

Stylish statements scoop pool

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Home swimming pools are no longer a simple addition to a home filling space in the backyard — they have become an integral part of landscaping and enhancement to the design of the house.

Homeowners who have travelled often seek to recreate hotel resort styles they have enjoyed and spas, water features and lavish paving are common additions.

The winning fibreglass swimming pools over \$40,000 in the annual SPASA awards of excellence display all these attributes, with frameless glass security fencing to ensure a clear view of the pool in all directions.

The gold award in this category went to Barrier Reef Pools Northside and a partner business, Barrier Reef Pools, won the silver and bronze awards.

The gold award-winning pool is located at Gooseberry Hill, where the client requested a “hotel at home” design using travertine paving, a spill-over spa and a 10.5m-long pool in the Venetian design.

The spa can be separated from the main pool and heated in isolation by a Raypak gas heater or allowed to flow into the pool through two spillways.



This rural design won bronze.



The sleek silver award-winner.



Barrier Reef Pools Northside took out the gold award with this resort-style design.

A water feature on one side has anodised metal cut-out flowers in a frangipani design with a remote-controlled and multi-coloured water blade.

Travertine paving surrounds the pool and spa and continues into the home’s alfresco area with a bullnose edge around the pool that sharply defines its geometric shape.

All aspects of the pool area are remotely controlled from inside the home including the water blade, spa jets, underwater lights and spill over.

The cost of the winning pool was \$49,000.

There are river and city views from the silver award-winning pool at an Applecross home that won the award for Barrier Reef Pools.

The owner requested something special and the pool company worked closely with a landscape designer to create a balanced luxury look of pool, spa, sun deck and garden areas.

The pool measures 8.5m x 3.8m, while the square-shaped spa is 2.6m and separated from the pool by a fully mosaic-tiled sun bed.

This tiled area gives a seamless look between the pool

and spa, which has nine spa jets and its own filtration system.

Travertine paving features around the pool, with a timber deck inset in one corner for sunbathers.

There is a Cleardeck pool blanket system, four underwater lights and a Pandora Robot automatic pool cleaner.

The cost of the silver award-winning pool was \$42,000.

Barrier Reef Pools also won the bronze award for best fibreglass pools over \$40,000 with an entry in the rural setting of Banjup.

The owner’s home is located on a 2.02ha property and he chose the biggest fibreglass pool available in the range with a Venetian design measuring 10.5m x 4.4m and a varied depth from 1.2m-1.9m.

A timber-decked cabana at one end and tiled sun bed along the far side of the pool added to the resort feeling. The sun bed has three LED lights and water outlets that flow into the pool.

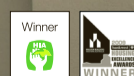
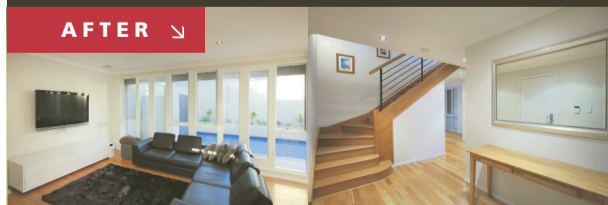
The cost was \$44,000.

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