



Here are a few useful tips: -

- ☺ Think about where you are locating the pool and filter equipment. Pool activities and pool filters are noisy so they should be as far away as possible from:-
- Neighbours outdoor & indoor living areas and
 - Bedrooms. (Yours and your neighbours.)

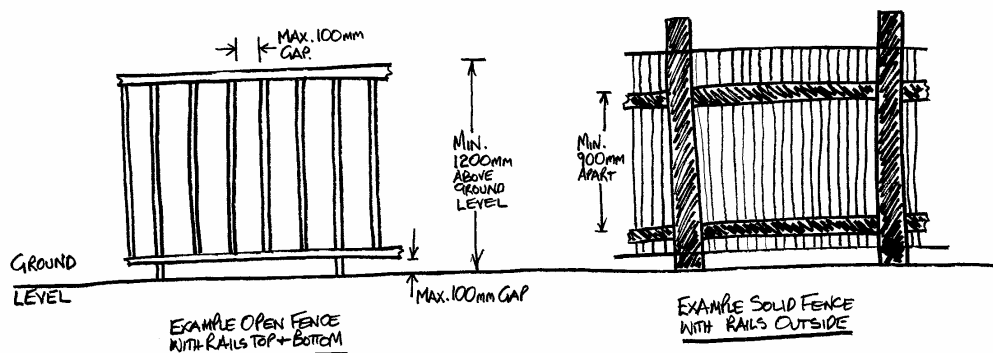
This helps you enjoy your pool for extended hours and helps you enjoy your privacy.

- Keep in mind the need to supervise activities – particularly small children & non-swimmers. Within view of your kitchen or another frequently used room is desirable.
- Backwash from your pool filter will need to be discharged to sewer (in sewered areas) so try to locate close to a sewer pipe. If you are not in a sewered area you will need to discuss backwash disposal with council staff.
- As well as a pool, you will need
- A fence (see diagram)
 - A resuscitation poster (available at Council)
 - A water quality testing kit
 - Depth markers (minimum and maximum) on the pool.

☺ FENCING

Below is a diagram indicating the general requirements for fencing. In summary these are: -

- Minimum height 1.2metres
- Maximum gap 100mm
- Minimum distance apart for rails (or footholds) 900mm
- Gates must swing outward, be self closing and have a childproof latch.



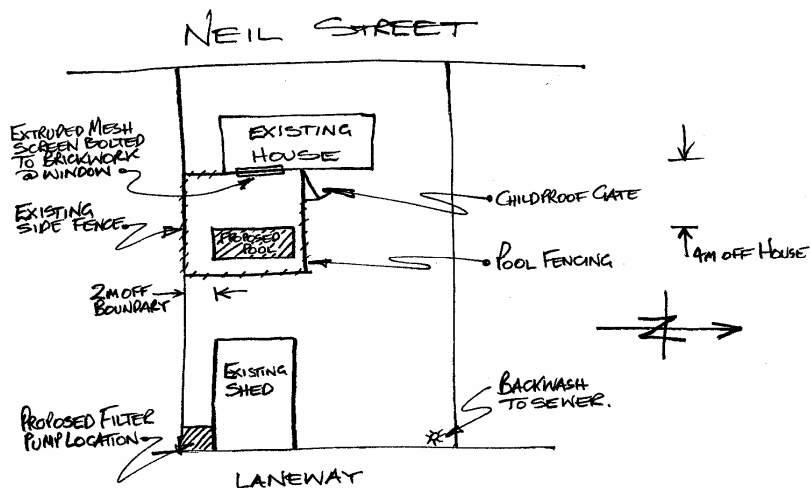
☺ GETTING APPROVAL

You need to complete a form, supplying plans and pay a fee.

Plans should show proposed: -

- a) Pool, fence and pump location in relation to boundaries and other buildings.
- b) Structural specifications (in ground pool only).
- c) Location of any windows or door openings on building located within the pool enclosure and details of childproofing. (Note that openings other than pool gates within enclosures are discouraged).
- d) Method of disposing of pool filter backwash.

☺ SITE PLAN



- ☺ Complete Councils application form and include at least two (2) copies of plans plus the right fee. Council's friendly staff can advise you how much the fee is. If you have any technical queries about locating the pool or what is okay and what isn't, feel free to make an appointment with one of our building inspectors.

Remember – This is only a guide. What you can and can't do varies depending on where you are so when in doubt - ask us.



Information Sheet Installing A Pool? Cont'd.....

Checklist

Tick for yes

- Is there a pool fence barrier separating the pool from your house and the neighbourhood?
- Is the outside of the pool fence at least 1.2m high all the way around?
- Is the gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground less than 100mm?
- Are all vertical or near vertical palings less than 100mm apart?
- Are there horizontal fence rails on the neighbour's fence that enables a small child to use as a foothold/handhold to help climb over the fence?
- Is your pool fence well maintained and in a good state of repair as an effective and safe barrier? (e.g. no holes, broken palings)
- Is your pool fence 1.2m clear of any objects such as BBQs, trees, rocks, shrubs, seats, tables and light portable chairs that could help a small child climb over the fence?
- Is your clothes line, BBQ, garage, or similar object not directly associated with the swimming pool and which could lead to the pool gate being left open located outside of the fenced pool area?
- If the wall of the residence forms part of the child-resistant barrier, is this wall without windows, doors or other openings that permit access to the pool?
- Is there an appropriate resuscitation sign displayed in the immediate vicinity of the pool area?
- Does the gate close and latch by itself from any open position?
- Does the gate open outwards, away from the pool?
- Is the gate release mechanism 1.5m above ground level or alternatively, located inside the gate at 1.2m and covered by an approved shield?

For more information on swimming pool safety, contact Junee Shire Council. For water safety information, visit the SafeWaters website.

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