



LOCATION

Renmark, South Australia

CLIENT

Renmark Paringa Council

CATEGORY

Redevelopment

FEATURES

Conversion of spa to new access stairs, Commercial Grade PVC Liner; Award Winning Pool

Alan Coulter Recreation Centre

As part of an extensive rejuvenation of the recreation centre, the swimming pool was extensively renovated. The pool which was unsightly and had accessibility issues was transformed into a modern, clean aquatic facility for the community.

The existing pool had limited entry and exits points with an outdated and dangerous disability winch the only option for anyone with physical limitations to enter and exit the water. Old tiles and grout looked patchy and signs of cracking and lifting had begun to appear. The pool was in bad shape and was not inviting for anyone to use.

Our on-site works centered around converting an old Spa section of the pool to stairs for increased accessibility, a challenging task, which saw the demolition of the old spa and new concrete steps formed and tiled to seamlessly match the existing waterline tiles. Space constraints prohibited the construction of a ramp, however, the finished stairs and handrails do provide much-improved access for users.

Another area of concern for users of the pool was the existing paving being slippery and an old uneven surface. We updated the concourse area surrounding the pool, with new coping tiles and paver's, it not only updated the look of the pool deck but it provides increased safety for anyone getting in or out of the water. Updates and improvements were made to the skimmer system ensuring the quality of water is maintained to Australian Standards.



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ALAN COULTER RECREATION CENTRE

The most visually dramatic change to the pool itself was the installation of a PVC liner, installed over the existing tiles. This type of liner used has been specifically developed for commercial pool environments. Installing a liner is a cost-effective option to support older pools, it acts as a waterproof structure, flexing with the pool shell and reducing on-going maintenance requirements such as filling cracks and replacing tiles. The liner was thermally welded to ensure it fitted like a second skin providing a completely waterproof surface. The PVC liner offers additional benefits for bathers in that the non-abrasive surface creates grip and helps to prevent scrapes and cuts.

The results of this renovation were an outstanding example of innovation and creative thinking for a commercial pool project. Knowing the value we had created for the community we entered the project in to the 2020 Swimming Pool & Spa Associations Awards for Excellence in the category of 'Commercial Renovation'. The renovation works were crowned Gold in both the South Australian and National Awards



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