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AMAZING GRACE

A stylish update breathes new life into an outmoded swimming pool and landscape

This grand 1905 property in Sydney's eastern suburbs required a total renovation, including the swimming pool and gardens. This was a high-quality project and accordingly the owners contacted multi-award winning company Peter Glass & Associates, soon to celebrate its 30th anniversary year in practice.

With Peter Glass & Associates being one of Australia's longest established and most specialised landscape, architectural and swimming pool design practices, the complete design and management of this complex project was in expert hands.

The clients' brief was to substantially increase the length of the existing outdated swimming pool to accommodate the family's requirements for both exercise and recreation.

A mammoth undertaking, the project included a new large spa, together with new filtration, sanitation and heating systems. The entire pool surrounds and pool fencing

were replaced and the lawn and garden areas of the entire property were upgraded, including the incorporation of classical shade structures and water features.

"A key requirement was ensuring a complete integration of the extended, renovated pool and spa into the existing property, in a way complementary to the era and character of the residence," says managing director and principal landscape architect Peter Glass.

The clients were thrilled with the design, including the dramatic up-lit water features, the underwater and landscape lighting, and the selection and detailing of finishes.

The design includes a travertine wall at the end of the pool, incorporating down-lit niches and water cascades to create an exciting focal point. This wall was designed to hide some of the filtration and pump equipment, and screens an old shed on the adjacent property.

A raised spa, sized to accommodate the large family, cascades into the pool when the spa water is not being heated. A large shallow waterplay area combines well with the elegant underwater seating that extends the full length of the swimming pool.

The customised blend of Italian glass mosaic tiles for the pool and spa interiors was selected to complement the colours of the adjacent flowering wisteria and jacaranda, with the tumbled travertine providing an instantly "aged" and suitably textured finish for the pool surrounds.

"We are also very committed to ESD [environmentally sustainable design]," says Peter Glass. "This is reflected in the many passive as well as active elements incorporated into the design of this project, including a 30,000-litre rainwater storage tank placed under the front lawn area for irrigation and pool top-up purposes, with the water being harvested from the rooftop and paved areas." ■



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POOL & LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
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POOL BUILDER BNS Landscapes
CONSTRUCTION Reinforced concrete
INTERIOR Italian glass mosaic tiles
SURROUNDS Tumbled walnut travertine
FEATURE WALL Honed Luna travertine with small travertine 'brick-rock' inset feature panels
HEATING Natural gas heater
LIGHTING Flush-mounted stainless steel
FENCING Frameless glass
POOL SIZE 13.6m x 4m
SPA SIZE 2.4m x 1.5m

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