



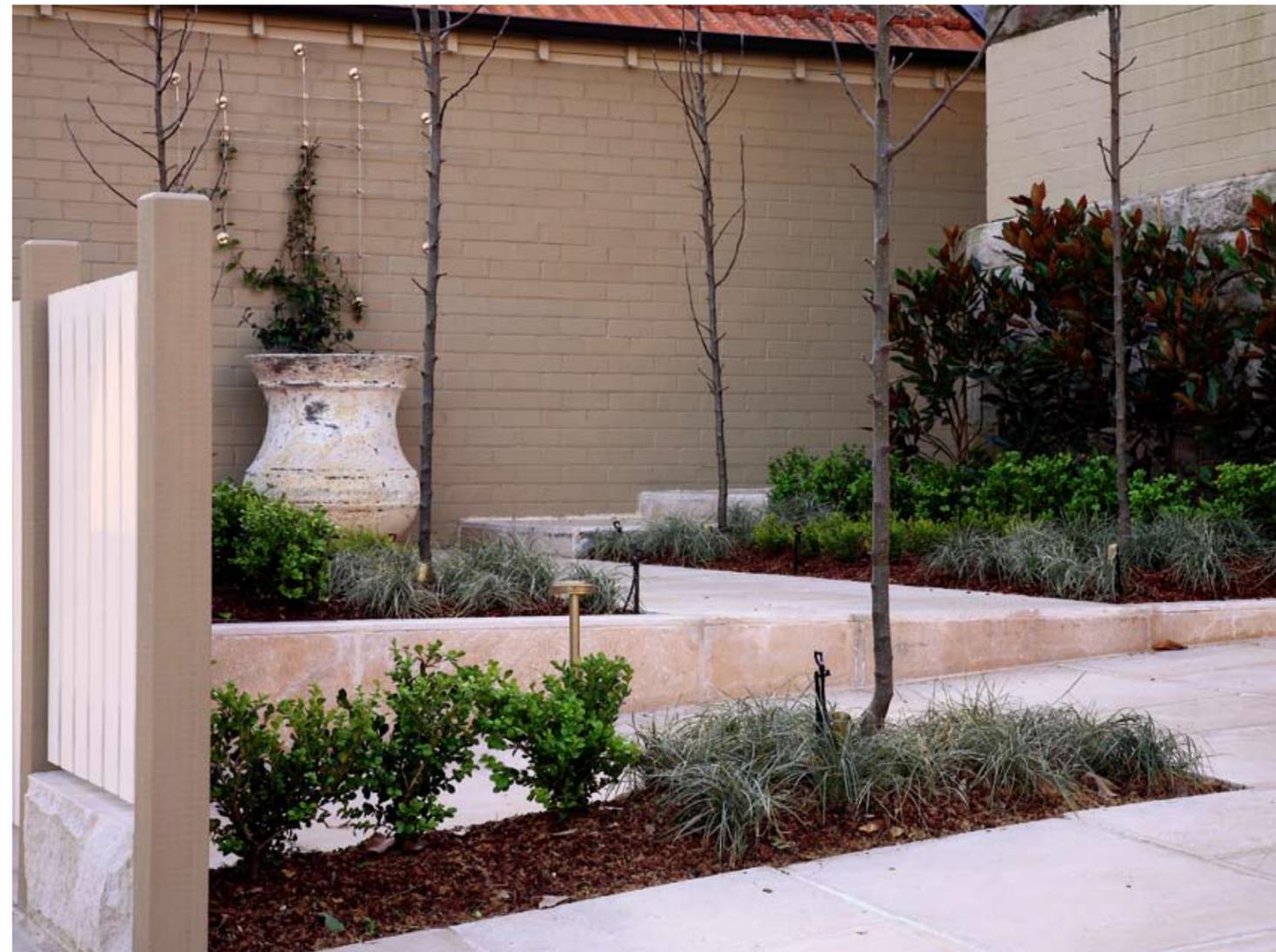
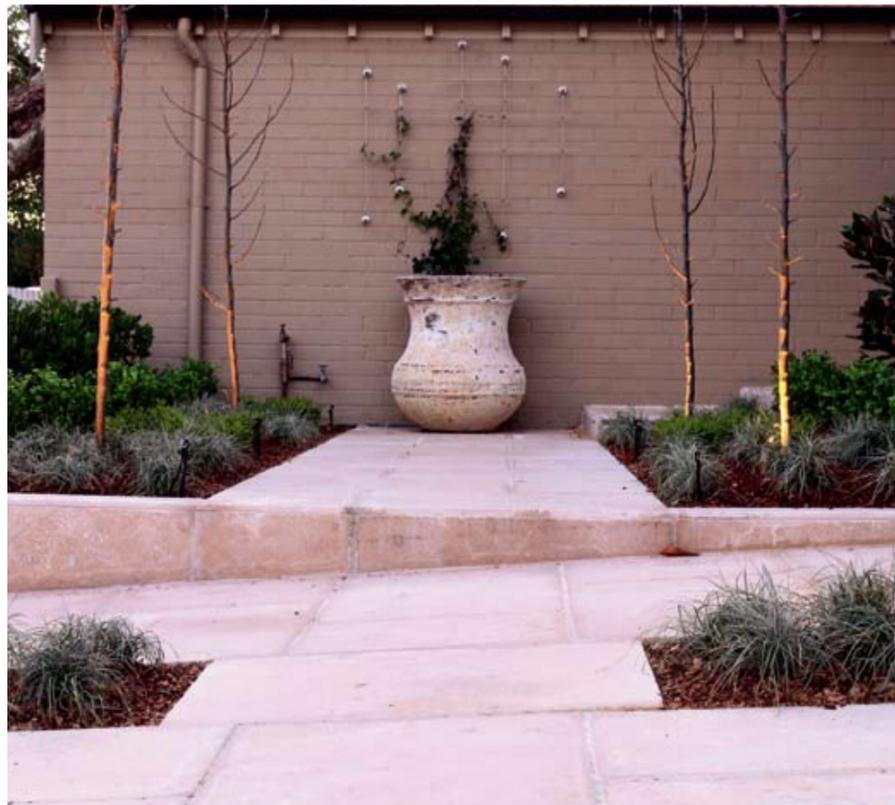
Street appeal

