



Lower levels of the garden are planted with frangipani, mini-agapanthus and cycads.

Balinese bliss created

■ Ann McRae

Real estate agents are often in the know as to where to live and the value of a great backyard and swimming pool. East Fremantle agent Ann-Marie Hickey designed a Balinese pool and garden project to enhance her

two-storey home that has wide river views from the upstairs balcony.

Brad Hilbert from Barrier Reef Pools collaborated with her to finetune the design and find contractors and materials for the \$180,000 project.

The dollars appear well spent with an outdoor kitchen, separate barbecue courtyard, outdoor shower, fibreglass swimming pool, sunken outdoor living area and a raised outdoor daybed.

Carefully chosen screening trees, shrubs and artificial lawn complete the multi-level garden project that is a natural extension to the renovated and extended home.



The pool itself is very Balinese despite being fibreglass, with a dark Midnight Shimmer interior gelcoat specially treated to prevent fading.

"The dark colour adds extra depth to the look of the

Monaco-style pool that measures 9.5m x 3.8m and has a long corner seat underwater as well as a safety ledge all round," Mr Hilbert said.

A sunken outdoor living area alongside the pool is normally

only possible near a concrete swimming pool and the innovation of using concrete footings engineered to support a fibreglass pool is a first in WA, according to Mr Hilbert.

The surrounds of the pool are paved in charcoal-coloured pavers from Eco Stone continuing the dark tones that are highlighted by the bright green of the artificial turf on the other side of frameless glass security fencing.

The pool water is maintained with a Pool Rite Magna system that provides soft water that is crystal clear and does not irritate the skin. A Magna system saves on water and chemical usage and can be fitted to new and old swimming pools.

There is timber decking at one end of the pool with a matching timber box seat that holds the pool blanket to be pulled out from the base when required.

The same timber trim is used around the sunken living area with more box seating and overhead timber beams to support the floating flat roof line.

The outdoor queen-size daybed has wicker surrounds and a waterproof mattress with flourishing red-coloured creeper softening the edges.

The outdoor kitchen has its

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