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SUMMARY OF CATEGORIES 2017 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

No. Award Category

1. Best Residential Concrete Pool – Under \$50,000
2. Best Residential Concrete Pool – Under \$100,000
3. Best Residential Concrete Pool – Over \$100,000
4. Best Concrete Pool by a NEW SPASA Builder Member
5. Best Residential Fibreglass Pool – Under \$40,000
6. Best Residential Fibreglass Pool - \$40,000 - \$60,000
7. Best Residential Fibreglass Pool – Over \$60,000
8. Best Fibreglass Pool by a NEW SPASA Builder Member
9. Best Residential Courtyard / Plunge Pool
10. Best Commercial Pool under \$250,000
11. Best Commercial Pool over \$250,000
12. Best Residential Concrete Spa
13. Best Residential Pre-Engineered, vinyl-Lined in-Ground Pool
14. Best Residential Concrete Lap Pool
15. Best Residential Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Lap Pool
16. Best Residential Concrete Pool and Spa Combination
17. Best Residential Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Pool and Spa Combination
18. Best Pool and Landscape Combination
19. Best Residential Renovation - Up to \$25,000
20. Best Residential Renovation - Over \$25,000
21. Best Commercial Renovation

No. Award Category

22. Best Innovative Pool or Spa
23. Best Fibreglass, Acrylic, or Vinyl-Lined Pool by a Country Member
24. Best Concrete Pool by a Country Member
25. Best Residential Enclosed / Indoor Pool
26. Sustainable Pool or Spa
27. Best Water Feature
28. Best Safety Barrier
29. Pre-engineered Portable Spa
30. Best Landscape Design – Under 60sqm featuring a Pool or Spa
31. Best Landscape Design – 60-200sqm featuring a Pool or Spa
32. Best Pool Display Centre
33. Pool Store of the Year
34. Best Spa Retailer
35. SPASA Training High Achiever
36. SPASA Water Neutral Pool Program Award
37. Best In Situ Paving or Stone Product
38. Best Lighting Feature
39. Best Pool & Spa Service Business
40. Best Control, Water Quality or Convenience Product
41. SPASA Sustainability Award
42. 2017 Product of the Year (Major Award)
43. 2017 Remco Pool of the Year (Major Award)

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The SPASA annual Awards of Excellence are designed to promote outstanding quality in design, construction, innovation and professionalism across all sectors of the Victorian pool and spa industry.

The Awards are a valuable tool to promote SPASA to the general public and to encourage the highest degree of competency and professionalism by our members.

SPASA aims to provide a prestigious mass-market opportunity for award winners to promote themselves and allow consumers an easy means to identify practitioners whose pools, spas and products lead the industry.

All Award winners will receive an elegant plaque or trophy and will also be provided with a digital version of the distinctive winner logo for perpetual use on web and other promotional material.

SPASA 2017 Awards of Excellence winners will be featured in Members Directory & Awards of Excellence Showcase Magazine, receiving multi-year promotion on the SPASA website and coverage in various publications such as Melbourne Pool & Outdoor Design and SPLASH & Poolside.

The categories described on the following pages are judged for a Gold Award and / or a Highly Commended award. Entry to the prestigious Awards of Excellence is available exclusively to SPASA Members.

Panels of three to five judges will be invited to assess the various Award Categories. All pool & spa category awards are judged by an external panel of experts, that exclude SPASA board and staff.

Entrants are urged to consider the general elements contemplated by our judges when preparing their entries:

- Photography: Overall perception of the main photograph
- Innovation: Something that is new, concepts generally not seen before
- Degree of Difficulty: Site access, complexity of project, engineering challenges, etc
- Artistic Design: Shape, integration with the environment, colour, materials used, etc
- Desirability: From the pool or spa buyers point of view - is it a "must have" product?
- Obvious Perceived Quality: Craftsmanship exhibited in the construction
- Amenity: Access for use and functionality

Start preparing your submission now.

