Annual General Meeting

11th November 2015



Housekeeping, Introductions & Apologies Brendan Watkins, SPASA CEO

President's 2015 Report & Introduction of the 2015/16 Board & Executive R.Kruber



2015/16 BOARD : Member	Company
John D'Arcy (President)	Award Pools & Spas SWIMMING POOL & SPA ASSECTION
Callum Ross (Vice President)	Astral
Lindsay Hartshorne (Treasurer)	Lincoln Pool Equipment
Ted Martin	Compass Pools Victoria
Rob Kruber	Spa Industries
Gary Kilworth	Out from the Blue
Greg Op de Coul	Davey
Tim Neish	Kew Swimming Pools
Brendan Nelissen	Waterco
James Hutchins	The Pool Enclosure Company
Grant Symes	Protector Aluminium

Treasurer's Report FY/2015

Net Surplus / Profit FY/15 \$58,599

Gross revenue FY/15 \$2,060,320 Gross revenue FY/14 \$1,952,750

Retained Earnings FY/15 \$1,030,822 Retained Earnings FY/14 \$972,223

Retained earnings exceed \$1,000,000 for the first time



Invested \$30k+ on the "Lifetime of Memories" TVC & airing cost

Spend \$30k rebuilding the SPASA Website, Expo site & Online Contract System

Invested \$18k on Builder Contract redrafting

Spent \$20k on Lobbying/Consultancy, mainly around Planning Minister / VBA representations



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Swimming Pool and Spa Installation

The current regulatory requirements under the Building Act 1993

What is the VBA?

Established on 1 July 2013, the Victorian Building Authority replaced the Building Commission and the Plumbing Industry Commission.

The VBA's key roles include:

- Undertaking audits, inspections and investigations to monitor and enforce compliance with building and plumbing legislation
- Investigating the conduct of building and plumbing practitioners
- Supporting the work of the Building Practitioners Board, which is responsible for registering and disciplining building practitioners
- Working with relevant agencies and regulators to ensure building and plumbing works are compliant and that consumers are protected
- Participate on behalf of Victoria in the development of national building and plumbing standards.



Domestic building framework – who does what?









- Sets policy
- Advises the Minister
- Monitors and enforces compliance with the Building Act (in partnership with councils)
- Registers and disciplines building practitioners
- Advises consumers on their rights and responsibilities
- Manages the Building Advice and Conciliation Victoria function



Enforcement responsibilities of VBA and local councils

Role of the VBA

"...to monitor and enforce compliance with the Building Act and the [building and plumbing] regulations" (under Section 197 of Building Act 1993)

Role of local councils

"The administration and enforcement of Parts 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of the Act and the building regulations in its municipal district" (under Section 212 of Building Act 1993)

Part 3 – Building Permits

Part 4 – Inspection of Building Work

Part 5 – Occupation of Buildings and Places of Public Entertainment

Part 7 – Protection of Adjoining Property

Part 8 – Enforcement of Safety and Building Standards



Requirements for the installation of swimming pools and spas and associated barriers

The current *Building Act 1993* and the *Building Regulations 2006* contain the following requirements for practitioners:

- Registered in the appropriate category
- Enter into a domestic building contract for works in excess of \$5000 (including labour and materials)
- Ensure a building permit, issued by a registered building surveyor, is in place and carry out works according to the permit
- Provide the owner with proof of domestic building insurance for works in excess of \$16,000.



Registration requirements

- To install a **swimming pool or spa** a practitioner must be registered as either:
 - Domestic Builder-Unlimited (DB-U), or
 - Domestic Builder-Limited Swimming Pools (DB-L S)
- To install a swimming pool or spa safety barrier a practitioner must be registered as either:
 - Domestic Builder-Unlimited (DB-U), or
 - Domestic Builder-Limited Swimming Pools (DB-L S), or
 - Domestic Builder-Limited Fencing and Gates (DB-L G)
- An unregistered sub-contractor can be employed by a registered builder.
- It then becomes the responsibility of the registered builder to ensure that all the subcontractor's building work complies with the approved building permit.



Building permit requirements

- A building permit, issued by a registered building surveyor, must be obtained to construct a pool or spa and the associated safety barriers.
- An application for building permit must include sufficient information to demonstrate the building works will comply with the Act and Regulations.
- Construction work cannot commence until a building permit has been issued and work must be carried out in accordance with the approved building permit.
- An application for a building permit can be made by the owner or, where authorised as the agent for the owner, by the builder.

