

## FACT SHEET 1

### THE POOL FOR YOU

There are many types of swimming pools available in South Australia, each with their own benefits. This information is to help you choose the ideal pool for you.

#### CONCRETE POOLS

Being virtually hand made, concrete pools can be any shape or size and, within reason, to whatever depth you want. The interior of the pool is usually tiled, but it can be made up of other surfaces, such as marble sheen (a type of plaster), pebble or compounds that come in a wide variety of colours.

The coping or beam around the pool can be of brick, stone or slate; each gives long-lasting attractive surrounds. These surfaces can last for decades in some cases, and require minimal maintenance.

Concrete pools lend themselves to landscaping that can result in picturesque settings; design possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

Concrete is the most popular form for lap pools, because of its adaptability to meet size or area constraints and unusual dimensions.

#### FIBREGLASS POOLS

Generally, fibreglass pools can be constructed at a lower cost than concrete pools. They're popular in country areas where it can be difficult to find trades people.

They come in a wide range of shapes and colours, and the premoulded type can be installed within a couple of days. Their surface makes them easy to maintain, and they are very resistant to stains from leaves and dust.

#### VINYL LINED INGROUND POOLS

Price and a wide variety of shapes and colours account for the ever-growing popularity of vinyl lined inground pools.

These pools have steel walls and concrete beams around the top, and use the same coping as concrete pools.

They are also very easy to maintain. The liners should last for at least 15 years, and are economical to replace when necessary.

#### ABOVE GROUND POOLS

An above ground pool can cost significantly less than an inground pool, making it the most affordable option. Varying in size, colour and shape, from wading pools for children to adult-size pools, they can be installed yourself or by a trained installer. However, the benefits don't stop there, should it be necessary an above ground pool can be taken down and reinstalled at a new location.

These pools can also be installed inground, and with landscaping can look every bit as good as a traditional inground pool at a fraction of the cost.

#### APPROVALS CAN TAKE TIME

A SPASA SA pool builder understands the processes involved in getting local government and any other regulatory approvals required to build a pool, and will undertake the process for you. It can be quite involved ... and time consuming.

So if you want a pool built for a special occasion or indeed summer, allow plenty of time.

#### NO PLACE TOO SMALL

Blocks of land are getting smaller, and pools can be small too.

Today, lap pools across the back fence or down the side of the house are common. And with swim jets you don't have to miss out on exercise no matter the size of your pool.

The swim spa is another option, combining the benefits of a spa with enough space for exercise and plenty of fun.

Of course, small pools are more economical to heat, a major advantage, making the installation of all-year-round heating a viable option. And with features such as glass fencing, the pool can be spectacularly blended into the landscape of the entertainment area of your home.