



In quiet reflection

CATEGORY
AUSTRALIAN STONE
 - BEST CIVIC PROJECT -

PROJECT: Hyde Park – Pool of Reflection, Sydney, NSW
CLIENT: City of Sydney
ARCHITECT: Environmental Partnership
CONTRACTOR: Structus
STONES USED: Calca Red (Streaky Bay SA), Austral Black (Black Hill SA)
STONE SUPPLIER: Melocco Stone

Hyde Park is the oldest public parkland in Australia dating back to 1810 (just 22 years after settlement) when it was dedicated by Governor Macquarie. The Anzac Memorial and the Pool of Reflection at the Southern end of Hyde Park was completed and opened in 1934.

The Federal and NSW Governments are planning a significant renovation to the Anzac Memorial as part of the Centenary of Anzac commemorations. Working with the City of Sydney, they are upgrading the Pool of Reflection that forms the northern approach to the Anzac Memorial. The upgrade to the pool includes new water proofing to the pool, new stone surrounds and paving and improvements to the underground pump room.

Melocco supplied Calca granite paving, pool copings, solid stairs, path edge kerbs and weir stones to contractor Structus as part of the project. Supply was fulfilled between January and March 2016 and the project completed in July in time to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles, the first major battle fought by Australian troops on the Western Front. It was also the worst battle in Australian military history with the loss of over 5000 lives on the 19 and 20 of July 1916.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore said, “The Pool of Reflection is a place to remember so many of those who served our country. In the bustle of the city it offers a rare space for quiet reflection.”

