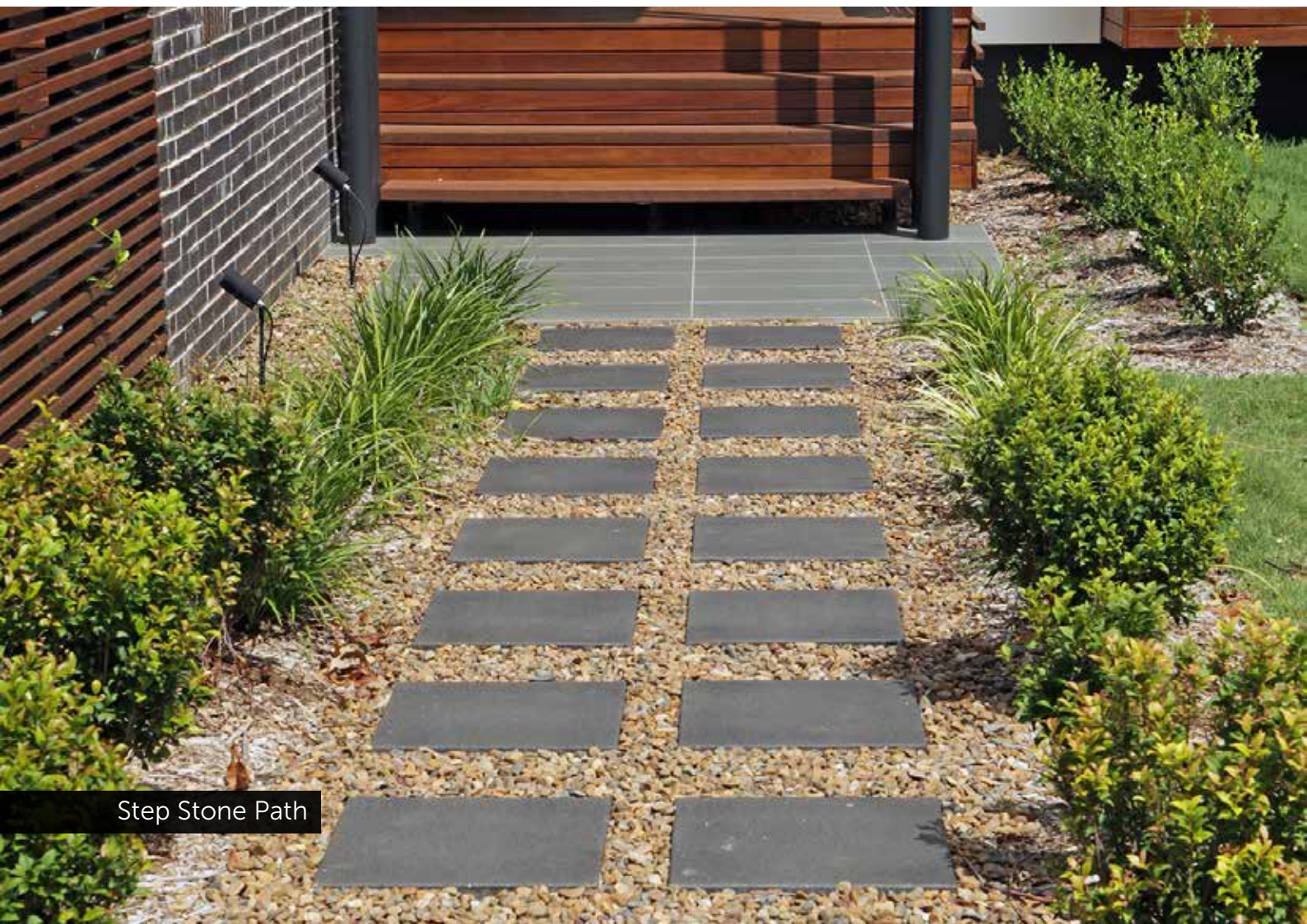
- i. If you choose a step stone path, make sure you do a dry run! Have various members of the household 'step-out' the path. Mark the spot where their feet land and place pavers here.
- ii. Don't be afraid to spend extra time getting the levels and overall look right.
- iii. If you're doing a solid path, remember you must haunch in the pavers around the edges of the path.

