



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
with Tim Goom

Updating your outdoors to fit your life.

Think back to when your children were young- the ideal garden involved plenty of lawn, a trampoline, perhaps a jungle gym or a play house. Space and activities to occupy busy little people was a must.

If you have moved to the next phase, it is possibly with a sense of nostalgia that you consider these once adored but now abandoned garden features. As children grow and enter the teen years, the idea of spending every moment in close proximity to their family starts to lose its sheen- and let's face it, sometimes parents also need space to unwind, away from their boisterous teenagers!

The key is configuring your space to meet everyone's needs. Indoor-outdoor flow and entertainment become the main priority. Creating an entertainment hub on your property will develop your landscape into an oasis for grown-ups and teens alike!

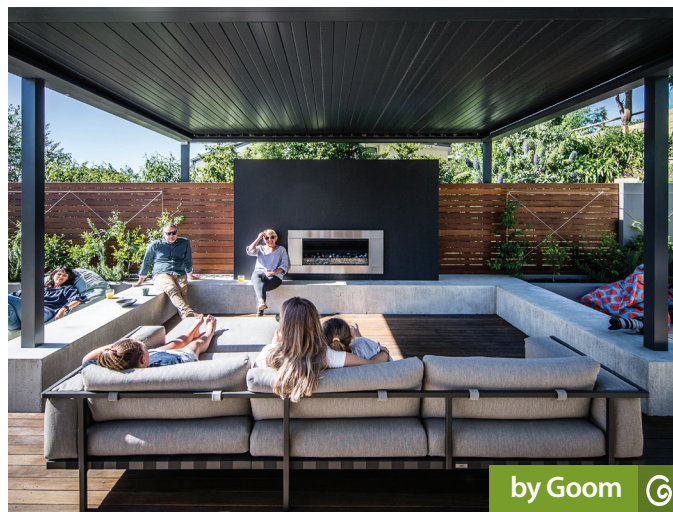
An Outdoor room

Nothing improves indoor-outdoor flow quite like an outdoor room. With our erratic climate, Christchurch and central Otago doesn't often have ideal conditions for outdoor entertaining. Adding structures to mitigate wind, offer shelter from the scorching summer sun, and retain heat in winter will extend your usable living space and draw you outside year round. An outdoor room will also provide a haven for your teens and their friends, where they can have their space and freedom whilst still allowing you to keep tabs on them. An outdoor room can be fitted out very simply or contain all the bells and whistles- think pool table, TV, sound system, fireplace, bar.

At first glance, an outdoor room may seem a significant financial commitment, but not compared to the addition of a room to your house which is exponentially more expensive!

Pool

Soaring summer temperatures can turn even the most mild-mannered of us into a cranky sloth- When it is so hot you don't know what to do with yourself, nothing beats cooling off in a pool.



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Possibly one of the best ways to remain synched into what your teens are getting up to is by being the home his or her friends want to spend time at. A pool is a definite magnet for your teen's friends (and probably for your own on a blistering day!).

Outdoor fire

Having a heat source outdoors, whether an outdoor fire, heater, pizza oven or BBQ, instantly creates a warm and inviting ambience to welcome guests in to your outdoor entertaining space. It will also obviously greatly extend its use into the chillier months.

Many are discouraged from acting with urgency in terms of landscaping improvements because the decisions involved seem overwhelming: How much will it cost? Who do I contact? How do I manage subcontractors? How will I manage the project in addition to an already at capacity family and work life?

Goom Landscapes removes this stress. Our easy and flexible process involves creating a design tailored specifically for you, your property and your budget. We explain the costs of design at the first presentation meeting – giving you full cost certainty from the outset. We understand that our clients have a variety of budgets and time constraints so you can choose to stage the project if that suits you better – have the deck completed so you can enjoy it this summer; then finish the remainder of your landscape next season. Alternatively, you could put your entire project on hold while you save up to build it, knowing exactly the design and costs involved.

Call Goom Landscapes today to discuss redesigning your outdoors to fit your next phase.

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