With its modern formal design, this front garden makes a great first impression

A ONCE TIRED AND DARK FRONT GARDEN NOW has a fresh new look thanks to the design expertise of Matthew Beckett from Reflective Gardens. What Matthew has created is a lighter, more spacious-looking modern formal garden that complements the architectural style of the house and the streetscape.

The owners love the look of clean lines so Matthew designed a garden where the underlying structure is formal. As you enter the property, a path leads you straight through the garden, along an avenue of ornamental pears to the steps leading up to the front door. To the right of the entrance path is a paved area for parking the car.

Leading off the main pathway to the left is yet another path, at the end of which is an urn-shaped pot with an aged finish. In the pot, Reflective Gardens planted star jasmine which is growing along a wall-mounted trellis of tensile stainless-steel cable, supplied and installed by Tensile Design & Construct. For continuity, all the paved areas feature Eco Outdoor's La Roche limestone.



A square-picket, treated pine fence, set atop a low wall of Mount White hydra-split sandstone, replaced the dated old fencing, giving the garden a more modern look in keeping with the surrounding properties. Elsewhere in the garden, a small low-brick wall clad in limestone allowed for minor level changes.

Catering to the owners' fondness for white flowers, Matthew's planting palette includes gardenias, magnolias, and standard roses. Rows of murraya and box hedging give the garden structure. The plants are watered using a fully automatic irrigation system operated by a Solar Sync controller, which assess the weather conditions on a daily basis and adjusts the system's run-time accordingly, saving water.

The finishing touch is the lighting, supplied by Gardens At Night. When the sun goes down, the paths and feature trees are highlighted, giving the garden street appeal at night.

Project details

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