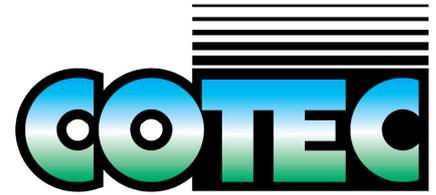




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OLD FACE, NEW FACE

Chris Hitchens, who was a part of the Cotec Team in 2002 – 05, and went “west” to Australia so as to establish a COTEC presence in Australia with Epotec Pool Coatings, has returned. During his time in Australia, the home of nearly 1 million pools, he built a business that will continue and thus looking after the protection needs of Aussie Pool Owners for years to come. Epotec HB, has proven to be an ideal protective coating there, for pools old and new. Spas and pools from the humble back yard plunge pool to those used by the thousands in public facilities the length and breadth of the continent. Even pools at Resorts and Amusement Parks on the Gold Coast are being protected successfully. The harsh Aussie climate being handled aplomb, with Epotec High Build performance.

Now that Chris is back in Auckland, he is keen to build on the proven history of Epotec, along with introducing major improvements, developed by the Cotec Research Team.

In addition, there are a range of new products and services that are now being planned for introduction over the next year. So as they say: “Watch this space”.



HANDLED LIKE “VELVET”

The deer velvet export industry has been advised by the Chinese Government that all handling yards that contact the velvet must be made more hygienic so we have done the first trial using Tuff Floor WB sealer and epoxy. This yard is all timber with some smaller areas of corrugated iron.

Adrian Ireland Painting Ltd, carried out the works here.

Prep wash with Chemwash and dry, then paint. Painted last month and first 250 deer through the yard already. The farm had a field day event immediately after the painting and considerable interest from other farms. We look forward to growing with this industry, which now has some 800,000 head, exports about 600 tonnes of velvet worth \$40Million pa. Something your editor had no idea about. How about you? Us imaginative Kiwi's and the can do!!



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A FOUNTAIN FULL OF GREAT COTEC PAINT

This historic fountain was stripped right back to bare. The base is concrete but the top structure (lions head, shags etc) is cast iron which needed to be coated with an industrial system to protect it from corrosion.

We used DTM primer followed by Tuff Cote water based anti-corrosive epoxy primer then 2 coats of Tuff Cote 2K water based polyurethane.

A number of months spent on this job as the fine detail work had to be brushed by hand. The concrete pool at the base was done with Epotec WB sealer then 2 coats Epotec HB. Amazing, ah?

And thanks to Neil Hammond, of Soda Blast who did such a fine job, one to be admired for years.



READY FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

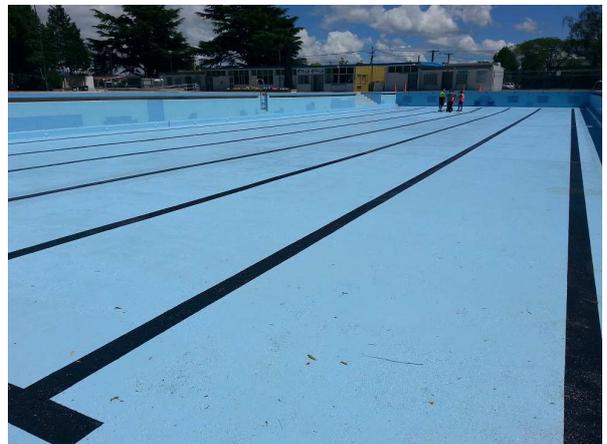
Frimley Pool is one of the Council run centres in the Hawkes Bay.

We stripped this back to bare concrete using UHP (ultra-high pressure) water blasting. This method has proven to be excellent at removing the old coating and profiling the concrete ready for re paint.

The other benefit is that it is relatively quiet and uses only about 11 litres of water a minute allowing a water vacuum to follow behind and suck up the water and old paint. Far and away better than sand blasting.

Then the surface was sealed with Epotec WB Sealer, flowed by 2 coats of Epotec HB in Mid Blue.

The swimmers will be thanking the Contractor Soda Blast HB Ltd, Neil Hammond, for a seamless, easy clean and hygienic finish, season after season.



ALL THE NEWS YOU CAN USE

We are about to upgrade the COTEC Web site with more resources and information you can use. So look out for the improvements and make it your resource centre too. In the next Newsletter we will be showcasing the improvements.

US CAN DO KIWI'S!

"The Eggbeater – Ernest Godward".

Godward moved to New Zealand from England in 1886 and he began inventing things on the side while working at the Southland CycleWorks. In 1900 he invented and patented an egg beater that prepared eggs for a sponge cake in three and a half minutes - previously it had taken 15 minutes.