



**STILL LIFE** While this garden has over 90 square metres of stunning plant life, there are plenty of manmade inclusions. A Cotswold In Out Furniture dining table and chairs create a relaxing spot (above, left), a high fence is softened by an espaliered pear tree (above, right), and there's plenty of seating (below).



**LAND AHOY** An old shipping container (above) is a focal point, complete with a moss-green wall and laser-cut QR code. The art form is by Lump Sculpture, and Shapescaper steel was used in the edging and planters (below). >



**CHARLIE ALBONE,  
INSPIRED EXTERIORS**

**'THE CHALLENGER'**

Charlie Albone (left) is one of Australia's most well-known landscape designers. Not only prolific on television, he is highly decorated in the show garden world, with two Silver Gilt medals from the famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show in London as well as last year's Gold Show Garden Award from MIFGs. In 2024, Charlie collaborated with Challenger investment firm in the category of Challenger Achievable Gardens.

Created for the public, not the judges, Charlie envisioned a design that not only inspired visitors but also felt achievable. His combination of native and exotic plants - plus an abundance of proteas - resulted in one of the most interesting combinations at this year's show. [inspiredexteriors.com.au](http://inspiredexteriors.com.au).

