

# General Meeting Update

## Pools and Spas

### Immediate action required

New laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety came into effect in Victoria in December 2019. From this date it became mandatory for owners of land where a swimming pool or spa is located to register said pools or spas with the relevant council and have a compliant safety barrier in place to restrict access by young children. This includes permanent pools, above ground pools, indoor pools, hot tubs, bathing or wading pools, and relocatable pools.

Owners are required to obtain and lodge compliance certificates for their safety barriers, and these must be renewed every 3 years. As the Director of Housing (DoH) is the owner of the vast majority of SEHC's properties, neither SEHC nor the renter can apply for registration of a pool or spa on behalf of the DoH where the DoH is the owner.

Where SEHC is the owner of the property, permission will not be granted to install any pool or spa requiring registration with the local council or the installation of a compliant safety barrier to restrict access by young children.

SouthEast takes this approach to ensure the safety of members and renters, neighbours, and community members.

If you currently have a pool or spa at your property that is deeper than 300mm we require you to drain the pool or spa immediately, and removal will be required with the timeline to be confirmed.

If you have any queries about this, please contact Sandy on 0429 558 826

