



In deep reflection

SPECIFICATIONS

Project:

Cook and Phillip Park Sydney

Client and Project

Management: City of Sydney

Architecture:

Bligh Voller & Nield Architecture

Contractor:

Buildcorp Asset Solutions

Stones Used:

Austral Juperana (Bruce Rock WA) Austral Black (Black Hill SA)

Stone Supplier:

Melocco Stone

Cook and Phillip Park sits as the forecourt to St Mary's Cathedral and is a pre-eminent open space in the fabric of Sydney. Re-development of the park was required when serious leaks developed through the protective membrane and into the car-parking and recreational swimming pool areas below.

The square was originally developed in the 90's using Bluestone and much of this material was reused. However, the Architect and client favoured a significant change to the layout of the park and selected Austral Juperana as the focus stone because its colouring compliments the sandstone in St Mary's.

The Austral Juperana forms the spine of the long rectangular area which stretches from St Mary's at the northern end to William Street in the south. The Austral Juperana was complimented by bands of Austral Black Setts that separate the reused bluestone paving.

The project involved the extensive use of steps and risers in Austral Juperana and Austral Black to provide access to the park from the adjacent street pavements. All in all 2500 square metre of paving, setts and treads were supplied over a 12 month period.

The re-development called for the existing water features of reflection pools and fountains to be retained with polished Austral Black cladding and shaped cappings replacing existing bluestone.

The total effect is an open vibrant area capable of hosting large crowds but with many points of interest to allow visitors to while-away a pleasant Sunday morning.

The park has become very popular and has experienced a resurgence in use since being redeveloped and was a focal point for gathering after the recent World Youth Day Celebrations. 

