

LED lighting gives the water a magical glow but in a way that doesn't detract from the city lights.

POOL WITH a view

With the panorama of Sydney Harbour in all its splendour laid out before it, this sleek new pool has a view like no other





If there is a more inspiring view of Sydney Harbour than this, you'd be hard pressed to find it. Whether floating in the pool, soaking in the spa or relaxing on the poolside deck, you have a spectacular view of Australia's best-known design icons: the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Of streamlined modern design, the pared-down pool is oriented to capture the postcard-perfect panorama which also takes in Luna Park and a flotilla of moored sail boats. To keep the view the focal point of the newly renovated home and garden, it was imperative that the pool be as unobtrusive as possible. To achieve this, Crystal Pools worked hand-in-hand with the home's architect.

To capitalise on the view, the pool and spa needed to be built above ground. To minimise their impact, the pool has dual negative wet-edges, the spa and pool are tiled in a mix of blue mosaics chosen to harmonise with the colour of the water in the harbour, and frameless glass fencing allows uninterrupted sight lines.

Although space was at a premium and preserving the view was paramount, a small deck was included in the design. A series of steps leads up to the deck, which is just spacious enough to accommodate matching sun lounges and provide access to the pool. Adding to the look of luxury, travertine was used for the steps, paving on the deck and around the spa as well as for the garden edging that separates the lawn from the tiled spillover.

The attached spa, with its six stainless-steel jets and blower, meets the owners' request for a space dedicated to relaxation, while the 8m x 2m pool, although by no means large, can be used for exercise. A gas-boosted heater warms the water in winter and on chilly evenings while the Aqua Quip Spectrum Series LED lights, which highlight the soft-blue tiles, bring the pool to life at night.

With sustainability a priority for the owners, the pool boasts energy-saving features that utilise the home's existing heat exchange system and it recycles all of the water used with an auto top-up system. Add to this the Astral Pools matching eco pump and sand filter and the Astral Pools fully-automatic salt-water chlorinator, and this is a pool that is efficient, eco-friendly and breathtaking.

Pool design and construction

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OPPOSITE TOP When designing the new pool, spa and deck, preserving the panoramic harbour view was top priority.

BELOW The newly renovated home now looks out on a modern outdoor living space with a priceless backdrop.

OPPOSITE BOTTOM Frameless glass fencing meets all the safety requirements and keeps the sight lines unobstructed.

BOTTOM Travertine paving was used for the area around the spa, as well as for the deck at the other end of the pool.

