

five secrets

Jamie Durie, horticulturalist extraordinaire, TV host and founder of Patio Landscape Architecture & Design and Patio By Jamie Durie products, shares his top tips

1 luscious lawn

My favourite grass for the lawn is **Sir Walter premium lawn turf** (below), which was developed with the Australian climate in mind. This buffalo grass is very tough and hardy so it needs less water than some other types of grass. It is also shade-loving, easy to maintain and great for the kids because it is soft underfoot, as well as quite resilient.

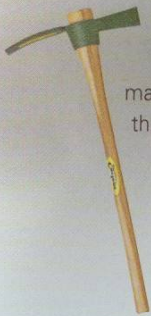


2 budding ideas

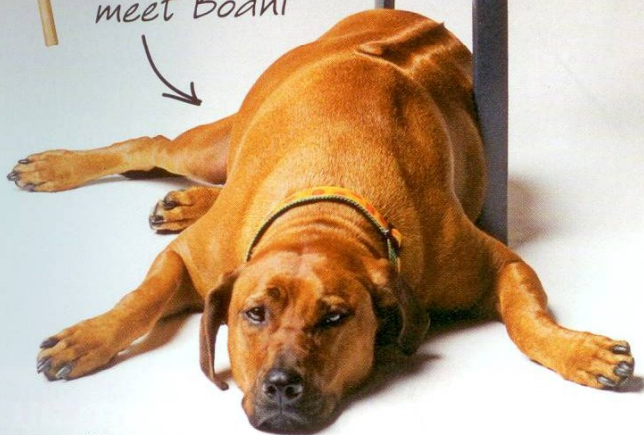
The best place to go for inspiration for your own garden is your nearest **botanic gardens**. It's the fastest way to find out what plants grow best in your area, and to see how they look.

3 tool time

Halfway between a shovel and a pick, the **Cyclone mattock** (left) is my favourite tool. You can use it to dig trenches, make holes for plants and hack through invasive roots and weeds.

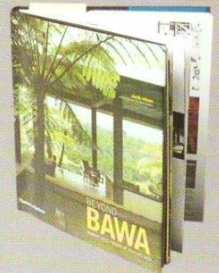


meet Bodhi



4 my mentor

I've always admired Sri Lankan tropical architect **Geoffrey Bawa** (1919-2003), who pioneered the term "the outdoor room", which I've lived by for the past decade. Bawa's philosophy was to create a seamless segue between indoors and out. I love leafing through his book *Beyond Bawa: Modern Masterworks Of Monsoon Asia* (Thames & Hudson, \$120; right).



5 renewable sources

All the timber products in our **Patio By Jamie Durie range** are made from timber that has been certified by the international **Forest Stewardship Council**, which has developed standards by which responsible forest practise can be measured. I got together with Big W to create the Patio range, designed with the environment and style in mind. It includes this eucalyptus and aluminium **Stella chair** (left) and resin and wood-finished outdoor **owl statue** (above).



Man's best friend Jamie is photographed with his trusty Rhodesian ridgeback, Bodhi. **LEFT & ABOVE RIGHT** Chair from Patio By Jamie Durie "Stella" garden setting, \$678 for 1 table and 6 chairs, and owl statue (30cm), \$18.88, Big W. For stockists, see page 159.