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# ASCOT VALE PRIVATE RESIDENCE

## Project Spotlight



**OWNER:**  
Private Homeowner  
Ascot Vale, VIC  
Australia

**CONTRACTOR:**  
Chris Stenhouse's  
Wall & Floor Tiling

**DISTRIBUTOR:**  
Urban Edge,  
Richmond

**ARCHITECT:**  
Nicholas Murray  
Architects

**PHOTOGRAPHER:**  
Tahnee Jade  
Photography



## Situation

A private homeowner desired renovations to their old Victorian home built in 1906. Architect Nicholas Murray Architects was retained for the Project. The homeowner wanted an en-suite added to the side of the house.

The project called for imagination as the extensions had to compliment the flow of the existing home. The project consisted of the addition of an en-suite bathroom and powder room with a total of 81 m<sup>2</sup> of tiling. The home owners had high expectations and exquisite taste.

Architect Nicholas Murray, builder Craig Kinney, Chris Stenhouse from Wall & Floor Tiling and the tile manufacturer Refin, all with exceptional reputations in their field, worked together to insure that the finished project would impress. So the pressure was on!



“I only use the best of products and adhere to every industry standard. The job was challenging but with the support of the Nicholas Murray Architects, Craig Kinney and high end products from LATICRETE, I knew the project would meet the homeowners' expectations.”

~ Chris Stenhouse  
Chris Stenhouse Wall & Floor Tiling

## Challenge

Thankfully Chris Stenhouse had a clean slate to work with and the builder was extremely knowledgeable. This assisted Chris in insuring no tile installation problems.

There was a slight hurdle in trying to eliminate wastage for the tiles in the en-suite due to size and cost of large tiles. To address this Chris suggested laying both wall and floor tiles in a random pattern where the off-cuts would be used in another row keeping waste to an absolute minimum. As the tiles were 1500 mm x 750 mm, they were extremely heavy!

# A LATICRETE Solution

The products of choice for the contractor Chris, were HYDRO BAN® Waterproofing and 335 Premium Flexible Adhesive.

**HYDRO BAN** was used to waterproof the shower walls, floor to ceiling. HYDRO BAN is a thin, load bearing waterproofing/crack isolation membrane that **DOES NOT** require the use of fabric in the field, coves or corners. HYDRO BAN is a single component, self curing liquid rubber polymer that forms a flexible, seamless waterproofing membrane. HYDRO BAN bonds directly to a wide variety of substrates.

## Outcome

The en-suite and bathroom were waterproofed. As the bathroom was on a concrete slab on-grade, it didn't require full floor waterproofing coverage but Chris prefers to keep his mind at ease and waterproofed the bathroom floor, shower walls, vanity and behind the bath.

"HYDRO BAN is a cost effective, high performance waterproofing membrane. Since using HYDRO BAN, I've cut down on labour and increased my productivity."

“ Chris is a brilliant tiler, a young gun and someone who takes a great deal of pride in his work.

The tiles in our new home look stunning and it is in no small part due to the care and craft displayed by Chris.”

~ Home owner

**335 Premium Flexible Adhesive** was the perfect choice for the large and extremely heavy tiles. 335 Premium Flexible Adhesive is a high performance thin-bed adhesive for installing a wide range of tiles and stone including low absorption ceramic tile, porcelain tile, natural and manufactured stone using the thin-set method of installation.

335 Premium Flexible Adhesive is a smooth adhesive with a long pot life.

Chris skimmed the walls with 335 and trowelled the back of tile, providing an extremely strong bond to the substrate.

The local LATICRETE Technical Sales Rep was extremely helpful with technical questions with regards to substrate preparation and tiling over the under tile floor heating / warming system.





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