WAHROONGA PRIVATE RESIDENCE
Project Spotlight

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Award Winning Residential Home Renovation

Situation

A residential home in Wahroonga, NSW Australia, required a renovation of 2764.5m². The renovation touched every part of this site from the front gate through to the rear fence. It included the addition of a brand new section housing a five-room guest house, as well as extension and refurbishment of the existing deck, the pool area, and extensive additions of new retaining walls and landscaping.

Brindabella Renovations, with over 25 years of experience within the industry and a multi-award winning company, was the perfect fit for the client’s project.

John Spiteri and the team from Brindabella Renovations worked closely with the Interior Designer, Robyn Cote from Inspired Interiors, and LATICRETE to meet the client’s needs as per their detailed specifications for the interior and exterior tiling, for the new build, the extension, colours and finishes.

Challenges

The main challenge was to create a space that looked as though it had always existed. The clients didn’t want the space to look new or different to the main house so creativity was required when designing the flow from the existing building to the new section. To achieve this, the roof line was extended to join the two buildings via the covered deck to make it seem as though they were always joined.

An entire section of the old back garden was demolished and excavated to make way for the new building which involved many hours of careful planning and work with on-site engineers to ensure the foundations would be rock solid. A variety of external stonework was to be installed around the pool, so extensive preparation around the sub-terrain was required to fix and seal off the natural marble.

The bathrooms needed to fulfil a number of requirements so the design and layout was well thought through.
LATICRETE Solution

Joe Tabone, LATICRETE Technical Sales Rep in NSW, was originally contacted by John Spiteri from Brindabella Renovations to help provide high quality solutions for a project that would guarantee to perform for years to come.

Brindabella Renovations chose a wide range of LATICRETE products for the project. HYDRO BAN® waterproof and crack isolation membrane was applied in almost all interior and exterior areas of the installation and 3701 Mortar Admix was used for the screeds.

335 adhesive in “Off White” was used for the outside marble and the granite cobblestone driveway, and 335 adhesive in “White” for the marble inside. 335 adhesive was also used for the bathrooms. With the excellent suitability for underwater applications, 254 adhesive was chosen for the pool tiling. The water feature was a major visual element within the project so perfect execution was required; LATAPOXY® 300 Adhesive was selected for the installation to ensure these standards were met.

To finish the installation, PERMACOLOR® Grout was used for the dry area applications, and SPECTRALOCK® PRO Premium Grout was selected for all wet areas, including the bathrooms.

Outcome

Brindabella Renovation’s professional approach and execution of design and installation, paired with globally proven LATICRETE installation materials, made for an exceptional collaboration that resulted in a flawless result for the homeowners.

“We worked closely with Joe Tabone our LATICRETE Representative, to make sure we specified the correct solution for this job. Given the scale of the job, it was really important we made sure the site was properly prepared and the correct additives, adhesives and grouts were used to ensure the quality result we required. LATICRETE provided all that we needed from one company, ensuring a complete proven system and ordering process. Delivery was co-ordinated for when needed, Joe visited the site on numerous occasions and was always available on the phone to provide assistance or answer questions.”

— John Spiteri, Brindabella Renovations.

“I worked on site closely with our LATICRETE Rep, Joe who visited the site regularly during the preparation and construction period. The products were exactly as needed for the job and made it much easier for us to provide a high quality finish for our clients. We specify Laticrete products because we know they have a range of products to suit all applications and we have peace of mind knowing they will always do the job.”

— Brogan Spiteri, Brindabella Renovations.

*United States Invention Patent No.: 6881768 (and other Patents)