THE REAL COST OF A FIBREGLASS POOL

A clear guide for the ACT and Eurobodalla



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The honest answer: it depends.

A REALISTIC STARTING BUDGET

Finished pool guide prices for a standard site, including GST

PLUNGE POOL

UP TO 5 METRES

$55K-$65K

MEDIUM POOL

APPROX. 7-8 METRES

$70K-$85K

LARGE FAMILY POOL

APPROX. 10-11 METRES

$95K-$115K+

MORE THAN A SHELL IN THE GROUND

These figures include the shell, delivery, approvals, standard installation and cranage, equipment, completion, a 400mm bond beam, equipment slab and standard heating.

LANDSCAPING AND POOL FENCING ARE NOT INCLUDED.

FIVE PARTS. ONE FINISHED POOL.

Your proposal should make each stage and responsibility clear

01

SHELL + DELIVERY

The fibreglass pool shell, selected shape, colour and delivery to site. Size, depth, design and transport requirements all influence cost.

02

APPROVALS

Plans, engineering and the normal approval process. Easements, bushfire requirements, unusual blocks or complex structures may require more work.

03

INSTALLATION + CRANAGE

Set-out, excavation, base preparation, standard crane lift, plumbing, backfilling and structural installation, including a 400mm concrete bond beam.

04

EQUIPMENT + COMPLETION

Pump, filter, sanitation, lighting, plumbing, electrical work, equipment slab, commissioning and customer handover.

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STANDARD HEATING

A heat pump designed for approximately seven months of swimming, plus a blanket and roller to retain heat and reduce evaporation.

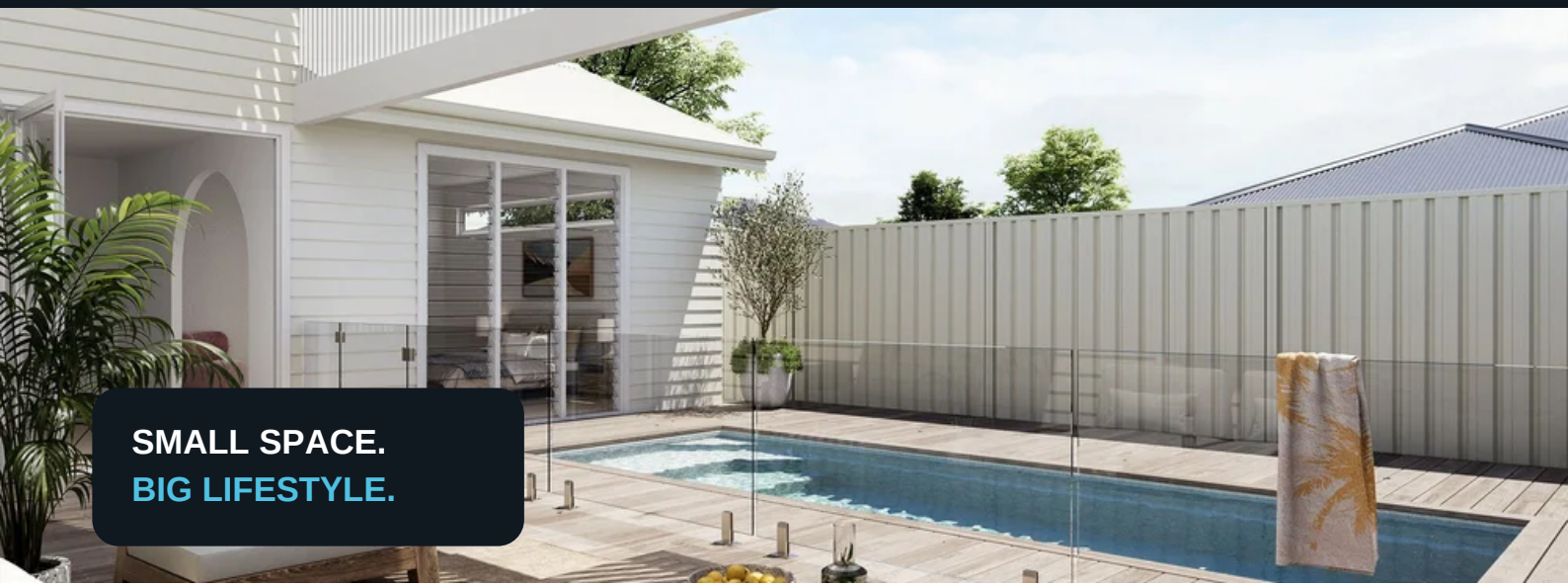
HEATING MATTERS IN BOTH REGIONS

Eurobodalla's milder coastal climate generally helps a heat pump operate more efficiently.

In both regions, a pool blanket is essential for reducing overnight heat loss.

WHY DOES THE PRICE CHANGE?

The site and specification can move the final figure



THE BIGGEST COST VARIABLES

A standard-site price cannot cover every backyard condition

ACCESS + CRANAGE

Lifting over a home, powerlines, trees or neighbouring structures may require a larger crane, traffic control or road closure.

GROUND CONDITIONS

Rock, unstable soil, groundwater, steep sites, restricted machinery access and excessive soil removal can add significantly to cost.