Practice Note 2014-62 Issued April 2014

Documentation Required for Applications for Building Permits

Reference to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) in this Practice Note means Volume One and Volume Two of the National Construction Code Series.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Practice Note is to advise persons submitting an application for a building permit of the minimum standards permit of the minimum standard of documentation required and the importance that the documentation contains sufficient information and is of sufficient quality to enable assessment by the Relevant Building Surveyor (R85) for compliance with the Building Act 1993 (the Act), the Building Regulations 2006 (the Regulations), the EQA, referenced Australian Standards and other associated legislative requirements.

2. INTRODUCTION

Section 24(1)(4) of the Act states that the RISmust not size a building permit unless the or the is satisfied that the building work and the building permit will comply with the Act and the Regulations. In order to do this, the RIS must assess and determine that the information contained in a building permit application demonstrates compliance with the Act, the Regulations and the building work it constructed in accordance with the approved documentation. Pert 3 of the Regulations establishes the minimum documentation requirements for an application for a building permit that is to be submitted to the RBS. If may be the case that more than the minimum documentation regulared under Pert 3 will be necessary to enable the RBS to make the assessments. As the approval authority, the RBS must not supplement or augment the application of design documents by either participating in or preparing designs or submikulons or by correcting errors of thy making assumptions as a consequence of poor quality documents.

The documents provided to the RBS must be,

- a) Clearly document (in the plans) all calculations of building areas, site areas, site coverage, floor areas, building heights, habit take rooms, windows and sociuded private open space on adjoining allotments in order to enable the RBS of determine compliance with Part 4 of the Regulations.
- b) In the case of plans or drawings, contain all necessary notes, specifications and analysis necessary to enable the RBS to determine compliance with the Act, the Regulations and the BCA. These may include notes in relation to the construction of sanitary compartments, location of sanitary a glazing calculation.
- c) Contain full details of any Alternative
 Solution proposed see Practice Note 2014-

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Domestic building insurance requirements

- The registered building practitioner must provide the owner with proof of domestic building insurance for all building work with a cost of more than \$16,000.
- This is to cover the homeowner if the builder:
 - dies,
 - disappears, or
 - becomes insolvent.
- The builder must give the homeowner a certificate of currency for the insurance before they take a deposit and start work.



Owner builder requirements

- If the builder is undertaking work for an owner-builder, the builder must ensure that:
 - the owner-builder has obtained a certificate of consent from the Building Practitioners Board (where cost of building work is in excess of \$12,000, including labour and materials)
 - a building permit has been issued to the owner before commencing works
 - he/she is registered (to undertake works valued in excess of \$5000)
 - enters into a major domestic building contract with the homeowner
 - provides proof of domestic building insurance (where the cost of work exceeds \$16,000).
- The owner-builder takes on all the responsibility for obtaining the relevant permits, supervising the building work and ensuring that it is carried out in accordance with the building permit.



Safety barrier requirements

- During construction of a pool or spa, it is the responsibility to ensure that the persons are protected from risks associated with the building work [s23 OHS Act 2004].
- Where water is placed in a pool or spa, prior to the construction of the permanent safety barrier, a temporary barrier must be provided around the pool or spa.
- The owner may engage the builder constructing the permanent safety barrier to provide and maintain a temporary barrier. It is encouraged that the responsibility for any temporary works is outlined within the associated building contract.
- Once construction is completed it becomes the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the permanent safety barrier remains in place and is properly maintained.
- The permanent safety barrier must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard (AS 1926.1).



Looking forward...

- The current Government has foreshadowed reforms to the current building legislation (Building Act 1993) to include:
 - New registration and re-registration requirements
 - Enhanced enforcement powers for VBA (direct practitioners to do something)
 - Improved oversight of building surveyors and the permit system.
- The current regulations are due to sunset in 2016:
 - Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) is expected to be released for public consultation soon



