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The touch of glass

With some warmth in the air, **Ann McRae** looks at three award-winning pools

Fibreglass swimming pools are coming up in the world, with richer colours and sharp corners creating a modern look to suit minimalist home designs.

The gold award-winning fibreglass pool in the annual Swimming Pool and Spa Awards of Excellence was an entry from Barrier Reef Pools.

The dark, smoky interior is called Midnight Shimmer and, combined with 90deg. corners and square-edged coping pavers, the result is stunning.

Adding to the "wow" factor is a shallow sunbed lined with cobblestones on one side, with three water spouts adding

movement and an overflow edge into the main pool.

The stylish design, Barrier Reef Pools' Venetian, measures 10.5m x 4.4m.

The pool is directly in front of the Wandri home's living areas, making it the focal point with views through the metal fencing to adjoining parkland.

The side entry steps into the pool maximise the swimming area and the water is solar heated, with a concealed blanket cover at one end.

The surrounding paving is Australis limestone.

The cost of the winning pool was \$35,500.

Barrier Reef Pools also won the silver award in this category with an entry from a Dalkeith

home that met the Balinese style requested by the owner.

The Majestic measures 10.5m x 4.4m with blue Ocean Shimmer interior and black granite paving.

The square edges of the coping add to the clean lines. A granite stack water feature is set opposite the side entry steps.

The pool has four spa jets and solar heating with a Hurlcon pump and filter and an underwater light.

The cost of the pool was \$37,000.

The bronze award for fibreglass pools over \$30,000 was

won by Freedom Pools with an Applecross pool in a tropical setting.

The hole for the 8m x 4m pool had to be dug by hand because of access problems.

The internal finish of the pool is Marbletech and there are spray fountains and underwater LED lighting.

The saltwater pool also has solar heating. The completed cost was \$75,000.

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