## IN THE SUMMERTIME...

Outdoors. That is where we'll be. Is it time to integrate your kitchen and living spaces with the great outdoors?

IT MAY BE another month until summer is officially here, but like most things summer prep takes time and effort. Whether it's that perfect tan, bikini bod or a stylish outdoor space for summer entertaining and socialising.

Australians and Queenslanders in particular are lucky enough to have a climate that favours outdoor parties, barbecues and family get togethers almost all year round. For this reason, it's easy to see the value in a well-designed and practical outdoor kitchen and living space.

Sublime Architectural Interiors design director

Kim Duffin says now is the best time to be thinking about updating your outdoor space, with isolated outdoor kitchens becoming a major trend for summer 2014.

"People want to be able to store, prepare, cook and present in the one space without the need to refer back to the main kitchen in the house," he says, adding that good storage around the barbecue and appropriate space for housing rubbish is essential for a practical design.

Outdoor spaces become an extension of the home's interior, with colour themes stripped back

to organic earthy tones and incorporating bright colour palettes from the home to add a splash of colour.

Kim says another big trend is incorporating fixed seating or booths for lounging, strongly suggesting a day bed is worth investing in.

Engage with the design professionals at Sublime to ensure you craft the perfect entertaining hub, while adding value to your home and your lifestyle.

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