



Simply spectacular

More than just a place to swim, this pool is an integral part of the house design

This resort-style pool is an important part of the overall house design, separating the building from the street and providing cooling breezes to the open-plan living areas.

An integral feature of the Asian style of the house, the pool, designed by Chris Clout Design and built by Pools By Design, starts at the front gate with a granite waterfall. Flowing under a timber deck and floating steppers, it leads the visitor down the length of the property to the front door, set back in the living pavilion.

Stacked lava stone water features at varying heights add the tranquil sound of water. A Balinese pavilion, reached by faux floating steppers, creates the illusion of an island.

The pool includes a swim-up beach, in-water seating and a planter, and an internal ledge on the inside of the glass pool fence for easy access for maintenance. The pool lining is a custom Pebblecrete mix to give the water an enhanced aqua colour.

Blue lighting in the main pool with clear uprights on the stone waterfalls adds drama and colour to evening lighting.

Taking advantage of the wedge-shaped lot in Noosa Waters, with neighbours either side, the design uses the shape of the site that has the wide edge at the waterline. It places the living pavilion square to the water, with the rest of the house running up the southern boundary, opening the house to the north.

With a 40 per cent site cover limit, the house footprint is exactly that, with the pool taking the maximum available set-back area on the northern boundary. The pool flows right to the front gate, creating an expanse of water that both cools the breezes and separates the property from the street, enhancing the sense of space and street privacy.

Giant glass sliding doors open completely, making the poolside terrace central to the living space.

With this house and pool, the design is all about the family — having the room to accommodate and entertain young adults and parents and their friends was paramount, and for the design to have a luxury feel without being precious.

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