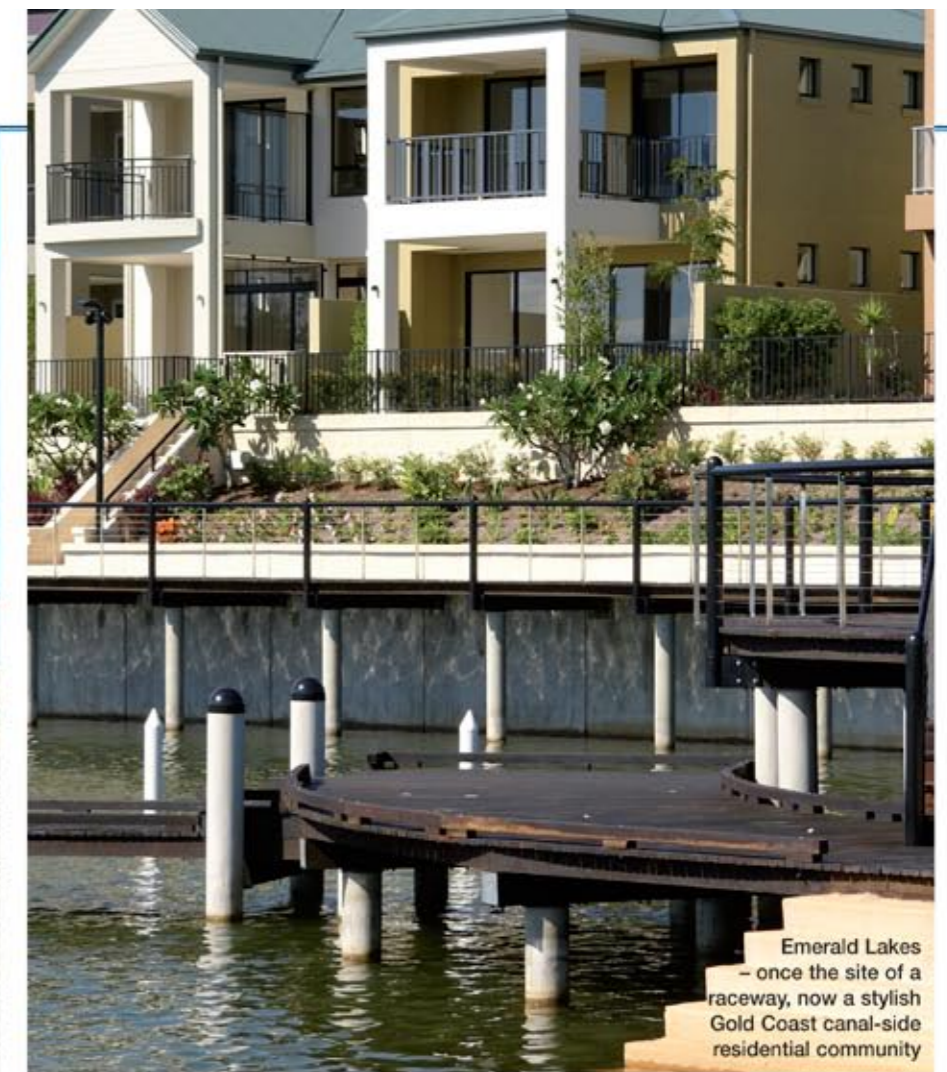


The A\$1 billion Calypso Bay complex includes possibly the biggest wooden deck in Eastern Australia



# All decked out

Two striking new residential communities on Queensland's Gold Coast have been receiving a lot of recent attention, in part because of the extensive use made of treated timber by the architects of both developments.



**Emerald Lakes**  
– once the site of a raceway, now a stylish Gold Coast canal-side residential community

**H**ighest profile, not least for its price tag, is the A\$1 billion Calypso Bay waterfront marina and community at Jacob's Well between Brisbane and Surfers Paradise. The three-stage project now taking shape is the realisation of the long-held dream of Bill and Imelda Roche (the Roche Group) – two of Australia's wealthiest private developers.

The A\$10 million 30-berth first stage of the marina and waterfront, featuring a huge expanse of Tanalised® E-treated spotted gum decking and double-treated Koppers marine piles, is completed. The main boardwalk includes two-level decking, handrails and garden boxes.

"At 450 metres and 7.2 metres wide, this is our biggest project ever," says Outdoor Structures Australia (OSA) director Ted Stubbersfield, "and is probably the largest wooden deck in Eastern Australia." A suspended walkway and boardwalks through mangroves into Jacob's Well village are also planned.

Some of Calypso Bay's most prestigious Grand Canal blocks were released to the market earlier this year, ranging in price

from A\$620,000 to A\$750,000.

When completed, the complex will have 1400 residential dwellings, a supermarket, tavern, 300-berth marina, shopping complex, restaurants and a population of more than 3000.

## **Emerald Lakes**

At the other end of the Gold Coast, on a site once occupied by the Surfers Paradise International Raceway, is Emerald Lakes – a master-planned community by home-builder Nifsan.

The seven-stage project will eventually have 1400 homes set around man-made waterways and include a commercial precinct, sports complex and tavern. Stage two of the project known as The Vistas, features an array of 160 contemporary homes, surrounded by Emerald Lakes golf course.

Design, systems engineering and materials for the sweeping expanse of waterfront decking and boardwalk were again supplied by OSA – a combination of proven Australian hardwood, CN oil and non-CCA Tanalised® E on the decking and Koppers marine piles. ▀