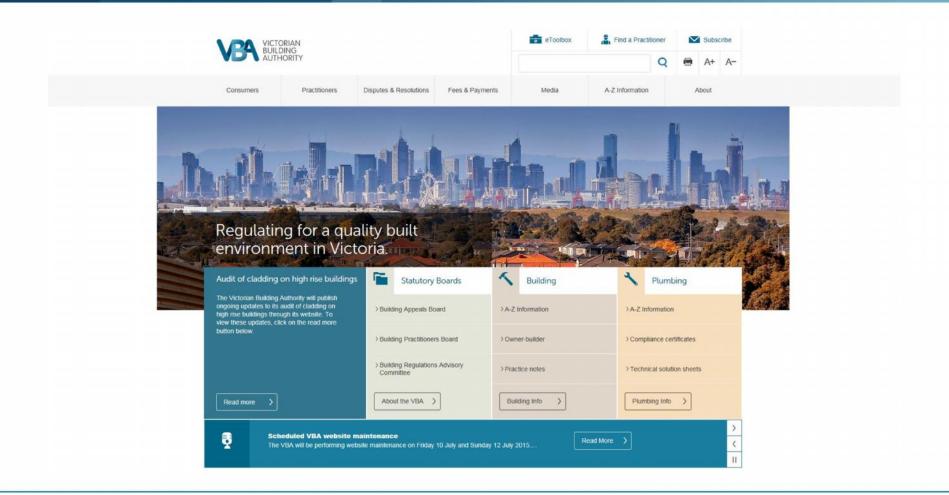
In the meantime....

The VBA is working to enhance its:

- processes around the registration and licensing of practitioners (including standard of information available to applicants)
- inspection activity and current field-based compliance program
- relationships with local councils, so each entity is clear on their respective administration and enforcement responsibilities
- IT capabilities and business processes more broadly
- standard of building information available to consumers (jointly with CAV).



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Discussion Toward a Safer Pool Barrier Process: During Construction SWIMMING POOL & SPA ASSOCIATION **Concrete Pools - Current** Inspection Inspection Permit Excavation Steel Fixing **Compliant Barrier** Water Filling **Construction Site** Temporary OHS Site Barrier Warranty/Ins Commences Handover to Consumer Fibreglass Pools - Current Inspection Water Filling Handover to Consumer Compliant Barrier Backfill Shell Contract Fulfilled Permit Excavation Warranty/Ins Commences Construction Site - Landscaping, Paving, Barrier Install Construction Site - Pool Construction Temporary OHS Site Barrier Pool Builder Control of Work Site Home Owner Control of Work Site Fibreglass Pools - Proposed Inspection Inspection Water Filling Handover to Consumer Compliant Barrier Backfill Shell Contract Fulfilled Permit Excavation Warranty/Ins Commences Construction Site - Pool Construction Construction Site - Landscaping, Paving, Barrier Install Temporary OHS Site Barrier "Pool Construction Barrier" #Installed by builder Pool Builder Control of Work Site Home Owner Control of Work Site **Builder Permit Applications to Include** > This new inspection triggers max 120 days Mandatory "Owner Consent Form" to finalise Compliant Barrier for final Compliant Barrier > Pool cannot be used until final Inspection # "Pool Construction Barrier" To be defined: a more rigid, higher, sandbagged & non-climbable - ultimately safer "non-permanent" barrier Main features of proposal -> Introducing 2 inspections for f/glass – the first triggering a 120 days (max) countdown to completion of Compliant Barrier > Introducing a mandatory f/glass Owner Consent at Permit Application phase, to legally bind the owner to complete the Final Barrier within 120 days of 1st inspection > Introducing a new f/glass "Pool Construction Barrier" (needs to be fully articulated) — but a high grade safety barrier - mid-point between "Temp" & "Final/Compliant" > Builders Warranty / Insurance should commence at the 1st Inspection / consumer handover phase

Mandatory pre-registration education (Cert IV), RPL & CPD Reduction of number registrations

Fibreglass v Concrete Barriers: temp / construction / permanent

Volume Owner Builders operating in industry / Kit Pools (sold as a kit, then installed by unregistered contractors) / Registered Builders offering a "no frills" owner builder installation

Aligning house & pool permits (ie: making both 2 years from commencement) &

Mandatory Barrier Inspections



Peter Micevski & Greg Bush from Rigby Cooke Lawyers Overview of the multiple enhancements and changes made to the SPASA Contract

