



## Everyone needs a secret hideaway...

With Sydney's harbour and Opera House as a backdrop, this perfectly designed garden takes outdoor style to new heights.

A LOW-MAINTENANCE GARDEN with expansive entertaining spaces was the brief given to Secret Gardens of Sydney by the owner of this penthouse apartment. Before its makeover, the apartment's three outdoor levels appeared uninviting with great expanses of hard tiles and just a few potted plants – even the glorious views weren't enough to draw people to sit out there. Enter Secret Gardens of Sydney with a stunning vision of how this garden, perched above the urban jungle, could be transformed into an enchanted space with ponds, wooden walkways and an entire entertaining level complete with hot tub.

Matthew Cantwell, the managing director of Secret Gardens of Sydney, believes in creating

a unique garden for each client, which takes into account the client's wishes, the home's architectural elements and the natural surroundings. The result is an inspirational garden, such as the one shown here, to be enjoyed every day – and for years to come.

To fulfil the client's requirement that the garden require minimal care and attention, robust plants and hardy finishes were used. Secret Gardens team of landscape architects, designers, construction specialists and horticulturalists ensure they can design, build and then maintain the garden so that it continues to evolve. All that's left for the owner to do then is sit back and enjoy this outdoor room with a view.

**“Our vision is to create inspirational gardens for our clients that exceed expectations,” Matthew Cantwell**



A FASCINATION WITH PLANTS, design and construction led Matthew Cantwell, left, to study landscaping and work with some of the leading landscapers of the time. Recognising a need for a complete landscaping service for the time poor and those born without a green thumb, he established Secret Gardens of Sydney 15 years ago. Passionate about designing gardens that can be enjoyed, Cantwell is continually inspired to create outdoor spaces that reflect both our relaxed way of life and love of the outdoors.

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