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An entertainment overhaul transformed this Kardinya home into a tranquil backdrop for a wedding day and a great escape



This Kardinya home was transformed by designer Tracy Marshall. Pictures: Supplied



TRANSFORMING the back yard of this Kardinya home was all focused on setting a stage for the owners' wedding day.

CADDS Architectural designer Tracy Marshall says she presented a design to the owners to overhaul the back yard into a resort-style escape and create a new kitchen, bathroom, games room with a bar, a gymnasium and six-seater theatre room.

"They got married up on the new cabana earlier this year," Tracy says.

"This was an owner/builder project and the rear alterations was stage one of a two-stage development.

"We've designed and presented stage two but that construction won't begin until next year."

Tracy says the owners originally had a reasonably sized back yard with a pond and alfresco area, but it wasn't suited for their lifestyle.

"They're professional people who own their own business and also entertain a lot, so they wanted to feel like they were on holiday every time they were home and went outside," she says.

"The owners were looking for a house that was forever looking out into a wonderful space.

"They also felt the new, small grassed area was sufficient for their two young children and didn't require the original backyard space."

There is also a spa included in the swimming

pool area and the cabana has been raised to maximise the amount of sun received.

"The orientation of the cabana gets great sun throughout most of the day, more than the pool, and the kids use it as a platform to jump off from into the pool," Tracy says.

The owners have also built a platform in the cinema-style theatre room for the children to set up their video games.

"The home theatre was quite specific," Tracy says.

"There are little LED lights on the ceiling, set up with all of the family star signs."

The new interior also includes an open-plan kitchen, dining and living area.

The kitchen has raised ceilings and bulkheads and looks out to the back yard.

A home gymnasium features multi-workout equipment and accesses a new additional bathroom.

"The bathroom is accessible from the gym and the outside, ideal for guest use," Tracy says.

She says the new backyard getaway is private and unassuming.

"The property next door is set lower and you wouldn't even know this resort-style area was there going on the current front facade," she says.

"The owners are young, very stylish and modern.

"They love straight, tidy lines and that's what we tried to portray for them with our designs."

Beth Rivers

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