

SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM

Objective

To implement an inspection program that will enable Council to fulfill its obligations under the Swimming Pools Act 1992 and Swimming Pools Regulation 2018.

Scope

This policy applies to all private swimming pools located within the Gilgandra Shire Council area, including those situated on tourist and visitor accommodation premises.

Section 22B of the Swimming Pools Act 1992 requires Council to develop and adopt a program for the inspection of swimming pools in the LGA to ensure compliance with Part 2 of the Act.

The program must make provision for the inspection, at least once every three (3) years of any swimming pool situated on premises on which there is a tourist and visitor accommodation or more than 2 dwellings.

The program does not require the inspection of a swimming pool of which there is a valid certificate of compliance or a relevant occupation certificate.

Policy

1. Council shall inspect all swimming pools associated with tourist and visitor accommodation and multi-occupancy developments at a maximum of three (3) yearly intervals.
2. Where requested by the property owner or on behalf of the property owner, Council shall inspect properties with a swimming pool prior to their sale or lease.
3. Council shall inspect any swimming pool that is subject of a complaint from a member of the public, member of staff or property owner to ensure compliance with the Swimming Pools Act 1992 and Swimming Pools Regulation 2018.
4. Council will inspect and take appropriate regulatory action with respect to swimming pools which have been constructed without development consent, or that are installed or are being used in contravention of conditions of development consent or other legislative requirements.
5. Council shall inspect other non-mandatory residential properties that contain swimming pools as part of a proactive program to improve the level of compliance of pool safety barriers.
6. Pools with a valid certificate of compliance or an occupation certificate issued within the past three (3) years do not need to be inspected unless they are the subject of a complaint.

Relevant Legislation

Swimming Pools Act 1992
Swimming Pools Regulation 2018

Associated Documents

AS 1926.1-2007
AS 1926-1986
AS 1926.1-2012
AS 1926.1-1993 Fencing

Building Code of Australia

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