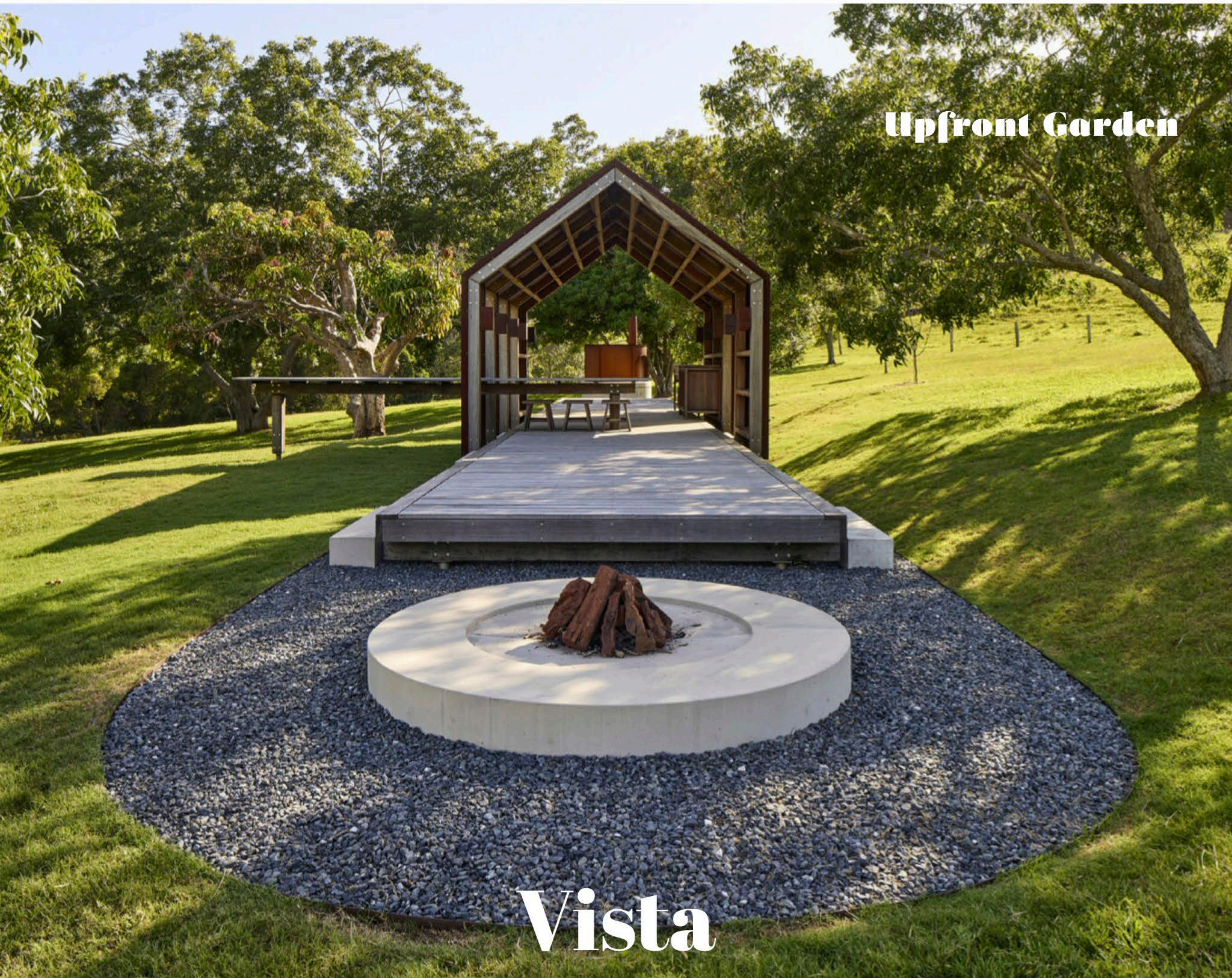


Upfront Garden



Vista



In a landscape as picturesque as this in the Broken Head hinterland – where rolling hills, ridge lines and rainforest meet – the most pertinent question is how to make a place for savouring the environment without disrupting it. Atelier Luke understood this, creating a small, off-grid structure that emphasises the landscape rather than itself. Broken Camp is carefully sited to make the most of natural light and shade, with a hardwood deck that touches the surface lightly. The deck passes through a tent-like pavilion that frames surrounding vistas and contains amenities for gathering around and dining from the fire pit and wood-fired oven. In a project of this size, details are everything: even candle holders are shielded from the

elements by steel shades.

A pared-back material palette composed of three elements made sense in more ways than one. Principally, weathering steel, spotted gum and grey concrete are sustainably durable and require little maintenance – but as they age and their colours fade, the three will settle into the rural landscape very nicely indeed.

“As a truly off-grid, service-free and ultimately simple structure, Broken Camp should provide decades of use with almost zero ongoing costs or consumption of resources,” atelier Luke reflects.

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