



Made to last

Wet-cast concrete paving products offer homeowners durability, versatility and a quality finish

FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS, CUSTOM PAVING HAS been a leading boutique Australian manufacturer of quality handmade wet-cast concrete pavers and landscaping products. The company's range is extensive and consists of slate, sandstone and silkstone textures available in 10 colours and in more than 70 paver and bull-nose sizes.

The client brief was to extend the patio area, create a new outdoor area and replace some poorly laid pavers. In doing so, Custom Paving had to match the existing 600mm x 330mm-size pavers, which were no longer available as the manufacturer had gone out of business. Custom Paving's solution was to produce its 600mm x 400mm and 600mm x 360mm bull-nose pieces in a similar texture and then have the landscaper cut them back to the required size. The company then utilised its expert colour-matching skills to ensure the new products had the right hue.

Closely replicating the characteristics of natural

stone, Custom Paving's wide range of specialty products is designed for both internal and external use, with each piece individually made using a variety of contemporary colours that are blended all the way through.

As premium producers of quality architectural and landscaping products, Custom Paving uses only the best raw materials. As a result, all products test to a very high concrete strength rating (MPa). For example, Custom Paving uses 100kg of white Portland cement in every 40-piece batch of 400mm x 400mm pavers, giving the pavers an MPa rating of 39 to 43 in seven days and up to 47MPa in 28 days.

The process of wet casting also produces stronger pavers. Dry-cast pavers are much more likely to mark, chip and retain moisture due to their porous, brittle nature. Although wet-cast pavers are more expensive, they are more durable and cost effective in the long run. This is especially important around pool and spa areas.



Larger-format and rectangular pavers (800mm x 400mm, 600mm x 300mm and 600mm x 600mm) in Custom Paving's contemporary paver texture, silkstone, are proving especially popular. These bevel-edged, non-slip-rated smooth-finish pavers are commonly used to create a seamless flow from indoors (especially with larger rectangular indoor tiles) to out. Custom Paving also produces a huge 800mm x 800mm paver/stepper, which looks fantastic on architectural jobs.

The project architect, Harvey Russell of Russell Architects, has nothing but praise for Custom Paving, saying: "Custom Paving and the pavior were in regular contact during the process to ensure every detail was right. We are delighted with the consistency of the finished product and Custom Paving's efficiency."

Custom Paving products, which include a vast range of pool coping, step treads, cladding, garden edging and pier caps, have all been tested to Australian standards with test results available for dimension, salt attack, concrete strength, abrasiveness, efflorescence and slip resistance from a variety of residential, commercial and council jobs over an extensive period of time.

Custom Paving supplies to more than 100 retail display sites in Queensland, New South Wales and the ACT. To locate your nearest reseller, visit the "suppliers" tab on the website.

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