

Sovereign Hill Gold Museum Case Study

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Case Study:
Sovereign Hill Gold Museum
Electrical Contractor:
Site Electrician
Trader Electrical Products used:
Clouded Leopard, Buffalo & Puma

Going for Gold

For over 50 years Sovereign Hill has been regarded as one of Australia's most popular and historically significant tourist destinations.

As a key component of its 20-year Master Plan, the Gold Museum, and located across the road from the historic Sovereign Hill site, has been transformed into two centres of deep learning and research that include the Australian Centre for Rare Arts & Forgotten Trades and the Australian Centre for Gold Rush Collections, Rare Trades Centre and Gold Rush Collections Centre for short.

When it came to the electrical specification for the Rare Trades Centre workshop areas, the inhouse electrical team chose Trader's Clouded Leopard and Puma ranges of switches and sockets as well as the Buffalo range of industrial switchgear.

The Rare Trades Centre showcases contemporary practices that derive from rare, historic, or artisan trades. The area comprises clean workshops (woodworking, ceramics, paper, leather, textiles) and dirty workshops (glass, metal, stone) and flexible workshops that accommodate changing trades.

The workshop areas feature polished concrete floors contrasting with natural timber work benches, black fittings and all illuminated with Benda (custom curved) lighting. Spacious, well-equipped and ventilated, it is an up to the minute workspace.



Clouded Leopard switches match the design brief and also include a USB charger.



Buffalo range IP66 rating withstands workshop's metal filings, wood shavings and dust

"This is a high-end project and we were keen to ensure that the electrical accessories specified would match the design brief," says Jarrod Ferguson, Technical Services Manager

"We didn't want standard white switches and power points. We liked the square matt black finish of the Clouded Leopard range. It matches well with the look and feel of the place and fittings we have chosen. We also wanted to incorporate USB charging for phones and tablets."

The choice of Buffalo industrial switchgear was based purely on function.

"We have a timber and machine workshop equipped with lathes and bandsaws and other machinery. In this environment, switchgear is very likely to be covered in metal filings, wood shavings and dust, so the IP66 rating is important."

The workshops at the Rare Trades Centre also require overhead access to power. Here the Hyena range of suspension sockets are used to provide pendant power for textile cutting and metal engraving.

"We liked the fact that Trader offers these in black which again matched the fit-out."

The centre also welcomes visitors and school groups. Public engagement rooms are provided for this purpose fitted out with Trader's Puma range of quad powered 4 USB chargers.

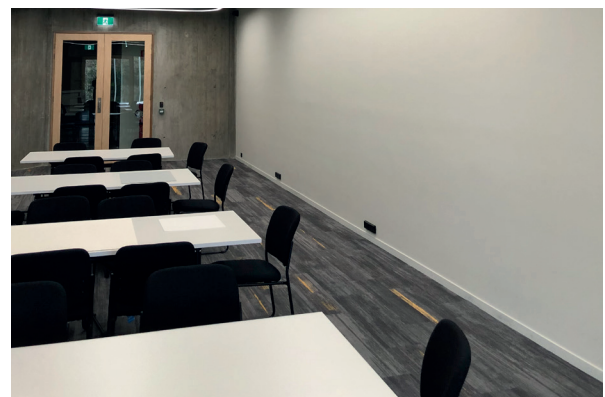
Buffalo Range



Clouded Leopard Range



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Puma Range





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