



## Optical illusion

A captivating blend of modern art and design

**Structural Pools** has turned a simple pool design into a work of art. Initially designed by Eckersley Stafford Design, Structural Pools was called in to refine the materials and construct the contemporary project, which is based around innovative products and clever use of space.

Several notable features of the design stand out on their own, but the recurring shapes and forms help to carry the ideas as one whole concept.

Graffiti artist Jay Walker was commissioned to create a strong backdrop for the backyard, one that mimicked the shape of the design elements and contrasted the colours used in the pool and gardens. The bold feature reflects the form of the stonework, which extends across the backyard, creating a faultless flow.

Eckersley Stafford Design wanted to avoid the use of glazed tiling while still incorporating the organic-shaped sliced bluestone rounds.

Framed by small blue pebble stones, the pavers have been carefully laid to look like they wrap over the edge and into the pool, creating a sharp, clean perimeter. Their repetition reduced the need for a specially tiled pool interior and coping surrounds — the effect enhancing the overall design and ensuring the owners were left with something ultimately unique.

The pool has been effectively integrated with the landscaping, which was completed by Parterre Landscapes, and can be used as a rest area where one can cool off, with a shallow beach ledge perfect for wading in.

The design is based around the idea of making the pool look similar to an ornamental pond. The upper portion of the structure, which is actually a pond, appears to fall and move into the plunge pool through the cascading waterfall feature. The movement of the water creates atmosphere and makes the pool a water feature in itself, to admire on days when it's too cool to go for a dip.





## Company profile

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Structural Pools designs and constructs in-ground concrete swimming pools and spas, water features and associated landscaping to provide clients with a whole new backyard, not just a single addition. Working with the same company for the entire project means smooth communication and a stress-free process for the client.

Working on around 20 pools each year in the Melbourne metro area, Structural Pools was started by Dominic Schulling and Nicholas Callanan who bring a combined total of more than 30 years' experience in the pool and landscaping industries.

The company has won numerous awards over the years and is also a member of the HIA and MBA.

