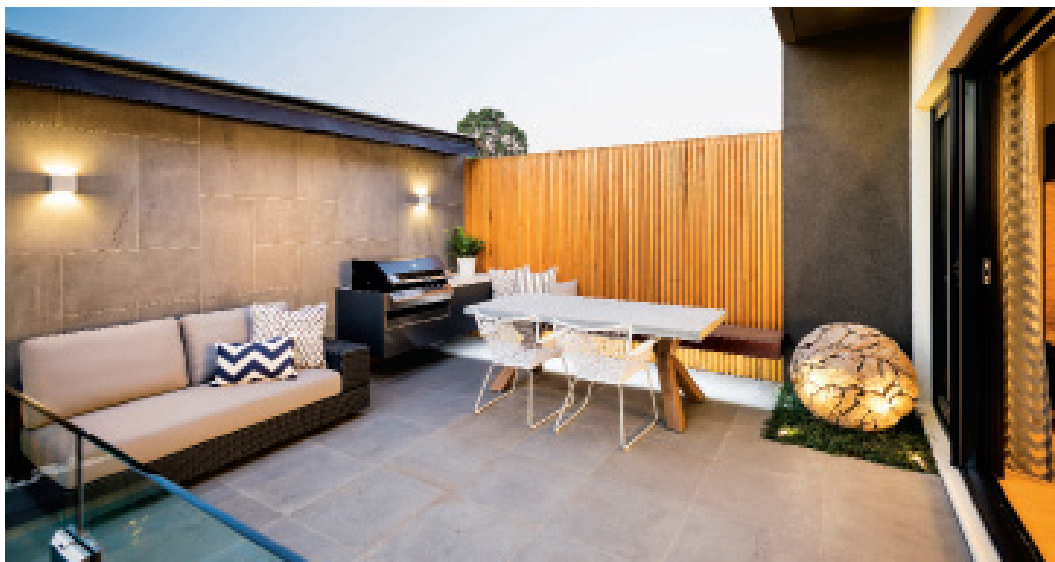


# HAVING *it all*

*As this enticing space proves, you don't need lots of space for a luxury lifestyle*



Although not a large space, the courtyard comfortably fits both a pool and entertaining area.



**ABOVE** Frameless fencing keeps the pool area safe while ensuring sight lines remained unobstructed. **LEFT** The built-in elements, such as the barbecue, make the restrained space feel as open as possible.

was used as the main paving material. This is complemented by the bluestone wall cladding, applied in a modular pattern to add interest.

A dining table with a concrete top was placed in front of the bench seat and a lounge located alongside the barbecue. Installed at the top of the feature wall, offering protection to the outdoor entertaining area, is a remote-controlled retractable awning.

Decorative elements have been used sparingly but to great effect. Placed outside the home's living room window — so it can be enjoyed from inside and outside of the house — there is a teak ball sculpture, placed upon a bed of mondo grass. Then there are two laser-cut metal screens: one used as a divider between the pool and entertaining area; the other used as wall art and a climbing structure for Chinese star jasmine, which will, in time, green the wall and bring a flourish of scented blooms each summer.

"Outdoor lighting has been used around the perimeter of the garden to maximise the visual space at night. It is important to consider how your garden lights are going to look at night when you are inside because a well-lit garden is a visual extension of your indoor living space," says Sean.

This garden, which won for Bayon Gardens a construction excellence accolade in the 2016 Landscaping Victoria Industry Awards, was built to a design developed by the homeowner, who is co-director of interior design firm Interior Living, with assistance from Focal Point Garden Design.

Despite the limited space, room was found for a swimming pool as well as an entertaining area. To achieve this, built-in elements were used to maximise the space. There is a "floating" cabinet, which houses the barbecue and was constructed as part of the feature wall, and a cantilevered timber bench seat that was framed up with the timber screening behind it.

"The outdoor cooking station and timber bench seat do not touch the ground in any way, which gives a real sense of open space to such a small garden," says Sean.

The small deck that overhangs the pool was constructed of spotted gum timber. This, in tandem with the silvertop ash radial boards used for the screening, brings an element of warmth to the space. For a modern, minimalist look, sawn bluestone

*"The area is quite small so it was important to make great use of each square metre"*

Made from recycled teak, this sculpture from Water Features Direct adds textural interest.