Contracts to be published - Jan 2016

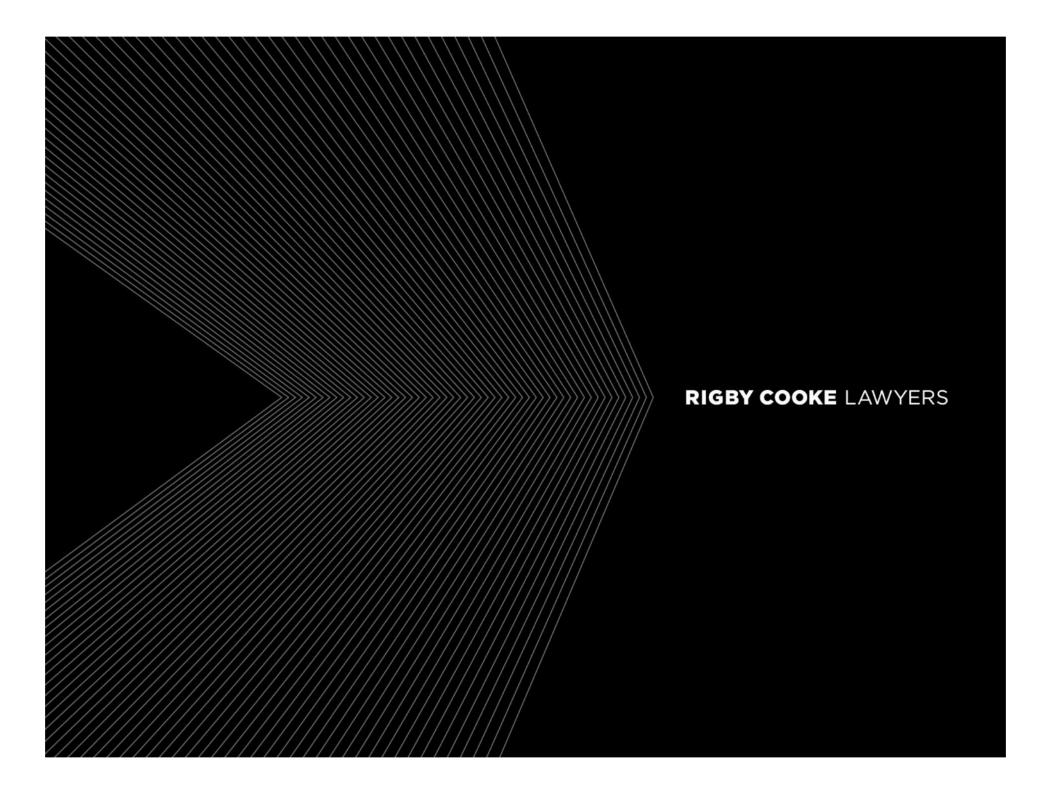
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Presentation

Wednesday, 11 November 2015

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Who we are, what we do

Rigby Cooke Lawyers construction and projects team

The importance of a Contract

East West link

November 2014 – Daniel Andrews to the ABC

• "...the contract is not worth the paper it's written on."

April 2015



What has changed and why?

- Significant changes
 - to conform with the requirements of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act* 1995 (Vic)(**DBCA**)
 - to provide additional protections to the Builder
- Minor changes
 - to provide greater clarity for Builders
 - to make the Contract easier to follow

Newly defined terms

- Commencement Date
- Completion
- Completion Date
- Event of Default
- Foundations Data
- Handover Certificate

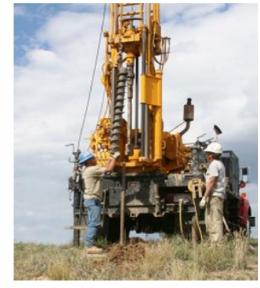


Foundations Data

- Under the previous form of Contract, Foundations data was listed as an exclusion
- DBCA requires the Builder to obtain and give to the Building Owner

foundations data before entering into a Contract

- Consequences for a Builder for non-compliance
- Exceptions to the rule



Completion

- What's new?
 - Definition of 'Handover Certificate'
 - Builder must instruct the Building Owner on the maintenance of the swimming pool and its related equipment
 - Builder must provide the Building Owner the operation instructions and manuals
 - Swimming pool must be filled and operational
 - Deemed completion in certain circumstances

Completion – Fibreglass Contract

- Builder to provide temporary safety barriers for 4 weeks after the issue of the Handover Certificate
- Building Owner's responsibility to erect permanent safety barriers



