



# Awards Categories

## 2024 Category Pricing

Individual/Employee Categories \$125

Standard Entry \$175

'Best of' Categories \$330

## MAJOR AWARDS

### Pool of the Year

Chosen from the gold winners of categories 9-33

### Spa of the Year

Chosen from the gold winners of categories 7-8, 32-33

### Commercial Project of the Year

Chosen from the gold winners of categories 39-51

### Best Pool Store

### Best Spa Retailer

### Best Mobile Service Business

### Best Professional Service Business

### Product of the Year

Chosen from the winners of categories 3-8

### Business of the Year

Chosen from the gold winners of categories 61-68

### Professional of the Year

Chosen from the gold winners of categories 69-79

### Best Supplier

### Best Concrete Pool Builder

### Best Fibreglass Pool Builder

### Best Prefabricated Composite Pool Builder

## INDUSTRY & PRODUCT CATEGORIES

Categories 1-2 must have been released/implemented/upgraded within 12 months of the nomination deadline, category 3 within 24 months of nomination deadline and categories 6-8 within 3 years of the nomination deadline.

### 1. Education & Training Excellence Award

To be presented to an organisation which has achieved excellence in enabling the provision of education and training to its employees and/or the industry.

### 2. Marketing Campaign Award

Awarded to the marketing/promotional campaign that either directly or indirectly positively promotes to the industry.

### 3. New Product Award

Open to any new product that demonstrates a high degree of innovation, value and originality. The product must offer significantly different benefits from previous models (if applicable). The product must be compliant with local regulations and have been sold in the region being applied for.

### 4. Sustainable Product Award

Open to any product on the market that offers sustainability in the form of water and/or energy use, operational efficiency and/or cost effectiveness over time. Products in this category must be supported by measurable data to quantify its sustainability. The product must be compliant with local regulations and have been sold in the region being applied for.

### 5. Innovative Product Award

Entries into this category must display an original, creative concept in design or manufacture of a product not seen before in the industry. The product must be compliant with local regulations and have been sold in the region being applied for.

### 6. Vinyl Lined Modular Pool

A free-standing Modular Pool that can be installed inground or above ground.

## 7. Portable Spa

Open to any pre-engineered self-contained spa, can be installed inground or above ground.

## 8. Swim Spa

Open to any pre-engineered self-contained swim spa either dual or single zone that includes spa seating and has a water capacity of no less than 4,000L.

# BUILD & INSTALLATION CATEGORIES

Must have been completed within 3 years of the nomination deadline except Display Pool/Centre.

## RESIDENTIAL ONLY

Projects that are purpose built for private use only.

### Concrete Pools

The following categories are open to any residential pool constructed of concrete; can be any depth, width or length. The total contract value must be within the specified category dollar values.

- 9. Concrete Pool up to \$60,000
- 10. Concrete Pool up to \$120,000
- 11. Concrete Pool up to \$180,000
- 12. Concrete Pool up to \$240,000
- 13. Concrete Pool over \$240,000

### Fibreglass Pools

The following categories are open to any residential pool constructed of fibreglass; can be any depth, width or length. The total contract value must be within the specified category dollar values.

- 14. Fibreglass Pool up to \$40,000
- 15. Fibreglass Pool up to \$80,000
- 16. **UPDATED for 2024!** Fibreglass Pool up to \$120,000
- 17. **UPDATED for 2024!** Fibreglass Pool over \$120,000

### Freeform Pools

The following categories are open to any residential freeform pool. The pool must be constructed predominantly of smooth flowing lines or curves to produce an uneven, natural look. This award is open to any type of construction. The total contract value must be within the specified category dollar values.

- 18. Freeform Pool up to \$60,000
- 19. Freeform Pool up to \$120,000
- 20. Freeform Pool over \$120,000

### Prefabricated Composite Pools

Open to any residential pool that is free standing and pre-fabricated, using materials such as but not limited to concrete, shipping containers, fibreglass etc. The total contract value must be within the specified category dollar values. Note: this does not include inground fibreglass pools.

- 21. Prefabricated Composite Pool up to \$30,000
- 22. Prefabricated Composite Pool up to \$60,000
- 23. Prefabricated Composite Pool over \$60,000

### Pool & Spa Combinations

The following categories are open to any residential pool constructed of the specified material. The pool and spa must be built together and can be any depth, width or length.

- 24. Concrete Pool & Spa Combination
- 25. Fibreglass Pool & Spa Combination
- 26. Vinyl-Lined Pool & Spa Combination

Category 24 may include an acrylic self-contained spa as the spa component.