TYPE OF PATHS

1. **Solid Path:** The most practical option, great access for prams, bikes etc. While still DIY friendly, solid paths require slightly more installation effort than step stones.
2. **Step Stone Path:** Step Stone paths are real crowd pleasers. You can keep them simple or dress up with pebbles or mondo grass between the pavers. Steppers are very easy DIY projects and they are a low maintenance project.



Solid Path



Step Stone Path

Water Feature

Create ambience and tranquillity with a water feature

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REASONS TO HAVE A WATER FEATURE

1. Drown out the noise of traffic in your garden
2. Easy DIY project – buy off the shelf or complete a small DIY build

Water features are a popular choice for adding life and character in your garden. Water features also have a number of practical benefits. Most importantly, they create a pleasing white noise and when you're enjoying time outside, this soothing sound can actually drown out undesirable noise from traffic.

Water Features come in a variety of types, shapes and sizes. Many water features can be purchased off the shelf and are ready for immediate use with minimal setup required. Water features can also be built out and included as part of a larger garden improvement. An increasingly popular project is to place the water feature on a level surface of spaced out pavers and decorate with pebbles and a garden – this project is especially popular in smaller courtyards and underutilised areas of the yard (corner spaces).



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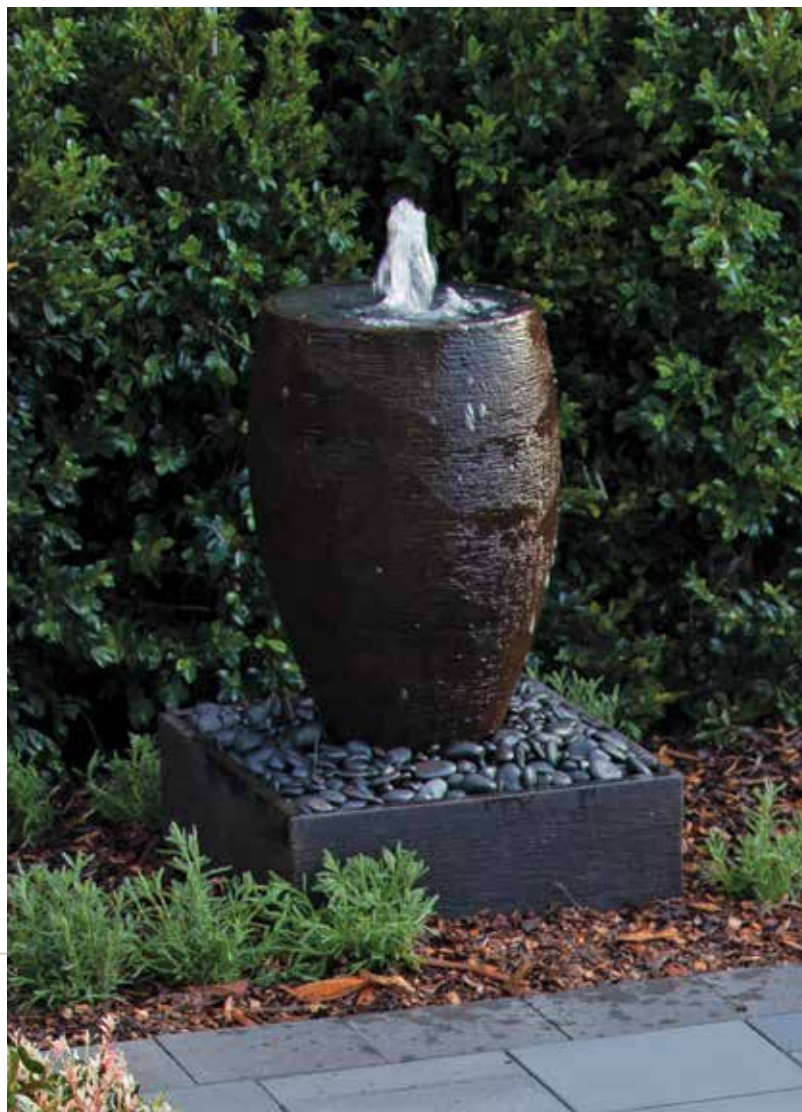


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JASON'S TOP WATER FEATURE TIPS

- i. Consider location and access to running water and power.
- ii. Always use a qualified electrician if extensions to existing power supply are required.
- iii. Set up water feature on a smooth, flat surface. I recommend Euro® Slate pavers spaced out with pebbles in between to allow the water to run through.



