

dear jamie ...

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY LETTERS, EMAILS AND PHOTOGRAPHS SENT TO THE OUTDOOR ROOM WITH JAMIE DURIE FROM READERS CREATING THEIR OWN OUTDOOR ROOMS



winning letter

outdoor oasis

Congratulations Jamie and The Outdoor Room. It's great to see you put together all your ideas to share with everyone. I have used some inspiration from the magazine to tweak my outdoor area, finishing it off nicely (pictured above). I've bought some floating solar 'candles'!

cushion tracker

I have very much enjoyed reading the winter edition of The Outdoor Room. I particularly loved the scatter cushions on the armmed earth benches on the front cover (A Sunburnt Country). Can you tell me where I could find them? Anisee Goffeys, via email

Great news, Anisee! Since printing our suggestions for sourcing similar last issue, we've found the exact same cushion covers – 'Wine' and 'Wisteria Figur' – at Ikea nationwide. See them online at ikea.com.au – Editor



to light up the pool, wall art for my outdoor room and a fantastic new outdoor rug. Now I have a great outdoor space that I can enjoy, relax and spend time in with my hubby and three children. Keep up the great work. Yvette Wilson, Greensternagh, Victoria

expert advice needed!

The Outdoor Room is a great magazine with heaps of ideas, especially for our backyard. However, we have a front yard that is angled and looks out on to a park. Any ideas on how to design this area so we can sit there? Toni-Marie Whelton, via email

Check out our featured garden on page 86. Among the Gum Trees. This garden ticks a slping site in an ingenious way and the owners, Chris and Robert, have plenty of ideas on how to make the most of the view. – Editor

green sleepers

Great article on Green Party Diner (winter issue, page 116). I loved the idea of giving a sapling to plant as a take-home treat. Local council nurseries can often help you out with affordable native plants. All sensible ideas on reducing party rubbish – sometimes we just need to be reminded to be gentle on the planet. Jeremy Gollan, Marashua, New South Wales



I JUST LOVE MICHAEL KLON'S BACKYARD IN YOUR WINTER ISSUE. NOW IF YOU COULD JUST POP IN AND WORK YOUR MAGIC ON MINE! Robyn Zerkoff, via email

LIKE EVERYONE, I'M ALWAYS TAKING CLIPPINGS FROM MAGS AND PUTTING THEM INTO A *scrapbook* IN AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE MY PERFECT ASIAN-STYLE GARDEN. Jessica Dahlmeier, via email

Love your magazine. It's one of those things to leave lying around on a coffee table!

Kerrie Boston, Gullandring, Victoria

AFTER SEEING THE GORGEOUS EARTHY COLOURS IN A SUNBURNT COUNTRY, I'M NOW PLANNING A TRIP TO OUR LOCAL GARDEN STORE TO STOCK UP ON KANGAROO PAWS. Christine Chapman, Coogee, New South Wales

Write to us

We'd love to hear what's on your mind and to see what you've been up to outdoors. Send letters and photographs to theoutdoorroom@pacificmag.com.au or PO Box 7806, Sydney NSW 2051.

Next issue's winning letter writer will receive two SunnyLife Anova Deckchairs valued at \$139.95 each in a contemporary light wash wood and a subtle grey print, the chairs feature removable fabric and can be flattened for easy care and storage. Visit sunnylife.com.au



great garden gear

BRING A SEASONAL GROWTH SPURT TO YOUR OUTDOOR ROOM



Retail therapy, the right way

Venture down Cleveland Street in Sydney's Surry Hills and it's likely you'll be stopped in your tracks by this fabulous little design den of local, sustainable and fair trade wares. Melinda Tully – previously a film production freelancer – is one stylish green guru. Her store, I Ran The Wrong Way, is a happy return to basics.

Here virtuous finds are beautifully showcased against a backdrop of restored furniture and found objects. "A good find must satisfy form and function but also consider cause and effect," says Melinda. "Adding value to humanity and the environment is not a choice – it's fundamental to a truly sustainable model of consumption." Definitely worth to live and shop by! Visit surreyhillswrongway.com



How to... grow camellias

Longer days and lovely blooms make spring the most rewarding time to do more gardening. Plant camellias now and their joys will last through the winter too.

1. Find a cool spot without hot afternoon sun. This is vital for white and pale camellias. Vivid pinks will withstand brighter light. 2. Mix together sandy loam and peat moss for the rich, slightly acidic soil camellias love. 3. Dig a hole twice the size of the root ball and one and a half times as deep. Fill just over a third with the soil so the tip of the root ball sits just above ground level – it needs to be nice and high to breathe. 4. Fill the hole and build a low mound of soil around the outside, then water thoroughly.

