

One-stop management plan

Homeowners with little spare time are embracing the concept of project managers, reports **Ann McRae**

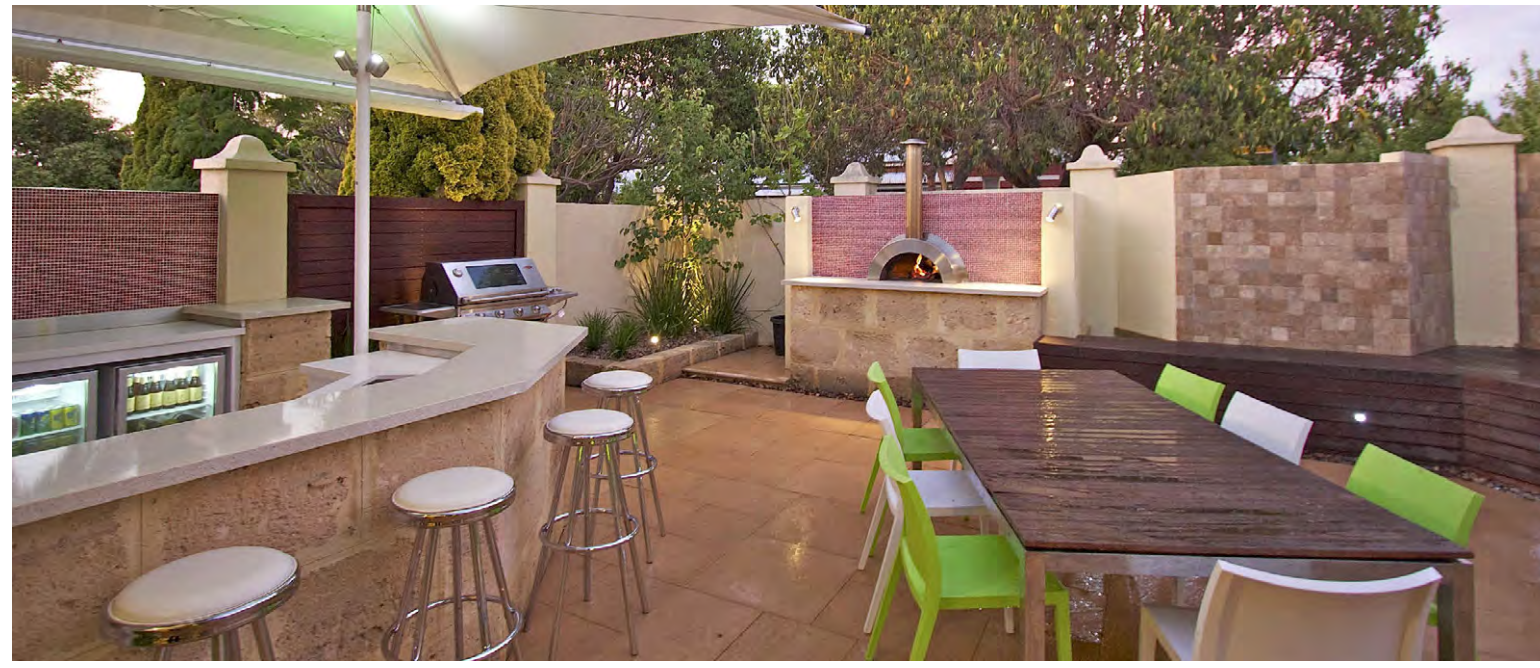
Back in the days when most Perth homes were on quarter-acre blocks the man of the family might have helped dig a hole for the family pool.

Today, many homes sit on compact blocks and mum and dad both work while maintaining a full diary of family events.

The era of professional project management has arrived, when many time-poor homeowners need outside help to create the outdoor lifestyle they desire.

Such a home and outdoor project has just been completed in the front courtyard of a Claremont home where previously limestone pavers and border gardens reigned.

Sam Keats from Living



Limestone blocks frame the outer edge of the servery bar matching the framework supporting the pizza oven in the backyard of the Claremont home.