Termination

- What's new?
 - Building Owner must first issue a Notice of Default and allow the Builder a reasonable period to rectify the default
 - Building Owner's grounds for termination have been limited
 - Termination for convenience



Excavated material

• Builder's can now claim the cost and time to remove, treat and/or dispose of contaminated material as a variation



Cost escalation clauses

- What are they?
 - A warning to the Building Owner
- Why are they needed?
 - To ensure compliance with section 15 of the DBCA
- What do you need to know about them?
 - They must be initialled or signed
 - Consequences for not having them

Building Owner Indemnities

• Building Owner responsible for incorrect set-out if the Building Owner provided the Builder with the relevant information



Building Owner supplied materials

Warranties that those materials are fit for purpose

Builder takes no responsibility for and has no liability for any defects caused

by those supplied materials



Changes in law and impact on costs

• If there is a change in law or in tax, the Builder is entitled to recover an increase in the Builder's costs to perform the works if the Builder could not have foreseen the change at the date the Contract was entered into

GST

- GST clause has been added
- The Contract Price should be exclusive of GST, unless it is expressed to be GST-inclusive

Diving

• Clause which states that the swimming pool is not suitable for diving



Relocation of information

- Definitions section has been moved to the back of the Contract
- Exclusions have been brought forward to the Contract Details section
- Signing clause has been moved to the end of the Contract Details section

Changes to the SPASA 'Domestic Building Contract for the Supply and Construction of a Concrete Swimming Pool/Spa'

Group discussion



Further queries

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HAVE YOUR CAKE and sell it too

The 7 key ingredients of business success

SPASA AGM

Jason Cunningham



THE PRACTICE







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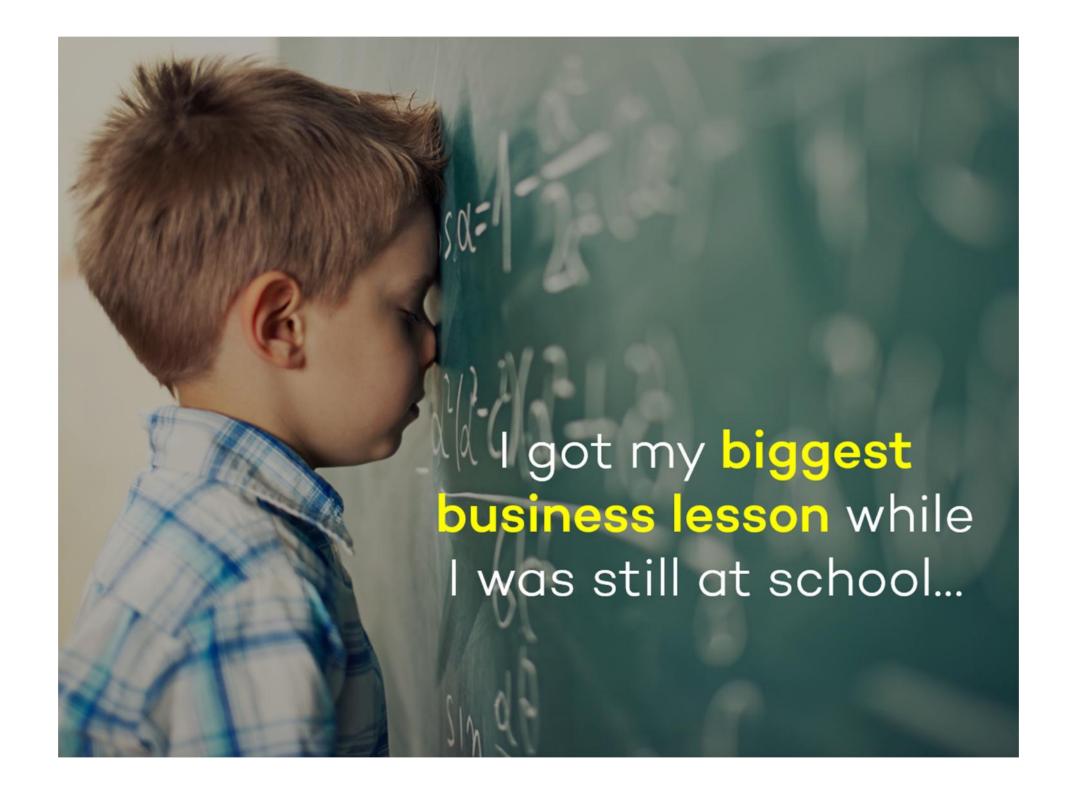


