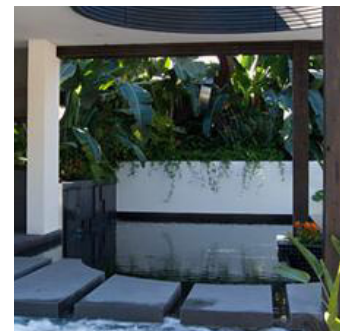
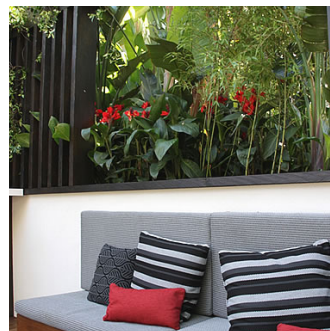
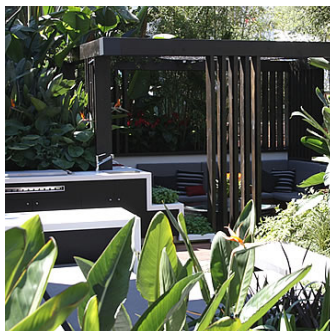


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Trailfinders - Flemings Australian Garden wins GOLD at RHS Chelsea::



Atkinson Pontifex have struck Gold again at the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show as team members of the Trailfinders Australian Garden presented by Fleming's. David Pontifex and a small team from Atkinson Pontifex left for Chelsea on May 5th to work with Scott Wynd who designed this year's entry. In response to the drought Scott designed a garden offering a lush, jungle theme.

The garden sits on a 10m by 20 m plot and features the show's first ever lap pool and spa with it's own bar. A sunken lounge area, outdoor kitchen and barbeque are also set within the encroaching jungle garden. The Queen made a special visit to the Australian garden during her sneak preview of the show on Monday.

She confided to Wes Fleming that she had missed the presence of an Australian garden at Chelsea in 2009, when the Victorians were forced to cancel their entry because of the Black Saturday bushfires.

Presenting at Chelsea is a pressure filled experience, with only 17 days to build a meticulously constructed

garden - it is a test of nerves and endurance. Long days and hard work are in order but winning a Gold medal makes it all worthwhile. The weather provides its own challenges and this week has included plant threatening unseasonable frosts.

Today though, the sun was blazing in clear blue skies on the hottest day of the year so far, making our Aussie pool the place to be. Many celebrities, including Rolf Harris, and various VIPs visited the show for a sneak preview.

Atkinson Pontifex are proud to have been one of the few companies asked to accompany Flemings to Chelsea more than once, having also been members of the teams that won Gold in 2008 and Silver Gilt in 2007. Atkinson Pontifex are on a winning streak of late having also won Australian Home of the Year at the 2010 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards on May 21st, after winning 2009 HIA -CSR Victorian Home of the Year in September 2009.

