



SWIMMING POOLS FACT SHEET

Structures within pool enclosures

A child-resistant barrier is required by the Swimming Pool Act 1992 to always separate a residential building from the swimming pool. A detached or attached garage, laundry, shed, boatshed, clothesline or any structure not primarily associated to the pool is included under the legislation definition of a residential building and is required to be separated from the swimming pool. Residential buildings, as defined by the legislation are not to be located inside the swimming pool barrier.

The purpose of separating the swimming pool from residential buildings is:

- To ensure that the pool enclosure is solely used in relation to the pool use and not for any other purpose. This results in the frequency of entering and leaving the enclosed pool area being restricted to the actual use of the pool and not with other uses.
- To have available areas, outside the pool area, for residential purpose and other outdoor recreation

What is allowed?

Wagga Wagga City Council has taken a position that allows certain structures within the pool area, provided the structure is ancillary to the pool and primarily used in connection with the pool. The following structures are allowed in the enclosed pool area:

- A shed ancillary to the swimming pool with the primary purpose of containing pool filter equipment or storing equipment that is used in connection with the swimming pool.
- A free-standing pergola or similar open, small shade structure, primarily associated to the use of the pool and not the residential building.
- Similar structures that have a combined use for shade, housing filtration equipment, storage of pool equipment, chemicals, pool furniture and the like, used in connection with the swimming pool.

Critically, the size of such structures within the pool enclosure is to be in keeping with the size of the pool and not be for any other use.

What is not allowed?

The following structures are **not** allowed in the enclosed pool area and are to be located and accessed outside the swimming pool enclosure:

- Any residential building,
- Any WC, shower room, change room, laundry or clothesline,
- Any structure with cooking and food storage facilities,
- Enclosed gazebos, cabanas and pool houses,
- Boat sheds and garages and sheds not associated with the swimming pool.

Accessways and paths of travel

In keeping with the above it is recommended that the enclosed pool area is only accessed for pool use and not as an accessway to other structures and places. Therefore, it is preferable that access to the residence from the street, waterfront or other public place is outside the pool enclosure and not through the pool area.