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**CHRISTMAS**  
**COOKBOOK**  
with this issue



**7**  
7.30PM  
FRIDAY



*get ready!*

**OVER**

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**ideas, gifts & food**

perfect for your  
**FESTIVE SEASON**

*plus* **gardening**

- Wild about natives
- So-succulent designs
- King of all shrubs

**drop a dress size**

Yes! You still have time  
before Christmas

**decorating wow!**

Do it in style – how to go  
from bland to grand

**SAVING**

**YOU MONEY**

Bill-busting tips

# Looking good

- Zip it for jaw-dropping jewellery
- Swimmers that flatter
- Fake don't bake – fab bronzers and tanners

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# natural lifestyle

## At a glance

Designer: Phillip Johnson  
Location: Carnegie, Vic  
Size: 250m<sup>2</sup>

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## See Garden DesignFest 2010

Located across Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula, Garden DesignFest is a showcase of 27 innovative private gardens, all open for one weekend. In addition, many of the designers will be on hand to explain and inspire. Organised by the Rotary Club of Kew, the event raises money for a variety of charities.  
**When:** 13-14 November, 10am to 4.30pm.  
**Cost:** \$25 general admission (entry to all gardens), \$5 single garden entry. Tickets available online or at garden gates.  
**More info:** Call (03) 9882 7724, or Jenny Wade on 0409 000 089, or visit [www.gardendesignfest.com](http://www.gardendesignfest.com)

Drawing inspiration from nature, this space was designed as a suburban sanctuary which would attract local wildlife to the garden, while providing a place for the owners to relax and entertain.

It features a large central billabong and waterfall, connected to a cantilevered timber deck for outdoor living. Raised galvanised steel tanks function as vegetable and herb beds, and enhance the themes of sustainability and low-water use which permeate the design.

**1. Love this! Functional and aesthetic,** this billabong serves as a superb centrepiece, visible from any angle in the garden.

**2. The bluish tones of young eucalypt leaves** provide a wonderful foil for honey-coloured bush rock and weathered timber.

**3. Borrow this clever idea** and grow your vegies in raised galvanised tanks. The large timber posts provide support for espaliered fruit trees.

**4. Try these visually subtle paths of rock,** set as stepping stones, that will barely interrupt your planted garden areas.