

GOING TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

BDANSW Building Designers parade outdoor living spaces and what their clients like.

How designers work with the outdoors.

As people use their homes more and more for social activity and entertaining, a deck or swimming pool and associated buildings provide an excellent focal point and important gathering place, even in cool weather.

Louise Williams, who designed the home on the cover of this issue of *Perspectives* and her colleagues all have lots in common. They are not only experts in planning award winning homes but also in designing outdoor havens for entertaining around a home.

When all the planning has been well done, outdoor areas present a great asset. Associated buildings around pools, may also include kitchens, entertainment rooms and family spaces.

Louise together with Amanda McWaters, John Kokidas, Darren Evans, Nathalie Scipioni, John Hatch and Ardian Sornson have planned excellent homes and outdoor areas for their clients, as you'll see in the following pages.



“I can tell you that you never know where your next client will come from. If you do the right thing they will talk about you. Most of my work comes from word of mouth.”



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LOUISE WILLIAMS GOES OUTDOORS



A dream holiday retreat by the beach, and the pool.

Louise's object was to design a new outdoor area incorporating pool, shelter and attractive landscaping.

The aim was to include features to complement the renovated residence whilst addressing the street frontage and challenging 25% slope.

The area had to be safe for the client's twin toddlers, easy to maintain with storage for pool equipment and provide protection from the sun.

The area should be unique and the area impressive. Privacy was to be considered for both the owners and adjoining neighbours without inhibiting the design.

This is their dream holiday retreat by the beach, a place to unwind, relax with family and friends whilst escaping the pressures of city living.

It needed to be a high quality design that would appeal to the holiday market and gain maximum yield for prestigious letting.

In the design solution a strong three dimensional form, combined with the skillion roofed cabana provides high visual impact to the street. Landscaped gardens lead to the enclosure, broad open stairs climb to the terrace. The angular shaped pool wraps around the cabana. Glass pool fencing was discretely positioned so it would not inhibit the flow of surrounding space.

The cabana features adjustable louvres to gain maximum view to the street's leafy outlook whilst providing roof protection from the Western sun and maintaining privacy. Timber benches are designed as storage spaces and laminated beams are used to enable the raked ceiling to be supported within the roof structure.

Natural tone paving, dark timber decking, fresh crisp water tones were selected to provide a visual contrast against the white exterior wall finish.