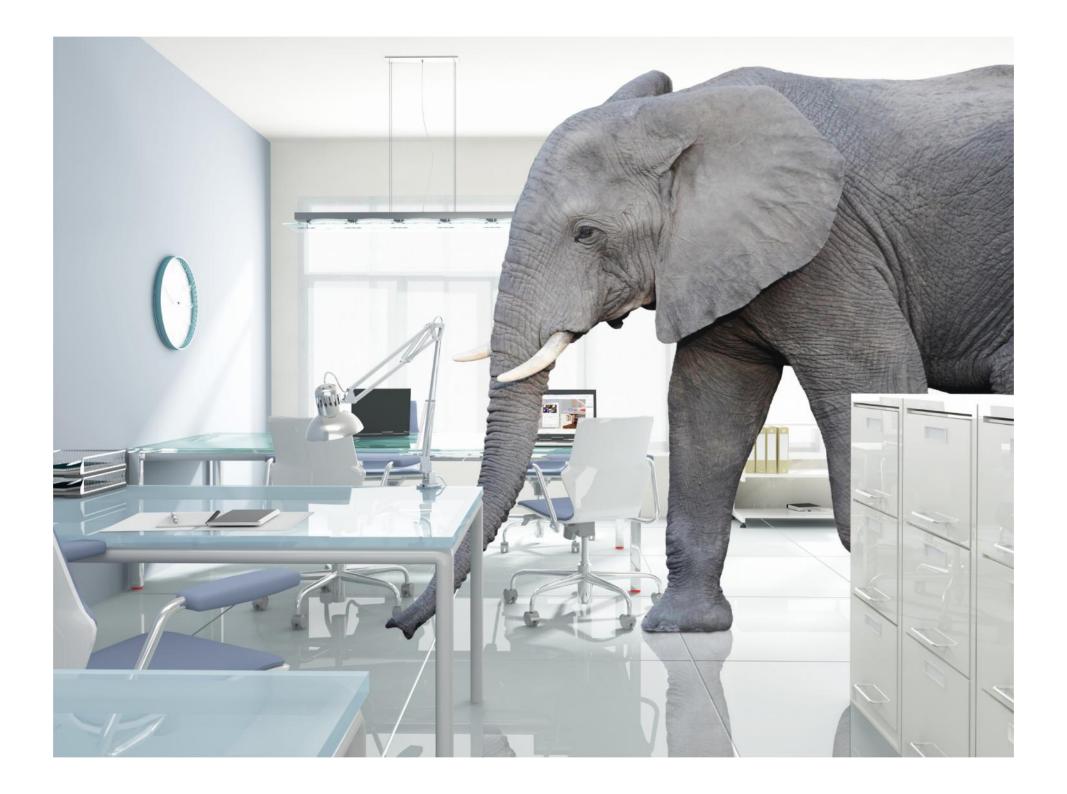


EXPERIENCE V OPINION











Why your finances come last (outcome, not a driver)



DID YOU GO INTO BUSINESS



80... HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT FOR YUU?







32% Poor financial management

15% Bad management in general

12% Poor record keeping

12% Poor economic conditions

11% Problems with sales & marketing





What do l mean by...