Fire Pit

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Unlock the true entertaining potential of your outdoor area with Jason's #1 project!

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REASONS TO BUILD A CONCRETE BLOCK FIRE PIT

1. Provides an attractive, practical safety barrier between the open flame and your loved ones
2. Instantly becomes the new feature area in your yard
3. Creates light and warmth allowing you to entertain and make memories year round

Now more than ever, fire pits are a great choice for your backyard because; there's a huge range of styles, prices are affordable, and installation is so easy!

Jason has long been a fan of fire pits, designing them in many of his feature works including his award-winning garden at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. "Fire pits are nature's TV, they stimulate all of our senses, provide families with a central gathering place that will become a feature of the yard and a place where countless memories are made" explains Jason.



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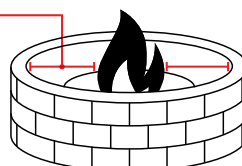


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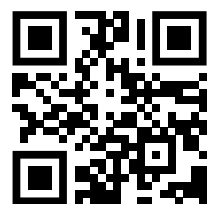
When building with concrete blocks always ensure that the backs of the blocks are a minimum of 500mm away from the open flame

JASON'S TOP FIRE PIT TIPS

- i. Safety first – install properly, always supervise and have a bucket of water/sand close by.
- ii. Consider placement in your yard – keep the fire pit away from open windows and doors and don't place underneath overhanging trees.
- iii. Choose a pit enclosed by concrete blocks if you've got pets or young kids, they're extra safe.



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Side Path

Transform an underutilised space into a practical feature that links areas together!

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REASONS FOR A SIDE PATH

1. Create a new access way from the front to the back of your house (great when entertaining)
2. Activate a new area - side paths often create a feature spot from a previously unused area
3. A side path can reduce maintenance of that area (for example if it was previously a patchy turf area)

There is a shady side to every house. Typically these areas receive little sunlight and are prone to dampness. This inhibits grass from growing and means the area can turn into a mud pit every time it rains and a mud pit is bad at the best of times and extra bad with kids and pets!

A feature stepping stone path will inject aesthetic appeal and what's more, building a side path is a perfect project for DIY'ers as it can be completed in a weekend.



JASON'S TOP SIDE PATH TIPS

- i. If you choose a step stone path, make sure you do a dry run! Have various members of the household 'step-out' the path. Mark the spot where their feet land and place pavers here.
- ii. If you're doing a solid path, remember you must haunch in the pavers around the edges of the path.
- iii. Down most side paths there'll be a wall or fence – don't be afraid to go vertical and decorate further with a coat of paint or some vertical greenery to complete the transformation.

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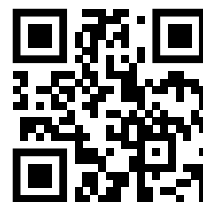


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REASONS TO DIY A PRIVACY SCREEN

1. Increase your family's privacy by framing out neighbouring properties – keep your sanctuary yours!
2. A living, breathing privacy screen with plants for hedging
3. A raised garden bed and hedging will add proportion, balance and texture to your backyard

Now more than ever before, Australian's are looking to spend time with family and friends in the comfort and safety of our own homes and with our outdoor climates, the backyard is the best room in the house. While we can feel secure in our homes, we aren't always blessed with genuine privacy that adds an extra level of comfort and enjoyment. Increased urbanisation has led to smaller block sizes with our neighbours almost within touching distance from our boundary! On top of that, low and medium density unit developments are springing up where houses once were – this creates height that offers an unwelcomed look into our backyards.

While fences afford some privacy, the best way to ensure your backyard is a truly private oasis is to screen out the neighbours with a living, breathing screening wall that is practical and looks great too! To create a green wall to screen out prying eyes simply build a raised garden wall along your fence line – this will add a level change and dimension to your garden which is a good thing in landscape design. Once done, bring in soil and plant out! You finish the create a beautiful garden with flowering plants to go with your new hedge!



JASON'S TOP PRIVACY SCREEN TIPS

- i. Use concrete retaining blocks to build a raised garden bed in front of your fence line.
- ii. For best results, I suggest screening with Lilly Pilly – they are; Australian natives, easy to maintain and they're easy to prune.

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