



Entry for :
**IMPORTED STONE:
RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR**

Project:
Private residence, Buxton, Victoria

Architecture & Design:
Martyn Slade Building Design

Built by:
Geoffrey Iles

Stone Supply:
Décor Stone, Victoria

Cladding: **TP Tiling, Healesville**
Paving: **Acheron Valley Concreting**

Featured Stone:
**Décor Ledge Rustic Mica schist
610 mm x 152 mm panels**

River gravel, sandstone:
Barjarg Rock and Delatite pebbles

Rustic by nature

The exterior of a new 23 square metre home in Buxton, Victoria features intriguing interlocking natural stone panels which are mounted on a cementitious backing, reinforced with a thin layer of mesh. Décor Ledge panels are made from a variety of stone materials; granite, quartz, slate and the featured Rustic Mica schist.

Installation can be rapidly completed, reducing the labour cost normally associated with stack stone products. The availability of interlocking corner pieces is another benefit that installers enjoy.

Use of Décor Ledge was extended to the entertainment area where product framed the pizza oven. The benchtops are finished with a local sandstone. Large landscaping stones were sourced from Barjarg Rock, Mansfield, Victoria.

Additional external paving work was completed using river gravel supplied by Yea Sand & Gravel, plus 10-20 mm and 30-50 mm Delatite pebbles.

This well co-ordinated project illustrates how a variety of different stone products can be integrated to form a cohesive whole.

The property's rustic charm will be further enhanced when the native flora becomes fully established. It's worth noting that natural stone, like ceramic tile is an inert material which does not burn like wood, vinyl, carpet and other surface finishes. As a consequence stone structures delay the spread of fire, do not emit harmful substances, generally reduce exposure to heat and delay the collapse of buildings. These are important considerations particularly in a bush setting. **OS**