



Deluxe waterside entertaining

■ Maya Anderson

When you have three teenage girls, creating an outdoor area that is perfect for parties, entertaining and long summer days spent by the pool makes a lot of sense — and the owners of this new home have done so in style.

Owners Michele and Matthew Ingoe designed and built their two-storey house in Aubin Grove to be perfect for them and their three girls, aged 13, 15 and 17, and their Miniature Pinscher dog.

The family love that beyond the block is bushland — in the mornings birdsong fills the air and wedge-tailed eagles and owls can often be seen.

Backing on to bushland also gives the garden a feeling of privacy.

Mr Ingoe said the family bought the 600sqm property partly for its generous size so they could have a decent-sized

outdoor area with space for different entertaining areas, a lawn, a vegetable garden and a pool.

“A lot of people are tending to downsize but we went the other way,” he said.

The home’s open-plan kitchen, living and dining area opens on to a covered alfresco area that overlooks the pool, lawn and two paved areas.

The Ingoes wanted a lawn and other paved alfresco areas so they could entertain large numbers of people at once, with options for separation.

Mrs Ingoe said they loved the unusual shape of the Barrier Reef Pool they chose, which features tiered ledges for seating along one length and two shallow, pond-like water features along one side.

“The water features are my favourite feature in the garden,” she said. “The sound is so relaxing and they’re beautiful and functional.”

Mr Ingoe finished and tiled

the water features himself, laying iridescent mosaic tiles for an elegant look.

Three frangipanis were transplanted along this length of the pool and will eventually grow tall enough to bow over the water, giving a resort-like feel.

Mrs Ingoe said they were

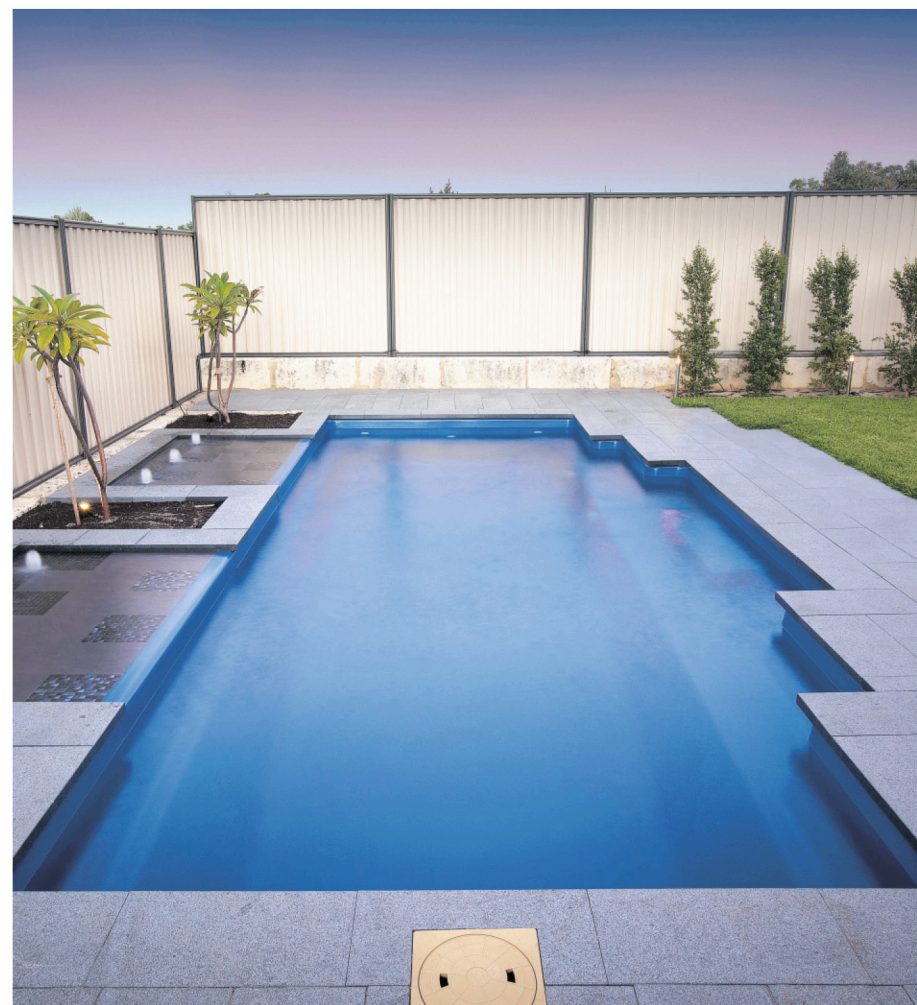
thrilled with how the pool turned out and with the work of Barrier Reef Pools.

“Barrier Reef were awesome; they did a really good job and were really helpful,” she said. “We absolutely love the pool.”

The Ingoes said they were lucky to also have had a great

building experience, inside and out, and praised the work of builder Lorimer Homes, and Fremantle Stone, the company that laid granite pavers.

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The Ingoes love the shape of their new pool from Barrier Reef Pools.