Environs was contracted to design and manage the entire project and the result is stunning.

A concrete swimming pool and linked spa occupy one side of the north-facing courtyard while an outdoor eating area separates the outdoor servery and kitchen set under a

permanent sail umbrella.

High, bagged brick walls once surrounded the front boundary of the home and these have been retained but softened with the addition of timber panels and tumbled travertine tiles laid between the brick pillars.

New low-maintenance and pool-friendly gardens have been

installed behind limestone retaining walls and a new pizza oven completes the setting.

Living Environs is a new company based in Cottesloe and works with commercial and residential clients to provide complete outdoor project management.

"We organise everything from

design to getting plans through council and subcontracting all the work," Mr Keats said.

"Our clients do not have to worry about dealing with any difficulties along the way and we continue our management after completion to ensure any hiccups are resolved."

Project management gives

saves the worry



The pizza oven has a feature stainless-steel arch at the front.

customers a one-stop-shop and one price to pay.

A feature of the design for the Claremont home is a new jarrah servery window that was created to link the kitchen inside with the outdoor kitchen/servery.

The kitchen's CaesarStone benchtops and white cabinets

were repeated outside and there is space for two drink fridges under the benches and a square recessed sink.

Limestone blocks frame the outer edge of the servery bar matching the framework supporting the pizza oven and retaining garden walls around the pool.

Frameless glass security fencing separates the pool from the eating areas, with the original limestone pavers retained and repeated with bullnose edging around the pool.

Aquatechnics installed the pool and spa that are lined with blue Rainbow Quartz and have a Hurlcon gas heater and filtration equipment, which is in a separate courtyard out of sight.

The spa equipment is hidden beneath a stained timber boxed seat at the other end of the pool.

Italian red glass mosaic tiles have been used as feature trims to the outdoor kitchen and over a wall behind the pizza oven.

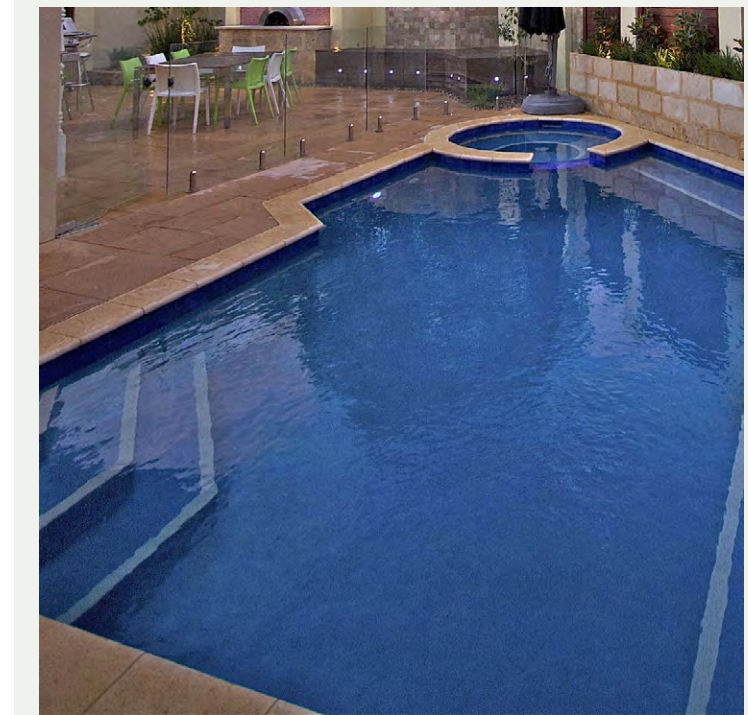
Shade for the outdoor area is provided by two extendable umbrellas over the pool area while the fixed shade umbrella over the servery area has four stainless-steel uplights.

This umbrella has a remote-controlled retractable feature as well as a built-in gutter on one side to protect the neighbouring property.

The total cost of the outdoor project was \$150,000.

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