### Vinyl Lined In-ground Pools

A vinyl lined pool that has been engineered and designed for inground application only.

- 27. **NEW for 2024!** Vinyl Lined In-ground Pool up to \$60,000
- 28. **NEW for 2024!** Vinyl Lined In-ground Pool up to \$120,000
- 29. **NEW for 2024!** Vinyl Lined In-ground Pool over \$120,000

### 30. Enclosed / Indoor Pool

An indoor pool is defined as any pool that is enclosed or partly enclosed by a residential building.

### Courtyard / Small Pool

This award is open to any residential pool in a courtyard setting that complements and enhances that setting. The pool must not exceed 16 sqm in surface area.

- 31. Courtyard / Small Pool up to \$40,000
- 32. Courtyard / Small Pool up to \$80,000
- 33. Courtyard / Small Pool over \$80,000

### Lap Pools

The following categories are open to any residential lap pool constructed of the specified material.

A Lap Pool is a pool with a minimum length of 9 metres and designed primarily for exercise swimming. The maximum width to length ratio for pools 9-15 metres in length shall be 0.25 and for pools over 15 metres in length shall be 0.20. A Lap Pool may have a limited widened area for use other than exercise swimming provided such area does not extend for more than 30% of the overall pool area.

- 34. Concrete Lap Pool
- 35. Fibreglass Lap Pool
- 36. Vinyl-Lined Lap Pool

### In-Ground Spas

Open to any spa permanently installed or constructed on site of the specified material, as part of a pool or stand alone.

- 37. Concrete In-ground Spa
- 38. Fibreglass In-ground Spa

### Renovations

An installation that has undergone significant alterations, including additions or alterations of the structure or shape of the existing pool. The original installation must be in some existence. The total contract value must be within the specified category dollar values.

- 39. **UPDATED for 2024!** Renovation up to \$40,000
- 40. **UPDATED for 2024!** Renovation up to \$80,000
- 41. **UPDATED for 2024!** Renovation over \$80,000

### 42. Residential Water Feature

Features such as waterfalls, ponds and fountains, either stand-alone items or part of a pool and/or spa.

### 43. Residential Lighting Feature

A lighting feature used in waterfalls, ponds and fountains or part of a pool and/or spa.

### COMMERCIAL ONLY

Projects that are purpose built and accessible for public use.

### Commercial Pools

A commercial pool has the primary purpose of public use. This pool is located at a commercial premises as defined by the Health Department of the relevant state. The total contract value must be within the specified category dollar values and constructed of the specified material.

- 44. Concrete Commercial Pool up to \$250,000
- 45. Fibreglass Commercial Pool up to \$250,000
- 46. Vinyl Lined Commercial Pool up to \$250,000
- 47. **UPDATED for 2024!** Commercial Pool (Aquatics) up to \$500,000
- 48. **UPDATED for 2024!** Commercial Pool (Aquatics) up to \$1,000,000
- 49. **UPDATED for 2024!** Commercial Pool (Aquatics) over \$1,000,000
- 50. **NEW for 2024!** Hotel/Resort Pool up to \$500,000
- 51. **NEW for 2024!** Hotel/Resort Pool up to \$1,000,000
- 52. **NEW for 2024!** Hotel/Resort Pool over \$1,000,000

### 53. Commercial Spa

Open to any commercial spa located at a commercial premises as defined by the Health Department of the relevant state. The spa can be any type, portable or permanent with no limitations on price or size.

### 54. Commercial Renovation

An installation that has undergone significant alterations, including additions or alterations of the structure or shape of the existing pool. The original installation must be in some existence. This pool or spa is located at a commercial premises as defined by the Health Department of the relevant state.

### 55. Commercial Water Display

Water Displays such as waterfalls, ponds, fountains, water interactive playgrounds or part of a pool and/or spa.

### 56. Commercial Lighting Display

A lighting display used in waterfalls, ponds, fountains, water interactive playgrounds or part of a pool and/or spa.

### 57. International Project

Open to any member who has completed or contributed to the design of an aquatic construction project outside the entrant's country of residence. Entries into this category must be submitted into the member's primary region.

### 58. Commercial System

Open to any aquatic system installed by a member, connected to a pool, spa or swimming facility. Examples might include water treatment systems, hydraulic/filtration systems, automation, etc.

### 59. Display Pool / Centre

Pools built in the builder's display area, where the primary purpose of the pool is for the exhibition to potential customers. Entries featuring a pool built for a customer which the builder has access for display purposes will not be accepted.

## COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL

The following categories suit either Residential or Commercial Projects

### 60. Pool Landscape Design

Landscape design should enhance and compliment the pool and or spa.

### 61. Innovative Project

Entry must display an original, creative concept in design or construction of a pool, spa or aquatic project not seen before in the industry.

### 62. Sustainable Project

Any pool or spa construction with the incorporation of specific features or equipment resulting in energy, chemical and/or water savings.

### 63. Community Project

Open to any construction project, product, service or program that promotes Social Responsibility in the industry. Examples may include: an installation to assist with rehabilitation and enhancing lifestyle, community project to promote healthy living in remote areas, project built in FIFO environments to help those who are travelling for work.

### 64. Safety Barrier

Open to any compliant pool and/or spa safety barrier installation of any type of construction.

## COMPANY/BUSINESS CATEGORIES

### 65. New Pool Store

Open to any new retail/service business that operates from a retail premises. Nominations must include written examples of the members excellence. The business must have existed between 1 and 3 years of the nomination deadline.

### 66. Single Location Pool Store

Open to any single location retail/service business that operates from a retail premises. Nominations must include written examples of the members excellence.

### 67. Multi-Location Pool Store

Open to any multi-location retail/service business that operates from retail premises. Nominations must include written examples of the members excellence.

### 68. Online Pool Store

Open to any retail/service business that operates an online store. Nominations must include written examples of the members excellence.

#### 69. Best Pool Store

Chosen from the gold winners of the previous 4 categories. Members cannot nominate for this category.

#### 70. Best Spa Retailer

Open to any individual retail spa outlet that stocks and displays a comprehensive range of spas. Nominations must include written examples of the members excellence.

#### 71. Best Mobile Service Business

Open to any service technician member who operates a single or multi van business. Nominations must include written examples of the members excellence.

#### 72. Best Professional Service Business

Open to any business that provides professional services to the industry, eg, certifiers, engineers, finance, legal, software development, etc. Nominations must include written examples of the members excellence. Note: This does not include retail or service technician businesses.

#### 73. Best Supplier

Open to any supplier member who provides products and services to the industry. Nominations must include written examples of the members excellence.

#### 74. Best Concrete Pool Builder

#### 75. Best Fibreglass Pool Builder

#### 76. Best Prefabricated Composite Pool Builder

#### 77. Best Vinyl-Lined Pool Builder

The above 4 categories are open to a member that has demonstrated a very high level of skill together with exceptional quality control, overall professionalism as well as a sound knowledge of the relevant Australian Standards, Act's, Regulations and Codes.

### INDIVIDUAL/EMPLOYEE CATEGORIES

#### 78. Pool & Spa Barrier Inspector Award

Open to any Certifier or Pool & Spa Barrier Inspector member, either principal or licensed employee of a SPASA member, who exemplifies all that is best in their technical and service dealings with consumers.

#### 79. Retail Service Technician Award

Open to any employee who deals with consumers in the retail space (i.e. does not visit customer's premises). The employee exemplifies all that is best in their technical and service dealings with consumers.

#### 80. In-Field Service Technician Award

Open to any employee who works as a service technician dealing with customers on site. The employee exemplifies all that is best in their technical and service dealings with consumers.

#### 81. Pool Sales Representative Award

Open to an employee in a salesperson role who exemplifies all that is best in their dealings with consumers to sell pools in a showroom or onsite.

#### 82. Spa Sales Representative Award

Open to an employee in a salesperson role who exemplifies all that is best in their dealings with consumers to sell spas in a showroom or onsite.

#### 83. Supplier Salesperson Award

Open to an employee in a salesperson role who exemplifies all that is best in their dealings within the industry.

#### 84. Rising Star Award

Open to any employee of a SPASA member who has been employed in the industry for no longer than 3 years from the nomination deadline and exemplifies all that is best in their dealings with customers. The proprietors of the member business must nominate the employee and should provide written examples of the employee's excellence.

#### 85. Construction Tradesperson Award

Open to any employee or sub-contractor of a SPASA member who has demonstrated a very high level of skill together with exceptional, quality control, overall professionalism as well as a sound knowledge of relevant Australian Standards, Act's, Regulations and Codes.

#### 86. Pool Designer Award

Open to any SPASA member or employee of a member who's role is to provide design services to clients.

#### 87. Operational Excellence Award

Open to an employee in an operations/administration role who exemplifies all that is best in their dealings within the industry.

#### 88. SPASA Training Excellence Award

This category is awarded by the SPASA Registered Training Organisation to a student who has shown exemplary commitment to