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STAINLESS STEEL CURVED WATER FEATURE

Design Brief

For this building on the water's edge at Napoleon Street, San Souci, the Architect, **Anthony Antoniou** briefed **Andrew Davies dig: design ideas gardens**, on the necessity for a central feature, a compliment of all natural elements and forms surrounding the building. There was a need to bring to the foyer area a magnificent piece of sculpture to be visible not only as an entrance statement, but also throughout the entire house through side windows. The water feature design required the overcoming of various visual challenges, such as two protruding downpipes, and the framing of major view cones by an ugly roof line in the distance.

Andrew Davies prepared a series of sketches on site, and was commissioned to create the water feature. Andrew worked in a number of consultations with a Hydraulics Engineer, **Tony Kirsten** (previous owner of Water World in Galston) and the very talented sculptor **Ulric Steiner** from Arcadia, to cover models of the water feature, water flow check and cost analysis. The result is a centrepiece which utilises light and shadow in its strong curved perspective lines, and the natural forms of water, wind, and grasses and reeds to compliment its surrounding environment. The planting around the feature creates a backdrop to the feature, with hedge layers and bloomers planted around the long splash pond. They nestle up to the strong shapes of the structure and pond, supporting the natural forms and adding colour to the light and shade of the stainless steel.



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