

2024 Victorian Landscape Awards Judging Sheet for Pool [or Spa] in the Landscape

Note for judges

Awards Allocated: Gold, Silver & Bronze

Pool [or Spa] Design & Construction category.



Entrant	Project Address	

Note to Category Judge:

Is this project COMPLIANT? If NO, the entry is ineligible. Do not proceed with judging. The Member or Sub-contractor MUST hold a valid DB-L in Swimming Pool Construction

The **emphasis** is on the design and construction of the pool/spa. The integrity and success of the design will have an impact on the successful construction, therefore each aspect is integral to how the project is graded.

Each entry gets a mark out of 185. This is converted into a percentage and then ranked in this way.

If compulsory requirements such as a record of the entrant being a Registered Building Practitioner, or if a building permit was required but not obtained or supplied, this project should be assessed as ineligible for consideration.

Criteria

Awards Application										
Overall Professionalism of Application & Quality of Information	Poor – application is incomplete, difficult to read / understand.	Average – application contains the bare minimum information to describe the project.	Good – application describes the project well with clear project information, a good set of drawings / specifications, and includes all applicable documentation.	Excellent – application describes the project to the highest standards, with very clear project information, a powerful set of drawings which may include 3d representation, comprehensive specifications, and includes all applicable documentation.						
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Comments										

Sub-Total /5

Graphic Representation									
Quality of Graphic Communication	Poor – difficult to read / understand, no scale.	Adequate – the legible, commur project in plan o scale.	nicates	Good – the g communicate plan and has elevation or s 3 dimensions show and be	es the project of the contract	ect in east one pool in s should	Excellent – the gra clear, communicat plan and in 3 dime animation), with so drawings for differ client, contractors	es the project in nsions (possibly cale. Demonstrates ent audiences –	
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Context Evaluates the strength of connection between the design and the site	Poor – the pool/spa de has no connection with surrounds / architectu	Adequate – the design has some connection with the surrounds / architecture.					Good – the design has a good connection with the surrounds / architecture.				str sui an en	Excellent – the design has strong connection to the surrounds / architecture and other landscape environment.			the ture	
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Degree of Difficulty Evaluates the overall degree of difficulty of the swimming pool and or spa build taking into consideration the design documentation, access, unique, innovative construction	rerall degree of swimming pool taking into the design access, unique, truction Poor – the project is straight forward, one dimensional as far as diverse skill sets go, with no real challenging, technical, unique structural elements.		ge – the t is diverse kill sets but in format. hts are ed well but are no real out technica quire a high f skill or tion.	lly	Good – the project elements that requipments skit that have been exwell.			t require a al skill sets		Very Good – the project offers a number of challenges and s out detail. A dive level of unique, innovative skill s have been exerc to a high level throughout the project.			Excellent – the displays techni et brilliance throuerse with a high leve diversity, detai innovative, uni			al hout of ue he
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Sub Total /55

Responsiveness of the											
Design to the Client Brief Evaluates the quality of information collected from the client and how this is translated into the design	Poor – no brief evident / brief ignored.	Adequate - includes lir the design requireme misses son	nited resp nts o	l inforn onds to f the b	nation and the main	is clea	is clearly stated and the design responds to most and		includes exc and the desi	Excellent – the design brie includes excellent detail and the design responds t all aspects of the brief.	
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Comments											
Creative Response of											
Design Evaluates the overall impression of the design, considering innovative use of materials, clever resolution of function, a high aesthetic etc	Poor – the design does not function well, it is mundane, a poor take on old worn out trends.	Adequate it delivers or reasonable nothing ne	curre e star	ent trer ndard b	out brings	funct intro	– the o ions we duces a irrent ti	ell, it new to	ake		ell, it is exciting ve — it has the
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Comments Set Out 3D Floor gradients, steps and other transitional element of the swimming pool and or spa.	Poor – Design fails to meet basic criteria. Poor entry and function, gradients conflict with the overall intention of	Adequate		3	4	Good	6	,	0	Excellent – sw play areas are balanced, desi demonstrates consideration	im, rest and beautifully gn thoughtful