All entries must be received by the SPASA office no later than:

5PM, FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL 2017



GOLD AWARD 



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1. **Best Residential Concrete Pool – Under \$50,000**
This award is open to any concrete residential pool under \$50,000. There are no limitations on size or shape.
2. **Best Residential Concrete Pool – Under \$100,000**
This award is open to any concrete residential pool under \$100,000. There are no limitations on size or shape.
3. **Best Residential Concrete Pool – Over \$100,000**
This award is open to any concrete residential pool over \$100,000. There are no limitations on size or shape.
4. **Best Concrete Pool by a NEW Builder Member**
This award is open to any residential concrete pool, built on a SPASA Contract, by a new Builder member. There is no limitation on size, price or shape. The member must have joined the association after Jan 1st 2014.
5. **Best Residential Fibreglass Pool – Under \$40,000**
This award is open to any fibreglass or acrylic residential pool under \$40,000. There are no limitations on size or shape.
6. **Best Residential Fibreglass Pool - \$40,000 - \$60,000**
This award is open to any fibreglass or acrylic residential pool between \$40,000 & \$60,000. There are no limitations on size or shape.
7. **Best Residential Fibreglass Pool – Over \$60,000**
This award is open to any fibreglass or acrylic residential pool over \$60,000. There are no limitations on size or shape.
8. **Best Fibreglass Pool by a NEW Builder Member**
This award is open to any residential fibreglass pool, built on a SPASA Contract, by a new Builder member. There is no limitation on size, price or shape. The member must have joined the association after Jan 1st 2014.
9. **Best Residential Courtyard / Plunge Pool**
Plunge / Courtyard pools are a style of pool defined by a confined space. This award is open to any concrete, fibreglass or liner residential pool in a setting that complements and enhances the courtyard. There are no limitations on shape or price.
10. **Best Commercial Pool under \$250,000**
This award is open to any commercial pool and/or spa development under \$250,000. There are no limitations on size, shape or method of construction.
11. **Best Commercial Pool over \$250,000**
This award is open to any commercial pool and/or spa development over \$250,000. There are no limitations on size, shape or method of construction.
12. **Best Residential Concrete Spa**
This award is open to any residential concrete spa. There are no limitations on size, shape or price.
13. **Best Residential Pre-Engineered, Vinyl-Lined in-Ground Pool**
This award is open to any constructed residential fibreglass, acrylic or vinyl - lined in-ground pool. No limitations on size, shape or price.
14. **Best Residential Concrete Lap Pool**
Residential Lap pools are defined as being no wider than 3.5 metres, and a minimum length of 10 metres or four times the width of the pool; or a residential pool that incorporates a lap lane.

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- 15. Best Residential Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Lap Pool**
Residential Lap pools are defined as being no wider than 3.5 metres, and a minimum length of 10 metres or four times the width of the pool; or a residential pool that incorporates a lap lane.
- 16. Best Residential Concrete Pool and Spa Combination**
This award is open to any residential concrete pool and spa combination. There is no limitation on price, size or shape.
- 17. Best Residential Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Pool and Spa Combination**
This award is open to any residential fibreglass, acrylic, or vinyl- lined pool and spa combination. No limitation on size price or shape.
- 18. Best Pool and Landscape Combination**
This award is open to any residential project where both the pool AND surrounding landscape have been designed and constructed (or subcontracted) by the entrant. No limitation on price, size, shape or method of construction.
- 19. Best Residential Renovation - Up to \$25,000**
This award is open to any renovation of an existing pool or spa that does not include full removal and rebuilding of the existing pool / spa. No limitations on size, shape, or method of construction. Entries must advise project cost. Entrants must supply "before and after" images from the SAME viewpoint.
- 20. Best Residential Renovation - Over \$25,000**
Renovations include any type of construction- to cover significant alterations, including additions or alterations of the structure or shape of the existing pool. The contract value must be within nominated category. Entrants should demonstrate the following :Design, complexity, workmanship and amenity. Entrants must supply "before and after" images from the SAME viewpoint.
- 21. Best Commercial Renovation**
This renovation includes any type of construction (not full removal and rebuilding of pool) but that covers significant alterations, including addition, or alterations of the structure or shape of a commercial pool or spa development constructed at commercial premises, and falls with in definition of a public pool by the Health Dept of the relevant state. Entrants should demonstrate the following: Design, Complexity, workmanship & amenity.
- 22. Best Innovative Pool or Spa**
This award is for a concept not seen before in the design or construction of a swimming pool or spa, commercial or residential. No limitations on price, size shape or method of construction.
- 23. Best Fibreglass, Acrylic, or Vinyl-Lined Pool by a Country Member**
This award is open to any fibreglass, acrylic, or vinyl-lined pool installed / constructed by a country member. There are no limitations on size or shape.
- 24. Best Concrete Pool by a Country Member**
This award is open to any concrete pool constructed by a country member. There are no limitations on size or shape.
- 25. Best Residential Enclosed / Indoor Pool**
This award is open to any residential indoor pool that complements and enhances its setting. There are no limitations on size, shape, price, or method of construction. Entrants should demonstrate: Design Complexity, & workmanship. An indoor pool is defined as any pool that is enclosed in a building.
- 26. Sustainable Pool or Spa**
This award is open to any pool or spa construction project that incorporates specific features or equipment resulting in energy, chemical and / or water saving. Pool builder member entrants are requested in the submission to fully describe the equipment used and methodology employed to ensure maximum sustainability benefits.

