



Feature: A swimming pool from Aqua Technics Commercial was installed at the remote Berkeley River Lodge in the Kimberley.



Tricky: The lack of a road required a barge and an excavator to transport the pool.

No road no obstacle for pool

■ Marissa Lague

The North West building boom is generating new projects for swimming pool manufacturers and what is thought to be one of WA's most isolated swimming pools was installed recently at the Berkeley River Lodge, a hill-top luxury resort with views over the Kimberley coast, 170km from Wyndham.

With no road link to the resort, which can only be accessed by seaplane from Kununurra or by boat, the installation of a 20m swimming pool posed more than a few transport challenges for resort owners Martin and Kim Peirson-Jones and WA swimming pool company Aqua Technics Commercial.

With minimal disruption to the site one of

the key aims, a fibreglass pool in two pieces was shipped up the coast from Perth and at low tide an excavator crossed sand flats and unloaded the pool shells from the barge. They were then carried individually via a track through the dunes to the resort, where they were joined on site by a flange moulded into the shells.

The swimming pool quickly became the centrepiece of the resort.

"It's the focus point of the entire development — something that is enjoyed by all guests," Ms Pierson-Jones said.

In another North West project completed recently by Aqua Technics Commercial, a fibreglass pool was built in four sections and transported by truck to Karatha where it was joined on site at the Cherratta Lodge.