

# Poolside paving

LASTING IMPRESSIONS FOR YOUR POOL SURROUNDS





**C**ustom Paving has spent the past 25 years developing its individual range of wet-cast concrete pavers to meet the growing need for a durable and easily-adaptable paving solution. This has resulted in a broad range of products that can be customised according to a choice of slate, sandstone or silkstone textures, 10 colours and an array of sizes to suit every individual job. Custom Paving has one of the largest pool coping ranges in the industry.

For the job pictured, Custom Paving supplied products to Lifestyle Solutions Centre in Bundaberg, Queensland, which designed and installed the project. The colour and finish of the

existing home needed to be complemented in the outdoor design. Custom Paving had the perfect match for its clients and provided them with contemporary silkstone pavers in the popular Merino colour for the steps and seats, replaced old-style paving with 450mm x 450mm bullnose, and then 400mm x 400mm pavers were laid on a concrete base for the entire paved surface with Sikaflex expansion joints.

It is particularly important to use a durable non-slip product around pool entertaining areas, notes Peter Moller, designer and construction manager from Lifestyle Solutions Centre: “Pool and entertaining areas more broadly are often wet, so slip resistance must be considered when selecting the most suitable product while easy cleaning also needs to be taken into consideration.”

All of the pavers constructed by Custom Paving are non-slip-tested to Australian standards, leaving them with the highest rating of slip-resistance possible. The particular characteristics of these durable wet-cast pavers mean they are ideally suited for pool surrounds and the key

reason is density, with very high ratios of cement used in production.

According to Warner Lamb, owner of Custom Paving, “We achieve a very high level of concrete strength (MPa) as we use a quality white Portland cement in production. It’s also important that all paving and pool surrounds be sealed with a quality penetrating sealer for easy cleaning and protection.”

Traditional dry-cast pavers are manufactured more cheaply and are consequently susceptible to marking and chipping, while retaining moisture that can render them completely unsuitable for pool surrounds.

Peter uses Custom Paving products to service his clients because “you need to have products that cohesively deliver the optimum solution, style and finish for clients’ specific needs”.

Custom Paving supplies its range of pavers, pool coping and landscaping products to more than 110 retail display sites in Queensland, New South Wales and the ACT. For a full list of suppliers visit [www.custompaving.com.au/](http://www.custompaving.com.au/) suppliers.

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