

In the swim

A picture-postcard pool is an ideal way to greet the summer, as these projects illustrate

Just as every site is different, so should every pool be tailor made to suit the land and your family's special requirements.

The fibreglass pools featured on this page were all built by Mayfair Pools agents. Each pool is a design response to the house architecture and the site.

In the project at the top, changing facilities and pool equipment are hidden behind a large wall, which features a sheer descent waterfall. Mayfair Pools agent Richard Rowley of Designer Pools says that like many of the company's projects, this pool incorporates LED lighting, with colours that can change at the touch of a button. The pool has a Steel Blue interior and comes with an ozone treatment system, heat pump and cover.

Paremata Swimming Pool Builders built the pool in the centre, which has a Paremata Sand interior, a Waterco pump and filtration system, and a heat pump.

The swimming and spa pools at right, built by Mayfair Pools agent Mike Lodge, also have Paremata Sands interiors. Templates were made of both pools so the handmade coping stones would match the exact radius of the curves. The spa heating is by Heat Pump and the paving is by Giacon Concrete and Terrazzo Ltd.

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This page: These pools built by Mayfair Pools agents have numerous special features.









Here to infinity

With its long weir edge, this pool by Mayfair Pools merges with the picture postcard scenery beyond





Designing an outdoor living area and poolscape isn't always about providing lots of detail. Sometimes it's best to just let the view do the talking.

This 25m-long infinity pool, built by Mayfair Pools, is a perfect example. With dramatic views of the Marlborough Sounds as a backdrop, the pool is a sleek oasis of blue that merges with the horizon.

Mike Freeth of Marlborough Pools & Spas, the local agent for Mayfair Pools, says the owners chose the colour Fiji Sands for the interior of the fibreglass pool.

"This has a creamy look when applied, but it becomes a beautiful turquoise blue once the water is in the pool."

To operate the 25m weir a separate booster pump was installed. This can be isolated from within the house when the pool is not in use. The pool is heated by two large 30kW heat pumps hidden beneath the deck. There is also an automated Coverstar pool cover, concealed in a pit when not in use. The cover avoids the need for a pool fence, which would have obstructed the view.

Freeth says construction challenges included changing the size of the pool mid-build from 12m to 25m long.

"Both ends of the original pool were removed and the pool extended in both directions for the new owners."

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This page: Filtration equipment for this 25m x 6m pool includes a multi-speed circulation pump.





Laps before breakfast

Ready and waiting for the long hot days of summer, this pool by Mayfair Pools runs right up to the house

A swimming pool is an integral part of many new home projects, but for this one the concept is taken quite literally – the pool butts up against a glass wall of the house. And with the glass reflecting the water, it almost appears as though the pool runs right into the home.

Wes Fiebig of Mayfair Pools and Spas in Cromwell, says the sloping building site, which has picturesque views across Lake Wanaka, posed an extra challenge.

"We needed to elevate the pool so that it would be flush with the terrace," Fiebig says. "So first we built a concrete bunker to accommodate the fibreglass lining. Because the owner wanted to visually merge the foyer of the house with the pool beyond, we also had to ensure the connection between the glass wall and the pool was completely waterproof."

Fiebig says a Pisa Blue lining was chosen to complement the site.

"This colour works very well with modern architecture. It's a cross between a traditional light blue swimming pool and the darker royal blue pools that have been a popular choice for many years."

The fibreglass lining is fully insulated to help maintain the temperature of the pool, which is heated by solar panels. The heat is also kept in by a pool cover with an automated operation – the switch is positioned near the door of the house. When not in use, the cover is concealed beneath an aluminium ledge that sits flush with the granite pool coping.

Other features of the pool include corner steps, a bench seat and halogen lighting – this ensures the pool looks just



as inviting by night. The pool equipment, which is hidden from sight in the basement of the house, includes a Filtermaster filtration system.

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Facing page: Spectacular views of Lake Wanaka and snow-topped mountains create an idyllic backdrop to this new swimming pool, which was custom built by Mayfair Pools.

Above: The pool laps against the house, and is reflected in a glass wall – the entry foyer is on the other side of the glass. The Pisa Blue colour of the fibreglass lining is enhanced by dark blue tiles around the water line.

Left: People arriving at the entry to the house can enjoy the view across the pool to the lake and mountains beyond.



