

Outdoors Pools & Spas

Pool makes big impression on a small block

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A tiny block proved no barrier when it came to achieving a great outdoor entertaining area with a pool and an alfresco area for this near-new Mt Claremont home.

Despite the block's 287sqm size, the owner and home designer managed to create an open, light-filled outdoor space perfect for family entertaining.

Owner Ed Mangano wanted an outdoor entertaining area with a pool big enough for his five children and grandchildren when they visited. To achieve this, he hired Devrite Constructions. He wanted the floor of the house's open-plan living area to be level with the alfresco floor, so the bi-fold doors dividing the space could be fully opened to create one big indoor-outdoor room.

The kitchen has a bi-fold window along one of its benchtops that can be pushed to the side, so plates of food can be put on to the outside serving ledge. This ledge

is of EssaStone, like the benchtops in the kitchen, to give a harmonious look. A timber-lined ceiling to the alfresco area, set with lights, adds to the garden's contemporary, elegant look.

Built against the house's foundation to maximise space on the small block, the pool is finished in a deep cerulean, with LED lights that change colour to create a dramatic backdrop to the living area at night. A glass fence keeps the pool secure from the alfresco area.

Mr Mangano also wanted his house to be a good lock-up-and-leave, with the front garden having waterwise, low-maintenance plants that wouldn't die while he was away.

There is a private courtyard garden off the main suite at the front.

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The pool is hard up against the house to maximise space on the small block.