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27. Best Water Feature

This award is open to any fountain or water feature - residential or commercial. There are no limitations on price, size, shape or method of construction.

28. Best Safety Barrier

This award is open to any compliant and certified Safety barrier- residential or commercial. No limitations on price or size.

29. Pre-engineered Portable Spa

This award is open to any certified compliant manufactured / re-locatable spa residential or commercial. No limitations on price, size.

30. Best Landscape Design - Under 60sqm featuring a Pool or Spa

This award is open to any member who can demonstrate they have been responsible for the design of a completed residential project exemplifying outstanding design principles. Structural elements within the completed project must have been executed by suitably registered contractors under any appropriate permits. Supporting material shall include professionally drawn landscape plans, before & after photographs, owners declaration and copies of applicable permits and contracts with sub-contractors. There are no limitations on value of the completed project.

31. Best Landscape Design – 60-200sqm featuring a Pool or Spa

This award is open to any member who can demonstrate they have been responsible for the design of a completed residential project exemplifying outstanding design principles. Structural elements within the completed project must have been executed by suitably registered contractors under any appropriate permits. Supporting material shall include professionally drawn landscape plans, before & after photographs, owners declaration and copies of applicable permits and contracts with sub-contractors. There are no limitations on value of the completed project.

32. Best Pool Display Centre

This award is open to any swimming pool Display Centre that demonstrates the benefits of living with a residential swimming pool (either a spasa retail or builder member.) This award is open to all existing and new display centres. Previous winners are encouraged to re enter this award.

33. Pool Store of the Year

This award is open to any retail outlet for pool and spa products that exhibits a good layout, innovation, compliance with regulations, appropriate presentation of merchandise, energy/ water conservation promotion, high standards of point of sale material, easy access for consumers, adequate warehouse and storage facilities, community support and professional consumer information & advice. Previous winners are eligible to re enter this award

34. Best Spa Retailer

This award is open to any individual retail spa outlet that stocks and displays a wide range of spas, and exhibits a good layout, innovation, compliance with regulations. Appropriate presentation of merchandise, energy/water conservation promotion, high standards of point of sale material, easy access for consumers, adequate warehouse and storage facilities, community support and professional information and advice. Previous winners encouraged to re enter.

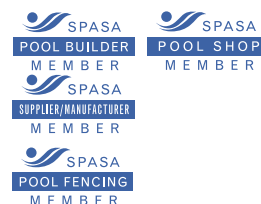
35. SPASA Training High Achiever

Awarded to the highest achieving student who completes SPASA Industry Training during the calendar Year.

36. SPASA Water Neutral Pool Program Award

This award is presented to the SPASA member - in any category of membership - that has been responsible for certifying the most Water Neutral Pools over the preceding 12 months. This award is highly regarded and is presented to the association member that has most positively influenced consumer sustainability behaviour. Note: The pool does not have to have been built by the member – only certified as Water Neutral.

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37. Best In Situ Paving or Stone Product

This award is open to any compliant paving or stone product installation- residential or commercial. There are no limitations on price, materials used or method of construction.

38. Best Lighting Feature

Pool lighting feature, any value,. Entrants should demonstrate the following criteria: Design, Complexity and Workmanship.

39. Best Pool & Spa Service Business

Open to any retail / service or stand alone mobile service business in the Industry that exhibits excellence in: Presentation of service fleet & staff uniforms, local marketing, compliance with regulations, energy / water conservation, and safety promotion. Consumer advise & information, technical excellence, adoption of technology, sales and business growth success, and staff development.

