

Project feature:

Passion for parquetry

A beautiful home overlooking the water at Taren Point in Sydney was in need of a new parquetry floor following extensive water damage to the existing floor. With a passion for parquetry, John and Joe Elasi from Floormania were only too happy to take up the challenge.

"The owner wanted to make this floor the centrepiece of the home," says John. "He wanted a species that would create a contemporary feel and

decided on Brushbox in select grade because of its clean look."

Brushbox Select Grade Block Parquetry 260 x 65 x 19mm herringbone supplied by Australian Solar Timbers and Premium Floors was installed with a two piece timber, cork and marble border on a 45 degree angle.

The floor was fixed directly to concrete using Bostik Ultraset Adhesive and finished with Premium

Gold Polyurethane in gloss form.

"The owner wanted polyurethane to minimise maintenance, and the gloss was chosen to make the floor really stand out," says John.

Several challenges were faced along the way. "The existing water-damaged floor had previously not been installed correctly and there were a number of obstacles to face when removing it," says John. "This was a delicate process as we had to contend with the marble border and remove the floor without damaging the furnishings."

The installation process presented further challenges. "With so many angles involved there were plenty of mitre cuts," explains John. "We also had to mark out all our lines to a tee to get all the angles to match up which was challenging and created quite a bit of wastage."

The marble border created further complications, as it had to be completely level with the parquetry and cork. "The marble had to be sourced from Italy, and we worked with marble specialists to achieve the desired result."

The floor is 140 square metres in size and took around two weeks to install. "Floormania is very passionate about parquetry," says John. "There's so much workmanship involved and the results are always beautiful." **f**



Installer: Floormania
Timber Supplier: Australian Solar
Timbers, Premium Floors
Adhesive: Bostik Ultraset
Finish: Premium Gold Polyurethane