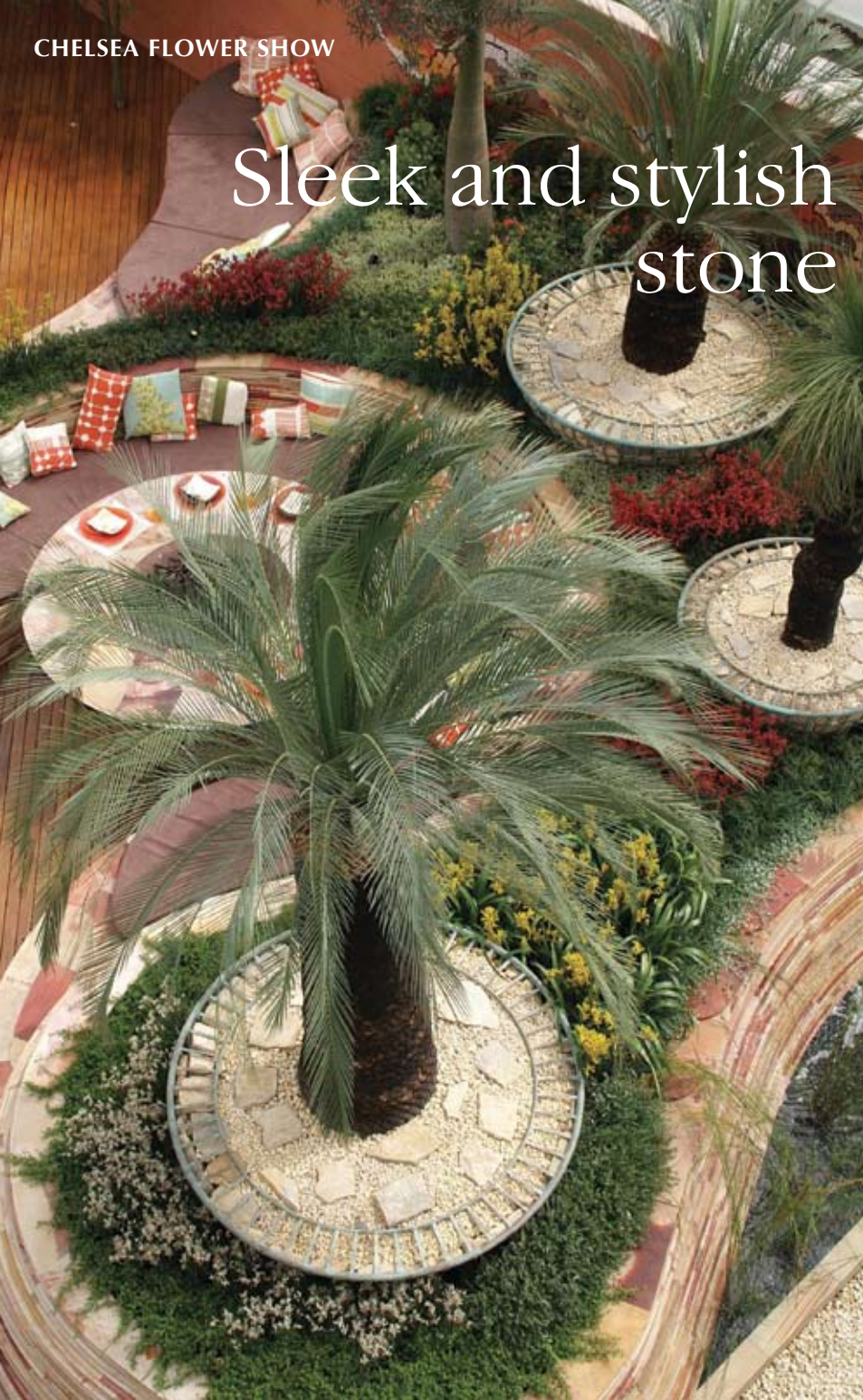


# Sleek and stylish stone



The first completely native Australian garden in the history of the UK's Chelsea Flower Show featured a distinctive wall made from Western Australian sandstone.

**A**t this year's Chelsea Flower Show – run by the UK's Royal Horticulture Society and held in London for five days each May – the first-ever all-Australian garden was awarded a Gold Medal for its unique design that maximised function while showcasing native plants and materials.

'Fleming's and Trailfinders Australian Garden presented by Melbourne, Victoria' was a joint venture between Fleming's Nurseries in Monbulk, Victoria, its sponsors, and designer Jamie Durie – TV personality and founder of Patio Landscape Architecture and Design. Fleming's has entered a Show Garden for the past five years – using a different designer each time – and has brought home five medals for its efforts.

After learning last September that its application was successful, the team began preparations for fulfilling its intended design and obtaining all the necessary materials. Impressed with the Western Australian stone used in Melbourne's Federation Square, Durie knew exactly what he wanted: Kimberley sandstone and Donnybrook sandstone from the only Australian company to quarry, process and market it – Meteor Stone in Landsdale, Western Australia. "He dragged out the true colours of the Kimberley," said Meteor Stone manager Craig Smith.

It took the company four months to quarry 120 tonnes of stone and process it into 4500 individually shaped tiles – which were then shipped to the UK in February, ready for the