40. Best Control, Water Quality or Convenience Product

Open to any product released onto the market between 1/1/14 and 1/7/16 that plays a part in the process of control, consumer convenience, or water treatment conservation in a pool or spa. For example it could be a new chemical, pump, heater cover, cleaner, filter or sanitizer or water quality management system. It will be awarded to the product that is deemed to have provided the greatest benefit to the pool or spa owner.

41. SPASA Sustainability Award

This is open to any new product, service, activity, or device, that demonstrates a saving of energy and / or water. The initiative must have been released onto the market less than three years ago. Needs to demonstrate improvement to the sustainability of a pool or spa. For example it could be a new pool water minimisation device, advances in solar heating, products, automation, advances use of existing systems or processes.

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2017 PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

All entrants in the two product categories (category 40 & 41) will be eligible for this award – not just the winners of those categories. The judges will select the product that exhibits the greatest degree of innovation, value and originality. The judges will also take into account the potential impact of the product, its importance to the consumer and its contribution to the industry as a whole.

2017 REMCO POOL OF THE YEAR

Only this year's winners of gold awards in the pool and spa categories will be eligible for this award. There are no specific criteria for this category; it will be awarded solely at the judges' discretion. If no pool reaches a level they consider is worthy of this high honour, no award will be made. The Pool of the Year will be the pool or spa that the judges deem is the best example of the pool or spa builders' art for the year.

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YOU CANNOT DIRECTLY ENTER THESE AWARDS



TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All entries must be submitted on official 2017 Awards of Excellence Entry Forms.
2. Entries will only be accepted from current financial members of the Swimming Pool & Spa Association of Victoria.
3. The closing date for entries is Friday 14th April 2017 at 5:00pm.
4. The cost of the first entry is \$250, with each additional entry costing \$150 (both incl. GST).
5. Regardless of circumstance, fees are strictly non-refundable.
6. Awards are strictly non-transferable.
7. Entries must be lodged at the association's office where all entries are coded to ensure confidentiality. NB: Entrants must not use company letterhead to submit any entry materials.
8. All pool and spa entries 1 – 26 (except awards 10 & 11) in the residential award categories, the entrant must provide, upon request, a copy of the residential construction permit ie not commercial. For entries in commercial award categories, satisfactory proof of construction must be provided.
9. All pool and spa entries 1 – 26 must have been completed between 1-1-2014 and 14-4-2017 (being the close of 2017 Award entries). NB: Sufficient evidence must accompany the entry to enable the Association to be satisfied that completion of the project was within the specified time.
10. All Pool & Spa category entries (1-26) must be accompanied by contractual evidence. Current SPASA contract: Page 6-10 (online also to include Certificate of Authentication). Previous version page 5-7 (builder, owner, details & price).
11. Previous gold or highly commended pool & spa category winning entries cannot be re-entered (Categories 1 - 26). Previous winners of the two product categories also cannot re-enter.
12. Projects submitted for awards must have been built, installed or renovated by the entrant under their current trading name (ie: the name acknowledged as being a member of SPASA Victoria).
13. Members can enter up to 8 entries per Category. Each entry must be accompanied by separate forms, photographs and fees.
14. Upon submission, all entries and accompanying photographs / images become the property of the Swimming Pool & Spa Association of Victoria Ltd and can be used in any way deemed fit by the Association. The entrant fully indemnifies the Association should a third party wish to contest this use.
15. The decision of SPASA, or the judges, as to eligibility will be final. SPASA reserves the right in its absolute discretion to annul an award given to a recipient where it becomes aware of facts that warrant the annulment - the award may then be bestowed upon another entrant. The judges have the right to disqualify an entry deemed not to have met the Terms & Conditions of Entry or requirements prescribed on the Entry Form.
16. Award winners are encouraged to advertise the winning of an award utilising the official SPASA winner logos. NB: The category that the Award was won in must be stated on all advertising and promotional material.
17. Where a member has designed or built a pool or spa in conjunction with an Architect, Designer or Builder, the name of the company and person must be acknowledged on the Entry Form and permission must be obtained from the pool / spa owner and / or any other relevant third party involved in the project. NB: A breach of this condition may carry a penalty up to \$2,000.