



Bluestone features at Hamer Hall

Category:
AUSTRALIAN STONE
Best Commercial
Exterior Project

Project:
Exterior of Arts Centre Hamer Hall, Melbourne

Architecture:
Ashton Raggett McDougall, Melbourne

Project coordination:
Major Projects Melbourne

Builder:
Boulderstone Pty Ltd

Stone supplier:
Victorian Bluestone Quarries

Stone:
495 x 995 x 40 mm diamond sawn bluestone and inlaid granite tactiles

Installation:
Wetspot Consolidated

The Arts Centre Hamer Hall redevelopment project took two years to complete at a cost of \$135.5 million dollars. The new facility provides a spectacular outlook to the city of Melbourne.

The interior boasts improved acoustics, new seating, staging systems and technology. Contemporary aspects of sustainability include a fresh approach to power generation, waste and water management.

Outside, the paving choice simply had to be tried and tested Victorian bluestone, a product which has continued to feature extensively in and around the city of Melbourne for more than a century.

The approaches and surrounds of Hamer Hall feature in excess of 3200 square metres of bluestone paving, treads and risers which were processed and supplied by Victorian Bluestone Quarries. The laying was carried

out by contractor Justin Davis and his team at Wetspot Consolidated.

Justin said, "The paving is laid in a 40 mm bed of sand and cement. No sealing was required. There is a lot of intricate work around the drains. In addition laying a combination of inlaid tactile granite tiles and bluestone was challenging. As we approached Melbourne City Councils deadline for the grand opening of Hamer Hall we had up to 40 stone masons working 3 shifts. Victorian Bluestone met all the material delivery deadlines."

The stone is available in sawn, sandblasted and honed surface finishes. It is typically used for exterior paving in commercial and residential environments where resistance to heavy foot traffic is essential and low porosity values are required. Lara bluestone has a low water absorption rate of 1.83 per cent. ⁹⁵

