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## **GOLD COAST FATHER AND SON DUO CEMENT THEIR PLACE IN HISTORY**



A home-grown father and son duo have cemented their place in history, leading the construction of a new infinity edge pool atop The Star Gold Coast's shining new centrepiece, The Darling.

Mudgeeraba locals Jeff and Jaye Hearn from Surfside Pools Commercial have clocked up more than 1000 hours together constructing the state-of-the-art pool which forms part of the luxury development, also boasting a stylish restaurant and bar overlooking the iconic Gold Coast skyline.

Cantilevered steel perched 67 metres above ground forms the basis of the gravity-defying infinity edge pool extending five metres beyond the side of the 17-storey tower.

Each of the pool's five prefabricated steel sections, weighing between 12 and 13.5 tonnes, were preassembled over a two-week period before being carefully lifted to the rooftop and secured into



place. A further 3000 tonnes of concrete has been used to create the shape of the pool and bring the floating structure to life.

Jeff Hearn, a Supervisor for local family-run pool specialists Surfside Pools, who has been with the team on and off for the past 25 years, says the unique pool shape and design has made for a more involved, challenging construction process.

“With the pool perched over the edge of the building on steel beams, we had to complete the work in many more stages than a regular job with multiple concrete pours,” Jeff said.

“After this many years in the field, it is always exciting to deliver something that pushes the creative and technical boundaries, and a high-end project like this is well worth the extra effort.”

A keen fisherman, Jeff joined Surfside Pools shortly after it was contracted to construct the Broadbeach property’s original pool more than 30 years ago. His son Jaye, 23, has been part of the team for almost two years but in the pool construction game from an early age, working alongside his dad during school from the age of 16.

“Dad and I get along really well – there’s no arguments we just get in there and get it done. He’s the boss so it really is no different to living with him!” Jaye said.

“The view of the Gold Coast from the rooftop is definitely amazing.

“I feel proud of what we have created, it’s a good feeling knowing that we built something that will be visited and photographed by people from all around the world.

“You get a great breeze up there so I am really intrigued to see it once the water is in, the tiling and lighting is complete and the finishing touches are made to the surroundings.”

The duo agrees being on the frontline of transforming such an iconic local property into a world-class integrated resort is an exciting time, while the project definitely has its perks.

“The majority of our projects over the past few years have been Brisbane based so it’s been a nice change being able to work so close to home,” Jeff said.

“It feels more relaxed by the coast, particularly not having to get up at the crack of dawn for the big commute.”

This week marked a major milestone for the rooftop project, with the pool filled with water for the first time as part of the initial phase of testing. Due to the unique design of the cantilevering steel and concrete structure, water will remain in the pool for five days while the structure settles, allowing for levels to be rechecked and balanced before tiling commences.

The Darling, the centrepiece of The Star’s current investment set to be delivered before the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, will feature 57 luxury suites from 70 to 328 square metres in size, and a stunning new rooftop restaurant and bar announced as Nineteen at The Star that takes dining and entertainment to world-class heights.

Together with the refurbishment of the property’s existing facilities, the high-profile transformation is expected to become a major tourism driver, attracting vital economic benefits for the Gold Coast and Queensland more generally, while also serving as a lasting legacy post the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

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