

ALTRAN PROJECT MANAGEMENT CROWNE PLAZA ROYAL PINES RESORT LOBBY

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This large scale project covered an area in excess 2000 square metres. The initial stage was the demolition of all existing structures allowing for an ultra modern foyer, lobby lounge and hip bar to be created.

The resort remained operational during the construction period and therefore one of the challenges encountered was public safety. Leading a team of over 20 tradespeople simultaneously, staff and guests were continually redirected as the project progressed to ensure their safety.

Over 1300 square metres of Vitrified porcelain tiles were laid. Ceilings and walls, plumbing, electrical, data as well as the 'Dyna Light system' were the foundations of this transformation. The dumb waiter servicing three floors was also installed.

Already receiving reviews as the place to be seen, the Hydrate Bar Fascia is backlit white



onyx granite topped with pearly shores. The timber veneer bulkhead is suspended over the stainless steel benches. Glass shelving rests on stainless steel rods. Concealed behind, is the commercial grade cool room and kitchen. All catering equipment was made to measurement and fitted to Australian standards.

Featuring heavily upon the entrance are the backlit feature walls of white onyx. The back-

drop to the bar is the floor to ceiling 360 degree revolving oriental screens. The wine display was constructed of full height toughened glass and Formica Wenge velvet veneer with solid timber kicks.

In the Panorama Lounge, backlit plexiglass light boxes feature in this area with curved glazed handrails highlighting the sunken lounge area. The bar with commercial catering equip-

ment is again constructed of plexiglass backlit with neon and polished stainless steel, creating shadow lines. Adding to the sophisticated modern setting are the 200 clear and crackled LED pendant lights suspended from clear insulated cable and positioned at varying heights within the domed skylight.

The library wall unit consists of approximately 12 square metres timber veneer wall panelling.

This is offset with polished stainless steel inserts, and floating timber veneer shelving and concealed LED lighting. The six-metre x 700mm white Calcutta granite bench top is suspended below.

Three hundred and thirty square metres of external vitrified tiles were laid as well as the construction of planter boxes and landscaping. This is highlighted by the marine grade satin finish stainless steel panelling that clad the

interior and exterior baggage storage section. Concealed strip lighting emphasises the shadow lines created by the panelling.

Floor to ceiling glass display cases feature in the corridors. Private telephone booths were constructed and the extensive use of marble to joinery units and walls completed the transformation. Construction was completed two weeks ahead of the four-month time frame. With the handover coinciding with the resorts busy Christmas occupancy, Altran wanted to make sure there would be no interruptions to trade.



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