

NATIONAL DESIGN AWARDS 2011

STORY: SUSAN LATTY MAILDM, SALLY ARNOLD MAILDM AND GLENICE BUCK MAILDM



AILDM is proud to recognise design innovation and professionalism among its member designers and managers with the sixth annual Landscape Design Awards. These awards serve to celebrate the high calibre of design and management by members nationwide. The winning designs are showcased on the following pages.

ALLAN CORREY AWARD FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE

WINNER: Alex Haskey of Valley Garden Landscapes, Heathcote, NSW

This is the top design award for 2011 and is named in honour of AILDM's patron and significant contributor to landscape architecture in Australia, Allan Correy. The winning design by Alex Haskey of Valley Garden Landscapes is for his entry in the residential category under \$50,000. See below for details.

RESIDENTIAL AWARD UNDER \$50,000

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The client asked Alex to create a better connection between the indoor and outdoor space of their home. The cleverly designed sleek new decking does just that. The sunken dining area fits naturally into the outdoor area with the stylish shed being a connected part of the design. As well as its 'shed' function the structure also acts as a back rest for the seating around the table, as do the planter boxes.

Alex has integrated the existing trees into the new garden by not changing the soil level, building the deck around their trunks, crown lifting and tip pruning. Retaining the mature trees and screening shrubs is at the heart of this design. It gives the garden a green canopy, welcome shade and privacy, as well as an established feel despite its many new additions.

The orange and white custom made planter boxes lend a spark of powder coated colour and a contemporary look. The planting palette is limited – the planter boxes house *Strelitzia reginae* with their orange and blue flowers toning beautifully with the planter colours. The structured architectural style foliage of the strelitzia is in contrast to the wispy stems of the *Bambusa gracilis* used for screening along the back boundary. This is a very modern garden with dramatic lines. The standard of documentation for this entry was excellent.

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Botanical Traditions [Ruth Czermak and Fiona Hurse]

The main feature of this garden is the raised entertaining deck, at the centre of the space. This platform appears to be floating in a wonderful sea of native grasses and shrubs. The use of natural materials such as feature stones, decomposed granite and timber add to the natural style of this garden.

RESIDENTIAL AWARD \$50,000-\$150,000

WINNER: Urban Exotic [Richard Kelly, Gary Edwards, Bryce Rudd], Cooks Hill, NSW

The entrance to this Port Stephens property announces to the visitor they are about to experience something special. The sharp architectural lines of the front fence reflect the clean, contemporary lines of the residence and this is complemented by the bold shapes of the steppers leading to the front gate. Two impressive mature Date Palms make a dramatic statement. These feature specimens are supported by mass plantings of hardy coastal plants with a modern tropical feel, relying on texture and form for impact. Plants



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Highly Commended: David Bennett Gardens by Design [David Bennett], VIC
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