

# PERFECT VISION

A McMahons Point oasis that encapsulates everything Sydney living is all about

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**W**hen four award-winning firms get together, you know the end result is going to be something special. SJB Architects, Peter Glass & Associates, Peter Fudge Gardens and Andrew Waller Design combined forces to drag a poorly renovated McMahons Point home out of a rut and transform it into an iconic space.

Originally twin Victorian terraces that had lost all their traditional charm, the property was completely remodelled to bring it back to its former glory. Naturally, the brief revolved around taking advantage of the location's views which feature the Harbour Bridge, Luna Park, the Opera House and, of course, the city skyline. "We have worked with the client previously, which allowed us to have a greater understanding of how the spaces would be used and how the family wanted it to flow," says designer Andrew Waller. "The spaces needed to allow for entertaining on a large scale while also providing more intimate areas."



ABOVE The dark walls and cushions have been broken up by warm timber and pops of colour

RIGHT The view can be seen from several vantage points in this outdoor space, becoming the ultimate feature



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When living in a densely populated suburb, it's essential your home provides an oasis that offers a place to enjoy the fresh air. Comprising a private courtyard, pool, balcony and numerous terraces, the outdoor design was inspired by the home's interior scheme. "The terrace and balcony areas were created to form extended entertaining spaces and are located off various parts of the main house, offering different aspects and individual atmospheres," says Andrew.

Dubbed the "living terrace", this space is located off the main lounge room and utilises the same limestone flooring, ensuring an uninterrupted flow. Featuring a lounge area with plenty of seating, there's also a Real Flame fireplace that keeps the cooler weather at bay. Timber furniture features cushioning from Andrew Waller himself, adding a custom layer to the space. ➤



The northern terrace is all about alfresco entertaining, with an outdoor kitchen, barbecue and dining area setting the scene for evenings spent with family and friends. "Custom-designed stainless-steel joinery offers a fully equipped outdoor kitchen complete with fridge, sink and barbecue," says Andrew. "A large-scale canopy was also specified to fully cover the outdoor area."

The sunken courtyard is a highlight of the design and references a moodier colour scheme, with acid green ceramic stools adding a splash of colour. "Charcoal exterior walls contrast the main house and create more intimacy," says Andrew. A floating timber bench surrounds the perimeter of the space, providing ample seating around the fire pit. "The courtyard/fire pit has been really successful in the way it creates a private space," adds Andrew. Calling on European influences, the clean-cut landscaping from Peter Fudge Gardens complements the sophisticated ethos of the home and provides a lashing of greenery.

The Peter Glass & Associates-designed pool and raised terrace areas act as a buffer to the lower building in front of the house, essentially masking it. "The area forms twin terraces at each end of the linear pool, with a feature 'waterfall' treatment to the centre facing back towards the house," says Andrew. Conveniently placed right next to the pool, two loungers sit on a raised platform, providing the perfect spot to catch some rays and unwind.

The end result is a home that offers multiple outdoor spaces which share a common thread: showcasing the residence's iconic surroundings. The perfect balance of good looks and practicality, this entertainer's paradise is certainly a showstopper. [mrwaller.com](http://mrwaller.com) 🌿