On top of the world

Elevating this new swimming pool has maximised a great view, created a level entry, and avoided the need for a pool fence, says Mayfair Pools

A flat site is no longer a prerequisite for a swimming pool. Today, it's all about lifestyle, and pools are placed to enhance an outdoor entertaining area, which may involve a sloping site.

This was precisely the case for this new pool built by Mayfair Pools agent Richard Rowley.

"The location for this project was not particularly easy, as the pool needed to be built on a hillside, on soil that had not been compacted when the house was built," Rowley says. "Major engineering was required to ensure that the pool would be stable."

Rowley says it was decided to build the fibreglass pool above the ground to meet the level of the existing deck. This also meant that on the downhill side, the pool would be high enough to form its own pool fencing. And the view across the valley could be maintained.

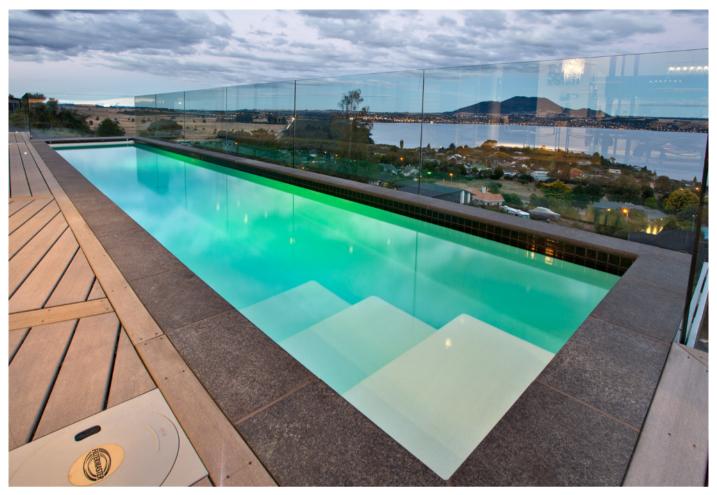
The pool colour is Atlantic Blue Glitter. This is contrasted by flamed black granite coping stones, which complement the natural landscape.

The pool is heated by a heat pump, and features a Zodiac salt chlorinator.

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Above: Mayfair Pools, a specialist in fibreglass pool construction, built this pool on a steep hillside. The colour of the pool interior is Atlantic Blue Glitter.



Take the plunge

A touch of the tropics comes to Taupo – this elevated lap pool by Mayfair Pools features an inviting Fiji Sands fibreglass interior



Swimming pools are often an integral part of a new home project, and it makes sense to work on both at the same time.

That's precisely what happened with this new home at Acacia Bay on Lake Taupo. Mayfair Pools worked alongside building contractor Bayline Construction in a joint venture.

Grant van der Vegte of Mayfair Pools says because the house is built on a steep hillside, extensive retaining walls were required. These were utilised for the structure of the pool, to reduce costs. "Building with fibreglass liners, as Mayfair Pools does, is the ideal construction method for such a geotechnically active region, where ground movement is likely," he says.

The 12m x 2.5m lap pool forms the centrepiece of the outdoor living area. It is defined by flamed basalt stone coping, black ceramic tiles on the waterline and a Fiji Sands fibreglass interior. A thermal blanket cover and roller are concealed in a pit at one end.

Other key features include a heat

pump, Austral NZ filtration system, Zodiac salt chorinator and Wi-Ficontrolled LED underwater lighting.

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Above: This lap pool, by Mayfair Pools and Bayline Construction, is elevated to maximise views.

Roll on summer

This country retreat is all set for the long hot days, with a new Mayfair Pools infinity lap pool

Architecture doesn't stop with a house design – today it's also about what goes outdoors, be it a courtyard, terracing, a poolscape or a mix of all three.

This new country house in South Auckland features a 13m lap pool that widens at one end to provide a fun family play area. The pool, built by Mayfair Pools, also features a 13m-long infinity edge, where the water spills over a wall to a shallow pool and retention tank.

Mayfair Pools builder Grant Van der Vegte says having the infinity edge not only makes the water merge with the horizon, but also ensures there is no obstruction to the view from the family living area that opens out to the pool. Glass balustrading on all sides helps as well.

"This pool was a little unusual in that one entire side of the pool already existed – it forms the wall of the basement room below the terrace," says Van der Vegte. "Mayfair Pools has a lot of experience in this area, however. We specialise in building pools, both residential and commercial, where the pool or water feature is integrated into the structure of the building."

