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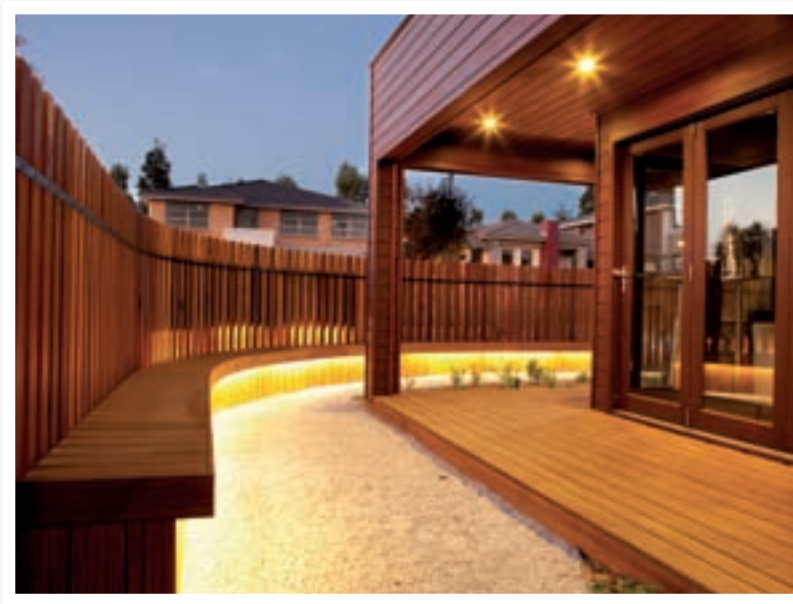
ALL HANDS ON *deck*

With a detailed design brief in hand, landscape designers Adrian Swain and Vanessa Picone from ecodesign succeeded in creating the perfect outdoor area for their eco-conscious clients. Here, Adrian talks about his award-winning landscape and working with the home's unique location.

Located on a corner block and exposed to the street, the property's unique location required careful planning. Adding to this, the front of the property had an elevated and steeply sloping westerly aspect. To ensure maximum privacy without making the space feel hemmed in, we created extensive decking, screen fencing and highly functional inbuilt furniture – including a sunken dining area and extensive bench seating which provides a new level of functionality and comfort.

A bespoke timber screen fence and curved timber bench enclose the front yard which features a herb and vegetable patch. I love the warmth of the FSC approved timber and bamboo decking as it complements the cedar cladding of the home. The minimal but multi-layered functionality across the space is something I would covet for my own home!

As part of the design brief, the homeowners asked for no turf to be laid and at least five trees and the vegetable garden to be incorporated into the design. Other





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specifications included an emphasis on sustainable construction materials, passive solar design and the maximum amount of natural light to come through.

Whilst the outdoor area is exposed it's also quite an intimate, private space which is important when space is at a premium. The homeowners were especially conscientious and particular in their needs but a pleasure to work with during the design process which extended over a 12 month period. The result is a garden which perfectly complements the home and the needs of our clients. 🌿

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