Spot of spring shopping

A NEW SEASON MEANS FRESH ACCESSORIES FOR YOUR OUTDOOR ROOM...



1 Gift Of Seeds \$25, set of three, Sew 'n' Soak, sowandsoak.com.au 2 'Flower' chair, \$325, Anso Designs, 020 9380 8056, 020 9429 4910, ansodesigns.com.au 3 'Humble Chaise' bamboo umbrella, \$299, Melrose, 020 9279 2888, melrose.com.au 4 'Sipology' table, \$45, Quality Products, 020 9999 0604, qualityproducts.com.au 5 'Wicker picnic basket', \$99.95, Sunny Life, 020 9421 6121, sunnylife.com.au 6 Retrospat roll picnic mat, clear mat, \$58, Brown Paper Packages, brownpaperpackages.com.au



Camp it up

RESCUE A LAMP SHADE FRAME, TIE FOUR 4M LENGTHS OF FABRIC TO IT AND HOIST IT INTO A TREE FOR EASY POP-UP PRIVACY

Floaty fabrics

FRESHLY WASHED CLOTHES ADD INSTANT COLOUR. THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS: A PIECE OF STURDY STRING, TWO TREES AND WOODEN PEGS. EASY





*"We, having a secret in
the cool mountain mosses,
MAY WHISPER TOGETHER, SEPTEMBER,
ALONE OF OUR LOVES
AND OUR LOSSES"*
— September in Australia, Henry Kendall

Delicious bites

Round sandwiches (top right) are organic spelt soy & brewed bread with shaved turkey breast, pea pesto and sprouts. Make round shapes with a cookie cutter. Square sandwiches are Irish soda bread with Saint Agur blue cheese, slice of nashi pear and walnuts drizzled with Beechwood honey.

Milky way

For an instant creamy cooler, blend organic whole cream milk with fresh strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and a dash of rose flower syrup to taste. (See page 48)



TOP LEFT: Hannah wears 'Newport' jersey dress, \$109.95, Sunvlyfe. Vintage milk bottle, \$26, Doug Up On Bourke. Red and white striped paper straw, \$12, jacket of 25, Ade & Darcy. See page 51 for Milky way recipe. TOP RIGHT: Handmade ships, \$30.80, Pure and General. BOTTOM LEFT: 'Tootgarook' deckchair, \$139.95, Sunvlyfe. Gladstone bag, \$138, Sydney Antique Centre. French straw boater, \$240, The Country Trader. Serengeti henja rug, \$275, Armadillo. Cochet 'Flax Market' throw, \$248, My Little Cupcake. BOTTOM RIGHT: 'Cibon' plunk rug, \$19.99, and 'Gullina' akalete, \$28.95, both Sunvlyfe. Lamson spotted and striped cushions with black/white piping, \$62 each, and pillowcase with zoro-pomo, \$45, Ade & Darcy. Spacocraft spot cushions, \$155 medium, Mark Tuckey Home. Linen grain sack pillow, \$105, Sydney Antique Centre. OPPOSITE: 'Kaiwai' plant pot, \$24.99, Ikea with Gevillie 'Honey Gem', \$60, Winanda Nursery. 1950s drinks holder, \$55, plain glass tumblers, \$16/set of 4, watermelon tumblers, \$8/set of 2, handpainted parasol, \$38, all Retrospections. Paper lantern, \$13.95, Portobello Rose.

OPPOSITE: Hannah wears 1950s floral cotton dress, \$135, Sydney Antique Centre. 'Cable' hat in Coral Stripe, \$39.95, Sunvlyfe. On washing line, from left: 1960s lomon nightie, \$43, Sydney Antique Centre. 'Hopsack' shorts in Tobacco, \$228, Lee Mathews. Mint slip and bloomers, \$160, 1950s pink petticoat skirt, \$85, all Sydney Antique Centre. 'Lily' vest in Silver, \$249, Lee Mathews. Wooden clothes pegs, \$25/12-pack, and ladder, \$141, all Doug Up On Bourke. French lantern, \$187.50, and Moroccan basket, \$95, Pure and General. TOP LEFT: Khaki leather subcases, \$695 each, Doug Up On Bourke. Swanssea Beach Sounder radio, \$49.95, Sunvlyfe. Bird painting by Datsun Train, \$165, Mark Tuckey Home. Puerulan flower arrangement, Portobello Rose. White fray cloth, \$15, Your Display Gallery. Serengeti hemp rug, \$275, Armadillo. TOP RIGHT: French bread board, \$175, The Country Trader. Victorian dish, \$38, Retrospections. BOTTOM RIGHT: Gab wears Geoffrey Beene wing collar shirt, \$90, Lou Murray Vintage, and black bowler hat, \$240, The Country Trader.