APPROVAL COMPLEXITY

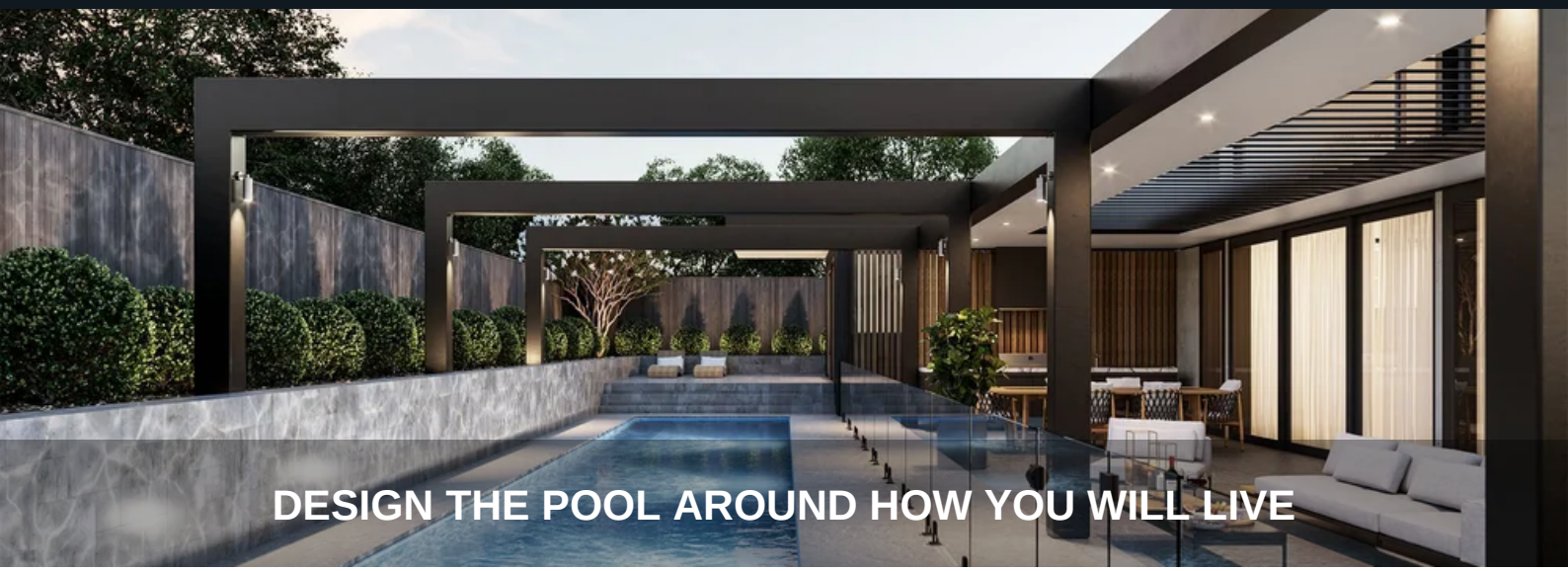
Extra engineering, site reports, easements, boundary issues or unusual structures can change the approval and construction requirements.

SPECIFICATION + EXTRAS

Premium equipment, mineral sanitation, automation, robotic cleaners, water features, spa jets and extended-season heating can add considerably.

WHY BUILDERS APPLY A 20-40% MARGIN

The margin supports quoting, design, project management, administration, insurance, scheduling, warranties, risk and after-sales care - as well as making the business sustainable. Compare inclusions, responsibility and support, not only the lowest number.



HOW TO REDUCE THE COST

Save thoughtfully without compromising the core installation

MANAGE SELECTED WORK

Ask whether you can arrange certain jobs yourself. Agree on responsibilities, timing and warranties before work begins.

CHOOSE STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Dependable standard equipment can deliver an excellent result without paying for premium features you may not use.

SET REALISTIC HEATING GOALS

Heating becomes harder as the nights cool. A shorter season, correctly sized heat pump and regular blanket use reduce upfront and running costs.

KEEP THE SITE PLAN SIMPLE

Straightforward access and pool positioning can reduce excavation and cranage. Plan the pool before landscaping or other structures.

EXTRAS CAN ADD UP QUICKLY

MINERAL | ROBOT | AUTOMATION | WATER FEATURES | SPA JETS

Prioritise the upgrades that will genuinely improve how your family uses and cares for the pool. Some can be added later if plumbing and electrical needs are considered now.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

The guide prices cover the pool project, not the complete backyard

LANDSCAPING + EXTERNAL WORKS

- Pool fencing and gates
- Paving, tiling, decking or concrete beyond the included 400mm bond beam
- Retaining walls, garden beds, turf and planting
- Pergolas, shade structures, outdoor rooms and kitchens
- Major drainage, stormwater work and repairs to construction access areas

A complete backyard transformation can equal or exceed the cost of the pool itself.

SO, HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

For a completed pool on a standard site, including GST:

PLUNGE	MEDIUM	LARGE
$55K-$65K	$70K-$85K	$95K-$115K+

THE HONEST ANSWER IS STILL:

IT DEPENDS.

A site assessment and detailed proposal will show what is included, what is excluded and which site conditions could change the final investment.

A price based on your property, your pool and the way your family will use it.