This pool sparkles with a Pisa Blue fibreglass interior, underwater LED lighting and a filtration system supplied by Filtermaster NZ. Mayfair Pools also built a 9m x 5m water feature on the property.

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At the beach

With its little cove, shell pavers and Fiji Sand interior, this new pool by Mayfair Pools references a tranquil tropical beach



White sand beaches and sparkling blue waters are part and parcel of a holiday in the tropics. So it's not surprising a new poolscape that echoes these features evokes a sense of peace and relaxation.

The pool, in Parua Bay, Whangarei, was built by Mayfair Pools, a specialist in custom projects. At 14m long and 4.5m wide, the pool is large, but the size is increased further by an 8m² beach area.

To reinforce the concept of a small cove, the pavers in this area are ground with a shell sand and paua mix, while the

remaining pavers around the pool feature a shell sand and small pebble mix.

Mike Lodge, Mayfair Pools Northland agent, says the tropical look is enhanced by the Fiji Sand fibreglass finish on the pool, which incorporates glitter for a sparkling effect.

The pool also has another special feature – the water flows between the coping stones down to a 10,000-litre retention tank, and is then returned to the pool.

"This creates the impression of an infinity edge," says Lodge.

The pool has a hidden Super Bubble pool cover, a hot water heat pump and a saltwater filtration system with auto pH control, supplied by Filtermaster NZ.

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This page: This new inground pool by Mayfair Pools incorporates a shallow beach with shell pavers.

Falling water

A weir and sheer descent waterfall reinforce the grandeur of this project by Mayfair Pools

When a country house has generous proportions, it is only logical that the pool landscape should reflect a similar grand scale. That was the brief given to Gudrun Fischer, the landscape designer for this rural project.

The solution was a 25m pool, built by Mayfair Pools agent Richard Rowley of Designer Pools. But it is not just the size of the pool that impresses – it is also the special features. Water flows from a waterfall in a schist wall at one end, continuing under a bridge into the main pool. Water also flows from the main pool, over a weir with an infinity edge, to a collection pool positioned closer to the house.

The seamless look of the landscape is enhanced by the absence of pool fencing – the whole pool area is elevated 1.2m, which meets safety regulations.

Rowley says the pool has a Royal Blue lining, and an automatic transparent pool cover. This ensures the bright blue colour can be enjoyed at all times. The pool is heated by a heat pump and includes a Rolachem automatic chlorine and PH controller.

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This page: This pool by Mayfair Pools incorporates a dramatic waterfall feature and a weir.











Bright water

Far-reaching views of Doubtless Bay make a spectacular backdrop for this Mayfair Pools project

At one with the sea beyond - that's what

the owners of this new poolscape wanted. Their pool needed to blend seamlessly with the scenery and look as though it was part of the wider view.

Mayfair Pools agent Mike Lodge says the setting is magical, with the pool set far back from the road to ensure privacy.

"We were able to provide a 7m-long infinity edge to the pool, which is 21m long and 8m wide on the curved areas. It accommodates a massive water capacity of 180,000 litres, which meant we needed two salt water chlorinators to produce a crystal clear pool."

The poolscape is enhanced by salt and pepper granite coping stones and pavers, which were chosen to give a sense of the pool being surrounded by sand.

"The children's pool flows into the main pool, which is 1.8 to 2.1m deep – the depth really brings out the colour of the Blue Steel gel coat. It also means the pool can be used for diving," says Lodge.

Also provided is a spa pool, and a dual-purpose hot water heat pump to extend the swimming season. Pool cleaning is easy, thanks to an automatic robotic cleaner that runs on a three-hour cycle.

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Cocktails by the pool

Sleek, inviting and designed for entertaining on a grand scale, this new pool is by Mayfair Pools



Entertaining at home has changed over the past few years, and the most noticeable change is the way it has moved outside.

Today, homeowners are much more inclined to embrace an indoor-outdoor lifestyle, and a pool features prominently in many new home projects, such as this one by Mason and Wales Architects.

The Wanaka lakeside home features a fibreglass pool built by Wes Fiebig of Mayfair Pools & Spas Central Otago. The pool has a Royal Blue surface coat finish, MagnaPool filtration and sanitising system, and halogen lighting. Heating is provided by solar panels and a heat pump from Hot Water Heat Pumps Ltd. An automated Swim Roll pool cover helps to keep the heat in, and is concealed in a pit when not in use.

Although the site was flat, a high water table created an ongoing challenge. Water was constantly pumped from the site until construction was complete.

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