

# In The Swim

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THE Proven Hi Build Pool Coating

### In this issue we are looking at Fibreglass pools.

Over time the gel coat (the coloured part you see) slowly wears away. Also it may take on a whitish look as the effects of UV attack oxidises the surface. Your pool can also suffer from Osmosis (blisters and bubbles within the surface layers). Black spot will also appear in your pool, making it difficult to keep it algae free.

So after a period of time, usually 15 – 25 years your nice fibreglass pool is showing its age.

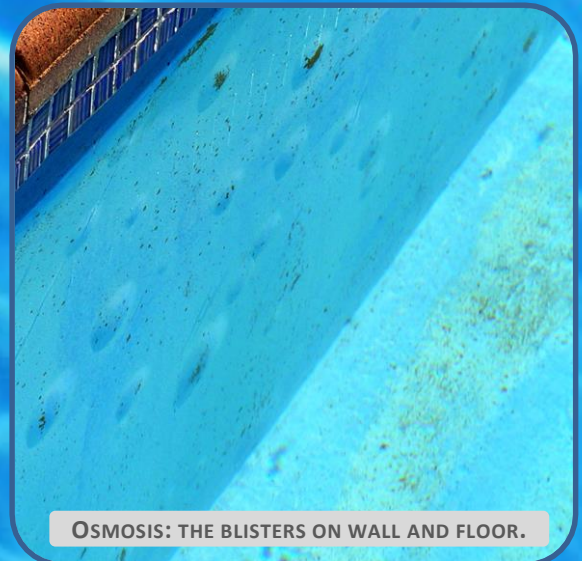
Fortunately up grading with Epotec in your chosen colour is a straightforward process, and it provides a long term economic answer to your pool's woes.

It's able to be undertaken by contractors or DIY, as you prefer.

In this Newsletter we show you some issues to compare with your pool and how one enterprising pool owner carried out their own project, to create a wonderful result at minimal cost.



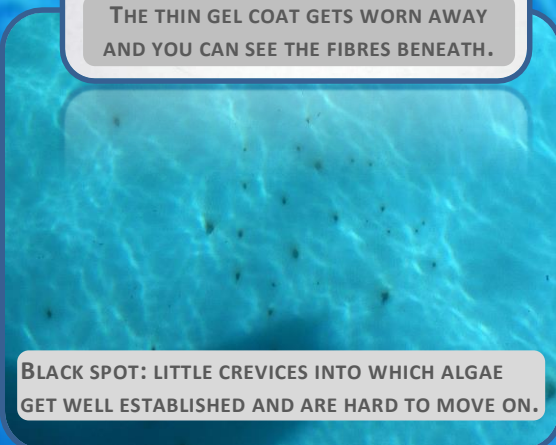
GENERALLY OXIDISED GEL COAT LAYER.



OSMOSIS: THE BLISTERS ON WALL AND FLOOR.



THE THIN GEL COAT GETS WORN AWAY AND YOU CAN SEE THE FIBRES BENEATH.



BLACK SPOT: LITTLE CREVICES INTO WHICH ALGAE GET WELL ESTABLISHED AND ARE HARD TO MOVE ON.



SOMETIMES IT HAS IT ALL.

Shannon's fibreglass pool near Gladstone was in need of an upgrade. He contacted us and we provided all the information for him to carry out this work himself.

In his words: "Completing a project like this you want to be armed with as much information as possible. ... as the information he (Hitchins) sent was invaluable".

If you can, discuss your fibreglass pool with a Chandler as they have much information about Osmosis and the West System to attend to it.

Shannon drained the pool using the pool pump, and the vacuum hose. Then placed acrow props across the pool to support it. He found a pond pump in the hydro valve cavity kept any water at bay (into a 50 L Bucket).

An Angle grinder was used to cut out the Osmosis, followed by 600 gm fibreglass matting, cut to fit the respective holes and then filled with the West System, inc the micro spheres, to fill the depressions. Sanding the surfaces was best done with a belt sander and #80 paper.

Then he applied 2 heavy coats of EPOTEC to the clean, dry surface. Shannon says: "Put the EPOTEC on thick as you can. It can go on about 4 times thicker than house paint and not slump." Lastly he says: "Plan your project well and make sure you have an understanding of the cost".

You can see how vastly better Shannon's pool looks after his comprehensive project.



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