Sub Total /30

Construction						
Set Out Floor gradients, steps and other transitional element of the swimming pool and/or spa, waterproofing, position of skimmer boxes, aesthetic of skimmer box lids	Poor – levels are inconsistent, pool/spa does not sit well within the surrounds, no consideration to skimmer box location etc	Average -	Good – the pool works in well with other garden elements, steps are well placed	Excellent – all aspects of set out are perfect resulting in a pool that sits well with other garden elements. Detailed right down to the skimmer box which is beautifully integrated into the area and barely noticeable.		
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Material Selection	Poor – materials are not					
Evaluates the quality and suitability of all materials used in the swimming pool and/or spa.	suitable to the pool environment (i.e. not suitable for abrasive salt or chlorinated water)	Average – some consideration has been given to material appropriateness but not in every area	Good – materials selected are almost all suitable, perhaps one misses the mark	Excellent – material selection addresses the pool environment and will stand the test of time		
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Interior Finish Evaluates attention to detail in the tiling and or interior finish or the swimming pool and/or spa.	Poor – tiling is not square, too many cuts, uneven placement evident and accentuated by poor grouting technique	Adequate - Too many unnecessary cuts and uniformity of tile sizes differ, some inconsistency in placement of tile sheets resulting in patchwork effect	Good – minimal tile cuts, consistent placement, good grouting, overall very good effort	Excellent – hardly any tile cuts, grouting is consistent and matches or complements tiles perfectly		
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Comments						
Internal Fit-Off Evaluates the attention to detail of internal fitting placement. Heights, spacings colour and aesthetics considerations.	Poor – no systems evident as to where suctions and returns are placed	Adequate - Relevant internal fittings have some sort of system	Good - Functioning of the pool and aesthetics have well considered	Excellent - Innovative positioning and material selection of fittings		
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Comments Equipment	Poor – little to no consideration of	Adequate – room for improvement on functionality,	Good – equipment is fit for purpose, operates well,	Excellent - Equipment is perfectly installed allowing		
Installation	functionality through the	design and installation of	consideration has been	efficiency and function as		
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design and quality of the installation. Consider level of pipes, cleaning, serviceability (accessibility) and ease of operation. Noise considerations, Vermin proofing considerations, positioning of solar panels (if applicable) and size and performance of hydraulics	installation, and pool installation of equipme		to ver	place min prervicea se. Bet	ment o roofing bility, ter equ	e conside if solar pai g of equipr operation uipment cl been mad	nels, nent, and noices	could have been a little better to be excellent.		proj operatii of pun	is barely audible from the project space when operating. Perfect number of pumps and valves for the pool size.		n the n mber	
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Compliance Evaluates the compliance of heater clearances, plant room ventilation, and equipment set out.	Obvious non-compliance issues		А		e – mir Iliance	nor non- issues			ows no sign: oliance issue		Excellent – to the highest tandard with no evident flaws.			
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Comments														
Environmental Evaluates the consideration of the environment. Use of covers, low energy equipment, lighting, water consumption.	Poor – no pool cover, henergy usage for equiprinc heating unit, no rain tank for water neutral oppool oversized for spa	ment water ption,		of en	vironm	ave been	enviro one e been	consid onmer elemer n addr	the whole, gleration to ntal aspects, at may not hessed, or so es were ava	but nave me	Excellent – v hermal blar heatin consumpti low chemic	nket, so g, low e on on e	olar to a energy equipme ge via ic	ent,
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equipment. Some consideration given to most aspects but well as serviceability, and

Evaluates the functionality,

installation, and poor

Lighting Evaluates the placement and number of lights. Consideration given to heights, spacings, working operation and lighting all areas of the swimming pool and/or spa	Poor – pool has inappropriate illumination and fails to provide ambience, light positioning offers poor results, controls are hard to access	illumination and fails to provide ambience, light result to create ambience, itioning offers poor results, controls are accessible but could suitable and				e, lighti	ng is	Excellent – perfect balance resulting in stunning ambience, creating an inviting atmosphere. Controls at easy to access and wel considered			
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Comments											
Overall Impression Presentation, wow factor, first impressions based on initial visual impact. Remembering that a well designed and constructed project will appear as if it was always there.	Poor – the project does not blend into its surrounds, and provides no memorable initial reaction.	positive re	overage – the project provides a cositive response with a general ense of enjoyment / memorable reaction. Good – the engages the vicreates a memorable impression that time to ab				e viewe emorab that re	er and le first quires	Excellent – the project owns the space, engages the viewer and provides a memorable first impression that excites and inspires an emotive response.		
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Comments										Subtotal	/100
Was a building permit required for this project	Yes / No / NA		Was obta		uilding d?	perm	it	Y	es / N	lo / NA	
ADDITIONAL COMMEN	TS:							•			

TOTAL	/185	
Judges name(s)		
Judges Signature(s)		
Date of Judging		

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