

Winning design

The Australian Institute of Landscape Designers & Managers (AILDM) is proud to announce the winners of the 2012 Landscape Design Awards



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Residential under \$50,000

Highly Commended: Outhouse Design – Steve Warner

Comments: Asked by the clients to “think outside the box”, Outhouse Design has created a stunning, organically-shaped low wall across the space, offering visual interest and a contrast to the high walls. It provides a feeling of depth to the planting beds as well as formal and informal seating. Deciduous trees provide year round interest, and the water feature is an eye-catching focal point.



Residential under \$50,000

Comments: This winning design has achieved a timeless yet sophisticated look for the inner-city terrace. The designer has managed to successfully find solutions to a site with tight constraints including retaining the valuable parking space and incorporating a mature murraya into the design. The result is a stunning outdoor space that is inviting yet practical, without bowing to fads and fashion.

The tropical-style planting gives the space a lush, relaxed feel as well as suiting the southerly aspect. Materials on-site that could be reused were incorporated into the new design such as the bricks in the parking area, re-laid in a basket weave pattern. Outstanding workmanship can clearly be seen in details such as the deck cut-outs for planting, and the sandstone garden borders. Uncluttered living areas help create a sense of spaciousness. The colour scheme has been kept simple with the warm timber tones contrasting with white walls, making a great backdrop for the planting.



Residential \$50,000-\$150,000

Comments: This contemporary “Australian-style” home has an eye-catching front entrance. It is balanced and symmetrical with two timber pillars either side of the front door that are highlighted with a matching pair of *Eucalyptus* ‘Summer Beauty’ planted either side of the front gate. The gate steps back from the boundary line of the property creating a welcoming entrance way. Your attention is drawn to the symmetrical effect by the repetition of planting in pairs with the use of a pair of rust-coloured urns either side of the pathway, planted with restios.

The client requested that front and back gardens be two “vastly different worlds”, both of which work well with the strong architecture of the house. The front garden is designed with curves and waves of soft flowering perennials. The back garden has a geometric layout with tropical planting.

Impressions Landscape Design also achieved a Highly Commended for this garden in the Plantscape category.