

7 IMPORTANT TIPS WHEN BUILDING A SWIMMING POOL



At Jim's Pool Care we see thousands of pools per year. We also work with pool builders all over Australia. Below are some of the things we have learnt and you should consider when building a new pool. It is not an exhaustive list but will get you on your way, so we hope it helps as pools provide hours of fun.

POOL DESIGN TIP 1

DRAFT A POOL DESIGN

Have a design in mind before you meet your pool builder. If your not the creative type, that is fine, but have a serious think about the type and shape of pool that will suit your yard. Draw out a rough concept and a mud map of the possible location.

POOL DESIGN TIP 2

POOL CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL RULES

Now that you have had a think about your pool design why not visit your local council to find out what the rules are with building a pool. You may not be able to build in the location you want because of an easement running through your block or your council may have rules that state you have to build a certain distance away from fences and boundaries.

POOL DESIGN TIP 3

FEATURES OF YOUR POOL

Now that you have a rough shape of your pool and some information from council start to think about the finer details.

- Which end would you like the deep end to be?
 - How deep do you want your pool?
 - Do you have young children who may benefit from a shallow "beach area" or several "benches" for safety?
 - Where do you want to enter the pool and where would the pool steps be?
- Are you thinking of having a pool water feature or waterfall?



POOL DESIGN TIP 4

POOL EQUIPMENT LOCATION

Now that you have a design and potential location of your pool you will need to think about the location of your pool equipment. The standard setup will include a Pool Pump, Pool Filter and Salt Water Chlorinator but depending on your pool and budget there could be a huge range of extra equipment that will need to be located in the same area.

Think about if you have an existing shed that could house some of this equipment or a wall or boundary fence. Also think about constructing a Pool Equipment shed or cover over your equipment to help extend the life of equipment and keep it out of the weather. These sheds can also reduce noise.

You will also need to think about a waste line for when you want to backwash a filter or empty water from your pool. Where will this pipe run to?

POOL DESIGN TIP 5

WHAT POOL EQUIPMENT DO YOU NEED AND WANT?

This can be tough for someone who has not built a pool before or owned a pool. Here is some pool equipment you need to think about:

- Pool Pump
- Pool Filter (Sand or Cartridge)
- Salt water Chlorinator or Chlorine Dosing System
- Pool Cleaner - Suction versus Robotic Cleaner
- Water Features
- Pool Heating - Solar, Gas or Pool Heat Pump



Maybe ask a friend with a pool, call Jim's Pool Care for a consultation about pool equipment trends and the current market place or even visit your local reputable pool shop for advice on this. Like most products pool equipment has a range of prices. You can get a pool pump for \$600 and they range up to \$2500. The same applies for filters, chlorinators, robotic cleaners and pool heating.

POOL DESIGN TIP 6

SELECTING A POOL BUILDER

Now this is often the challenge. What is your criteria for a good pool builder? Are you wanting the cheapest pool? Are you wanting a reputable pool builder? Are you wanting a complicated unique design? Are you wanting a fibreglass pool with a standard design? What time frame are you working on? What we recommend is get at least 2-3 quotes for the same designs and specs, ask for referrals, ask friends with pools and check them out online.

POOL DESIGN TIP 7

LEARN POOL MAINTENANCE OR BOOK A PROFESSIONAL

Once your Pool has been built you will need to maintain it regularly. Water balance is important for both bather comfort and the life of your pool equipment. You can do this yourself with home test kits, take a sample to your local pool shop or get in a mobile service company like Jim's Pool Care who take care of everything for you.

You have just spent from \$40,000 to \$70,000 and upwards so why not invest in some regular pool maintenance with regular service calls starting from \$77 depending on your city and how frequent you want service.



Finally

Ask lots of questions and gets lots of answers before building your new pool

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