Strategy

Understand yourself

Customers

Ca-ching

Execution

Sack yourself

Sell





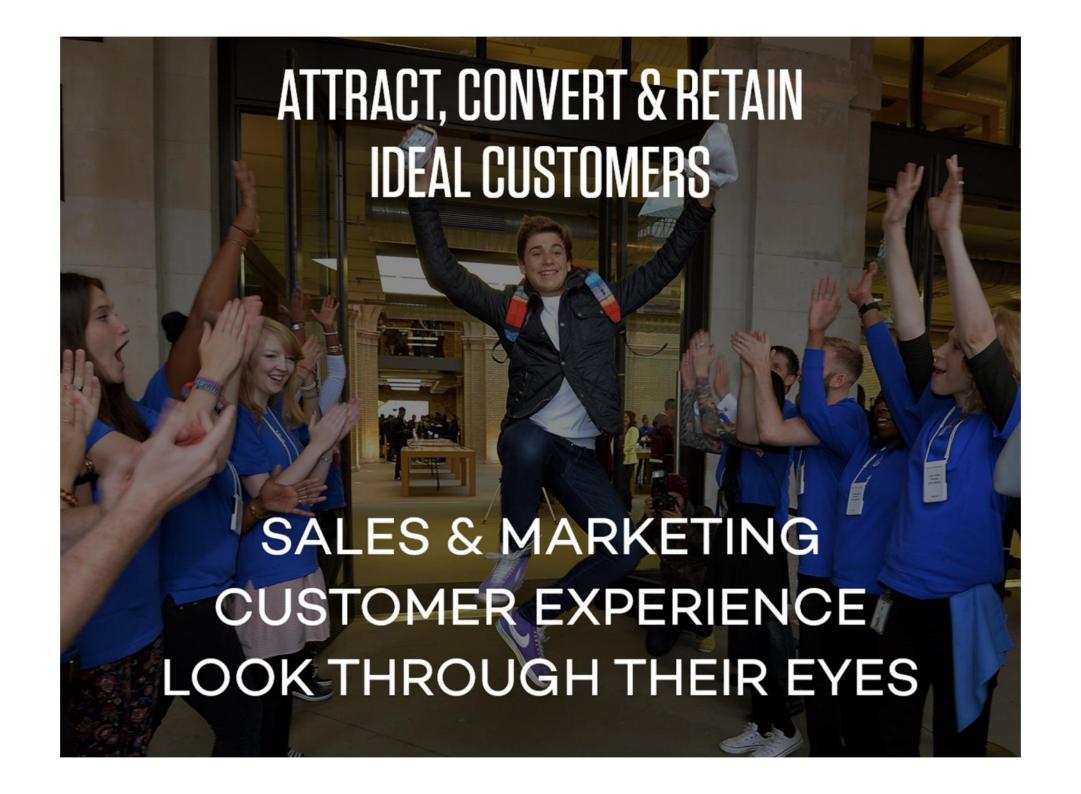
'SELL' MINDSET

Even if you don't intend to sell...

