

The swimming pool was designed to seamlessly connect with the contemporary, fully-equipped cabana.

Paradise found

A family-friendly pool sits at the heart of this stunning outdoor entertaining oasis



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Having relocated to the Mornington Peninsula, a popular Victorian holiday destination, the owners of this swimming pool decided to create a family retreat their grown children and grandchildren could

enjoy. To achieve this, they called on Brighton Pools and Justine Carlile Landscape Design to make the best possible use of their spacious property. The end result? A stunning outdoor area that appeals to every family member.

Containing a spa and a swim-up bar complete with stainless-steel bar stools, a foot rail and a pizza oven, the overall space, which is overlooked by a covered pool-side alfresco entertaining area, is the total package.

The pool is tiled with luminescent turquoise pearl

glass mosaics and is the perfect backdrop for the spa, which features four raised acrylic walls that create the illusion the spa is floating above the pool. Easy access is achieved via the stepping pads in the moat surrounding the spa, linking it to the timber decking areas.

The water feature constructed behind the spa was made with recessed stainless-steel channels from which water seems to flow like mercury into the moat beneath. The feature wall was tiled with contrasting glass tiles that are accentuated at night by LED lighting, ensuring the space is just as beautiful – and equally enjoyable – during the evening hours as it is during the day.

Supplied by Yarrabee, the black exfoliated granite paving contrasts with the Castlemaine slate, framing the pool and adding another touch of luxury. An underwater speaker in the pool is another luxurious feature which provides swimmers with entertainment when play is on the agenda or motivation while exercising.

Three water jets are included on the swim-out ledge, making the area a fun space for children to play, and in the water trough, a series of water jets takes pride of



ABOVE LEFT The granite paving around the pool is contrasted by the radiant turquoise pool glass mosaic tiles.

ABOVE This family-friendly design incorporates a glass-walled spa and a stunning modern water feature.

OPPOSITE PAGE TOP

You can swim up to the bar and sit on the underwater stools while you enjoy a refreshing drink.

OPPOSITE PAGE BOTTOM

At night, lighting casts the wet-edge pool, water feature and metal sculpture in a shimmering glow.

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place, adding the gentle sound of water in motion.

The area excavated had a fall of four metres over 14 metres. Due to regulations, excavation was restricted to no more than one metre over each level, yet despite these constraints the pool took just two weeks to build, post-excavation. Like all well-designed pools, success is not just about what you can see on the surface. For ease of use, it features gas and solar heating, in-floor cleaning, and a fully-automated control system. ■

