

Pool buyers CHECKLIST

A pool is a big investment so it is important to do your research before you buy. Before you start looking at swimming pool designs, it is important to think carefully about your goals for your overall outdoor area before you begin. What type of look do you want to achieve? There are many possibilities, including contemporary, classic, tropical, Balinese and any number of other styles. It is important to consider how the theme you choose will fit with other existing features, such as the style of your home. When you start shopping around you will be given a lot of information from different pool companies. Take your time to read and absorb it all.

To help you with your research, we have listed a few key things that you should consider before buying your new pool.

POOL QUALITY

- Is your pool builder accredited to AS/NZS 1838 and ISO 9001 Quality Management System?
Always ask for a license number.
- Is your pool builder using Pool ColourGuard® technology with a Lifetime Interior Surface Guarantee?
- Is the pool made using exclusive highest grade tensile strength eco-friendly fibreglass?
- Does your pool have a 200mm full-size edge beam, making it structurally sound without having to add secondary engineering works?
- Does your pool have full-size structural ribs along the walls, making it independently structural?
- Are the bench seat and swim out areas adequately supported and can easily be backfilled?
- If there is a large entry area, are there integrated support struts that form part of the structure in the design?
- Does the pool have full depth walls and full width floors for maximum swimming area?
- Does your pool builder have an onsite gelcoat manufacturing facility with daily batching for a better product?
- Does your pool builder have an onsite, fully qualified industrial chemist to oversee product quality?



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POOL AREA

How will you use the pool?

- Exercise - swimming laps you'll need around 1.2m under you to do turns
- Therapy - easy & shallow entry, steps, spa jets
- General Play & Recreation - water sports/games, seating areas, centrepiece for outdoor entertaining

What visual impression do you want from the pool?

- Central Feature - major element in design, pool integrated with garden and house, enhance view from the house and garden
- Secondary Element - isolated from garden immediately around house, in its own area
- Seasonal Considerations - Summer sun, Autumn leaves, Winter view
- Night Considerations - pool lighting, deck and garden lighting, night-time view from the house
- Style Options - naturalistic, classic, contemporary, pool colour

How much paving do you want around the pool?

- Paving/Decking - partial garden or lawn area, only at the entry point, extensive
- Materials - consistent with architecture, comfortable for bare feet, not too slippery when wet
- Other Considerations - seating space, dining, entertaining

How do you want the pool enclosed?

- Standard fencing
- Glass fencing
- Wall
- Combination

What other features would you like?

- Water feature
- Aqua Bed
- Fountain
- Pergola/gazebo
- Spa

How much storage do you need?

- Pool games and toys
- Pool equipment
- Pool chemical and maintenance supplies
- Cushions for furniture

What construction issues do you face?

- Pump/Heater Location - visual issue, practical limitations, noise
- Utilities - underground, electric, gas, water, sewer/septic, cable, overhead electrical wires
- Legal Regulations - fencing requirements, Shire permits, Water Corporation permits
- Soil and Site Considerations - small space, steep slope, waterlogged soil, bedrock/rocky soil, access to site for large equipment, soil compaction, tree roots/trees to be protected during installation, windy location, shady spots, vegetation - overhanging trees will drop leaves into the pool, supervision - can the pool be easily seen and supervised

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