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AN INSPIRED LIFE OUTSIDE

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Springgreen Landscapes: North Fremantle Project



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Awarded Gold at the AILD M 2015 Design Awards, Jean-Clément Printemps of Springgreen Landscapes proves the importance of working closely with the client, in this case, where the Client is also the Architect.

The brief from Ross McAndrew Architect was to create a garden to suit multiple purposes, with the building on site doubling as the Client's primary residence on the first floor, with their Architectural office situated below. There was a need for an inviting outdoor area to meet with Clients, whilst also creating a garden to be viewed and appreciated from above.



The site itself naturally presented it's own set of requirements, being a narrow corner block with an existing heritage listed retaining wall and surrounding heritage buildings in the North Fremantle precinct. The resulting design works to unify the site geography with an elegantly modern building. Local limestone spalls were used to reflect the surrounding heritage character whilst defining a semi-enclosed courtyard. A carefully selected planting palette grounded the building and made connection to the local landscape.



Abyss Split Stone has been used both inside the ground floor and carried through to the courtyard to create a visually seamless connection between the internal and external areas. The natural quality of the stone combined with the staggered paving arrangement blends perfectly with the surrounding foliage.

This stone has a natural yet subtle grey tone combined with lighter hues that softens and blends into the garden area.



Plants were selected for their textural qualities and complimenting hues to form a vivid palette that works exceptionally well within the site conditions. Rosemary officinalis is planted alongside Pittosporum tobira and Teucrium fruticans, whilst Senecio mandraliscae and Viola hederacea merge to form a textural and contrasting ground cover. Delonix regia was requested by the Client as the feature tree and in time will form a spectacular canopy over the courtyard, equally appreciated from the upper residence.



Being an ardent gardener, the Client was actively involved in the construction and planting process and continues to maintain the garden. At only a year old, the garden will naturally mature and evolve over time.

The short of it...

Who:

Springgreen Landscapes

What:

Landscape Design, Landscape Construction, Garden Maintenance

Where:

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