



Pool and Spa Registrations Required

South Gippsland Shire Council is alerting residents that all swimming pools and spas must be registered by 1 June 2020 under new laws introduced by the Victorian Government.

The new regulations aim to reduce the incidences of young children drowning by improving compliance with safety barrier requirements.

As part of its initiative, the Victorian Government requires pool and spa owners to have their safety barriers inspected and certified by a registered building surveyor or building inspector every four years.

Permanent safety barriers are compulsory for all permanent or relocatable pools and spas capable of containing water greater than 30 centimetres in depth. Older pools (pre-1994) will require compliant fences by 2021.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Regulatory Services Manager Luke Mullen recognised the necessary actions to ensure children were safe around pools and spas.

"Since 2000, 27 children have drowned in private swimming pools and spas across the state. In at least 20 of those cases a non-compliant safety barrier played a role.

"The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring safety barriers are compliant to reduce pool and spa deaths, and Council is required to ensure this is occurring locally. So pool and spa owners also have a role to play to ensure our children are kept safe" said Mr Mullen.

Those needing to register their pool or spa can visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/poolsparegistration

For more information about the new Victorian Government legislation please visit www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools

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