

distinctly tropical

DESIGNED FOR CLIMATE
AND LIFESTYLE

When relocating from Melbourne to the tropics it is important to create a lifestyle that is relaxed and easy, after all that is why we're here! The brief for this Port Douglas garden was to keep it simple and elegant but allow the garden to identify itself as distinctly tropical.

The simple entry pavilion and pond designed by Matthew Carley from Indetail lends itself to a planting of lipstick palms (*Cyrtostachy renda*), Japanese sago palms (*Cycas revoluta*), and the dwarf *Bougainvillea* 'Temple Fire'. Cordylines are used to contrast subtly to the front wall. Inside the entry courtyard, bougainvilleas are trained up the wall to sit as a pleached hedge, providing extra privacy to the front guest bedroom.

Handmade pavers supplied by Boral, were used as the pool edge and then run as bands through the paving to create a series of large rectangles. The paving body of Boral Promenade Pavers creates a matt finish laid on a forty-five degree angle to break up the lineal feel of the garden.

The formal planting of lilyilly, Ixora and croton hedges are punctuated with *Heliconia* 'Hot Rio Nights', *Heliconia* 'Nappi' and torch gingers. The planting is designed to keep the pool and patio area open to the tropical evening breeze.



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