

Right: A mural painted in mid-century bold hues in Resene Dynamite, Resene Retro, Resene Half Resolution Blue, Resene Dauntless, Resene Spotlight, Resene Adrenalin and Resene Eighth Masala brightens this pool and pays tribute to the home's origins. Images by Murray Fredericks.

- Resene Adrenalin
- Resene Dynamite
- Resene Eighth Masala
- Resene Triple Masala
- Resene Bokara Grey



making a splash in style

Bold colour palettes and artistic flair have revived two different poolside retreats. In the realm of design, the fusion of past concepts and modern functionality often results in exceptional creations. This recent project by Hungerford + Edmunds (www.hungerfordedmunds.com) involved careful alterations and additions to a cherished mid-century home, originally designed by architect Keith Cottier of Allen Jack+Cottier in 1965. Distinctive for its Sydney School style, this home's outdoor space is a high point of its transformation, integrating a newly decorated pool while preserving the charming character. Embracing the essence of its original architecture, designer Belinda Edmunds has restored and enhanced this home, giving it new life while paying homage to its historical significance.

"The clients loved the mid-century style and robust finishes of the house," Belinda says. "The objective was to seamlessly connect the residence with a newly designed pool area and create entertainment areas that effortlessly blend with the outdoor ambiance."

The project's design approach was heavily influenced by iconic black and white photographs taken by photographer David Moore in 1966. These images, featured in the book *Living & Partly Living: Housing in Australia*, showcased the home amidst towering gum trees, its crisp white composition accentuated by contrasting roof trim. These visual cues informed the new design, as well as the chosen Resene colour palette.

The colour palette was carefully curated to honour the past while embracing the present. Inspired by the timeless photographs, the exterior was repainted in Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream, with the roof's distinctive edging highlighted in Resene Dynamite, a deep blue tinged red. This bold choice connects the various architectural elements, creating a vibrant visual cohesion.



before



after

Above top: A glimpse of the dull and colour lacking outdoor space before the transformation of this home.

Above: Seamlessly blending with its surroundings while showcasing its mid-century style, the exterior of this home is painted in Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream, with timber roof trim in Resene Dynamite, external balcony columns in Resene Bokara Grey and trims in Resene Triple Masala.

- Resene Retro
- Resene Spotlight
- Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream



Left: Lively splashes of Resene Ecstasy and Resene Azalea mirror the interior palette, while tones of grey Resene Double Concrete, Resene Double Stack and Resene Double Gravel elegantly anchor the arrangement of this mural painted by Gnashingteeth (www.gnashingteeth.com).

- Resene Black White
- Resene Azalea
- Resene Double Concrete
- Resene Ecstasy

top tip

Decks and walking areas near pools can quickly become slippery when wet. Create a comfortable non-slip finish with Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path to help keep your friends and family safe.

Belinda collaborated with Resene Colour Expert Natalie Tennant to bring this mid-century vision to life. Natalie's expertise ensured that existing and new substrates received the appropriate paint finishes, such as Resene Sonyx 101 semi-gloss on external trims and columns, for best protection.

Resene Bokara Grey, a deep charcoal black, was used on external balcony columns and vertical balustrade timber, while a slightly browner shade of Resene Triple Masala was used for all external trims, working to frame and enhance each space and angle.

Resene Lumbersider Low Sheen was used for the vibrant abstract pool mural tinted to Resene Dynamite, Resene Retro, Resene Half Resolution Blue, Resene Dauntless, Resene Spotlight, Resene Adrenalin and Resene Eighth Masala.

A defining feature of the outdoor design is the geometric roof, which Belinda describes as "a simple geometric element that connects the new work both visually and physically." This roof elegantly ties together different spaces. It functions as a covered walkway, linking the kitchen to the rumpus and cabana, wrapping around the pool edge. The new low-level roof reorients the home toward the pool and eastern courtyard, creating a sense of unity and harmony throughout the space. Showing a commitment to honouring architectural heritage and celebration of history, this transformed residence is not only a home but a timeless work of art.

Poolside artistry

At Veil House, an inner-city Melbourne gem crafted by Wolveridge Architects (www.wolveridge.com.au) and McKerlie Builders (www.mckerliebuilders.com.au), the pool area is more than just a space – it's a canvas.

Seeking to bridge the gap between interior and exterior, a captivating mural was envisioned to transform a functional cinder block wall into a mesmerising focal point. This masterpiece, designed by Gnashingteeth, seamlessly intertwines geometric shapes with the abiding presence of a pair of doves that have witnessed the property's journey since its inception. Vibrant bursts of Resene colour echo the interior palette while shades of grey harmoniously ground the composition.

Conceived over sun-drenched days, this artwork beckons guests to unwind by the pool, cocktail in hand - showing that with a little imagination, a simple cinder block wall can be transformed into something modern and artistic.



Above: This cerulean mosaic-style pool looks striking against the exterior of this home by Cedar + Suede, painted in Resene Black with trims in Resene Black White. The backdrop of lush greenery makes this space a private and beautiful sanctuary. Image by Minde Cooke.

- Resene Black

Mosaic magic

Opting for stylish dark Resene Black on this home's exterior framed by the trims in Resene Black White allows the bold blue of the mosaic pool tiles to be the hero. Homeowner and designer duo, Carlene and Michael Duffy of Cedar + Suede (www.cedarandsuede.com.au), have cleverly used smaller pool tiles to create a mosaic-like pattern in the pool bringing an added element of visual interest. This same idea can be borrowed for areas like tiles and pavers, varying the Resene stain and paint colours you use to refresh and protect them. **H**

- Resene Breathless
- Resene Double Stack
- Resene Double Gravel