



## Charming Sandstone

Category:  
**AUSTRALIAN STONE**  
**Best Residential**  
**Project**

Project:  
 Private residence,  
 Inner Sydney

Architect:  
 Spackman Mossop Michaels  
 Landscape architects

Designer:  
 Dukes Architects

Builder:  
 Dinham Construction Pty Ltd

Stone fixer/ installer  
 Rossini Stone

Stone:  
 Capricorn Sandstone – Buff

Choosing an appropriate sandstone to match or complement existing material can be a challenging task, especially in Sydney, where sandstone reigns. In this instance the prime objectives were to recycle existing material and find a stone that blended harmoniously with the original material.

The task at hand was the refurbishment of the garden and surrounds of an historic property located in inner Sydney. This called for construction of a series of new walls, and a raised amphitheatre, which faces an attractive fountain. The new work also includes paving, step tread and risers, and planter boxes.

The chosen material was Capricorn Sandstone Quarries Buff, a durable material that is highly regarded for its quality as a restoration product.

Another example of this material's capacity to withstand hard wear and heavy foot traffic can be found in Capricorn's second entry in this edition which features the Australian-American Memorial in Canberra.

Over 30m<sup>3</sup> of sawn and hydra-split sandstone modules were supplied for this project, including a number of hand carved sections. The small raised amphitheatre and the attractive fountain illustrate why sandstone is so highly favoured for its warmth, character and durability in external settings. **05**

