



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

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Swimming pool registration

In the coming days, Glen Eira swimming pool owners will be receiving correspondence from Council's Planning and Building Compliance team requesting that information be confirmed to formalise the registration of their pools and spas.

The compulsory registration of swimming pools was introduced by the Victorian Government in December 2019 to reduce the number of deaths and injuries in residential pools.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said that although we are in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, pool and spa safety is still an important issue.

"In 2018–19 there were 56 drowning deaths in Victoria, which is the worst drowning toll in Victoria in two decades," she said.

"The drowning toll in people over 65 years was 71 per cent higher than the 10 year average in 2018–19 — a sobering thought for those who believe that pool safety is just about restricting the drowning deaths of children."

Glen Eira's pool owners will be asked to go online to confirm that the details regarding their pool or spa are correct and pay the registration fee of \$31.84, set by the Victorian Government. Unlike many councils, Glen Eira City Council will not be charging its residents a separate search fee to retrieve information regarding their pools and spas.

Once registration is complete, pool owners will be required to obtain a compliance certificate from a pool inspector, and lodge that certificate with Council.

For further information regarding the compliance process, please visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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