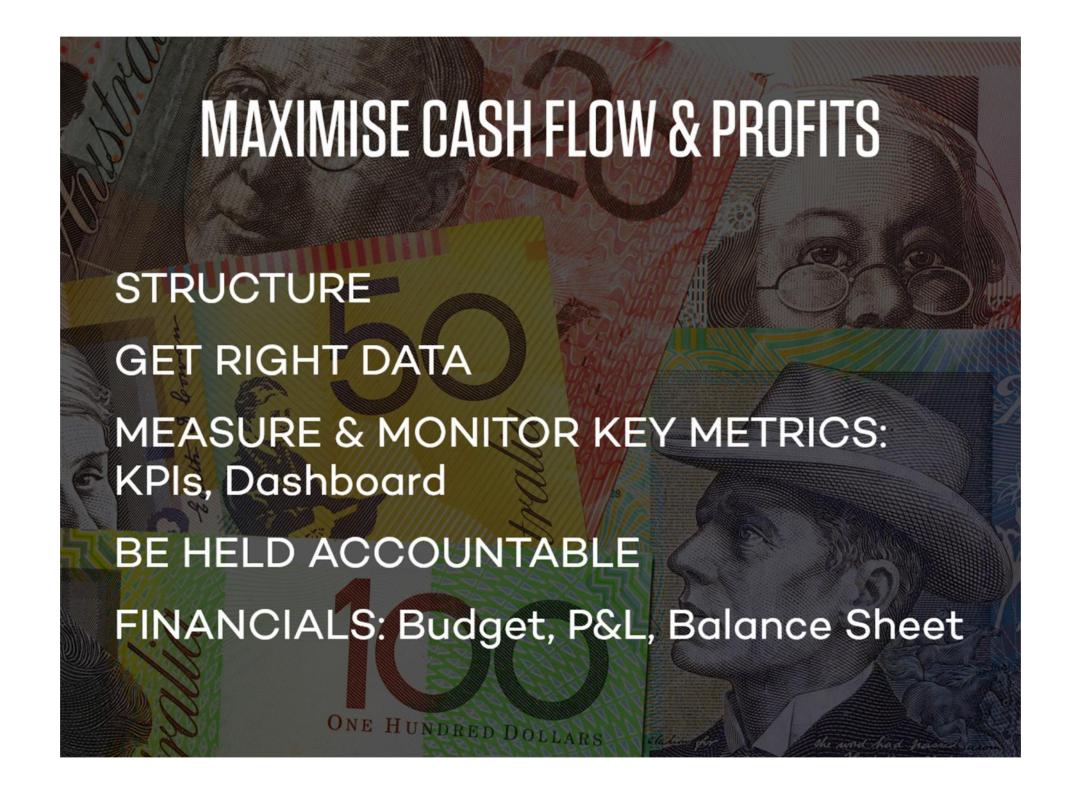










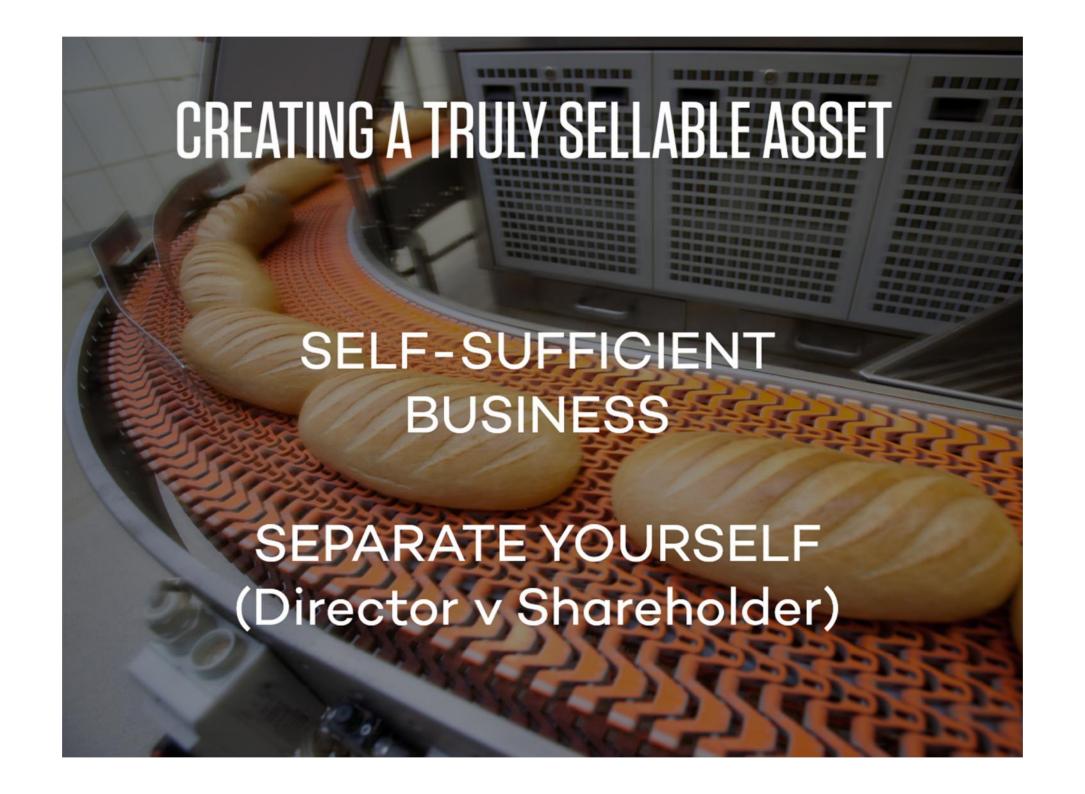




DELIVER ON PROMISES

PEOPLE
PROCESSES
OPERATIONS v STRATEGY
MAKE PROACTIVE
DECISIONS (Traffic lights)







GET FULL VALUE FOR YOUR BUSINESS ASSET

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT TO GET?

WHAT'S IT WORTH NOW?



HOW TO BRIDGE THE GAP?

WHO'LL BUY IT?



Strategy

Understand yourself

Customers

Ca-ching

Execution

Sack yourself

Sell



THANKS!

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Brendan Watkins Industry Overview



\$100,000 Investment in Promoting Victorian Pool & Spa Ownership

- New Spa TV Commercial \$15k
 TVCs \$42,500 Jan & \$32,500 June 2016
 - 3. Learn to Swim program \$10k

Extensive pre-show airing & available for members to re-edit and use for their own campaigns on TV & any alternate digital media (websites, in-store promotions, regional TV, etc)







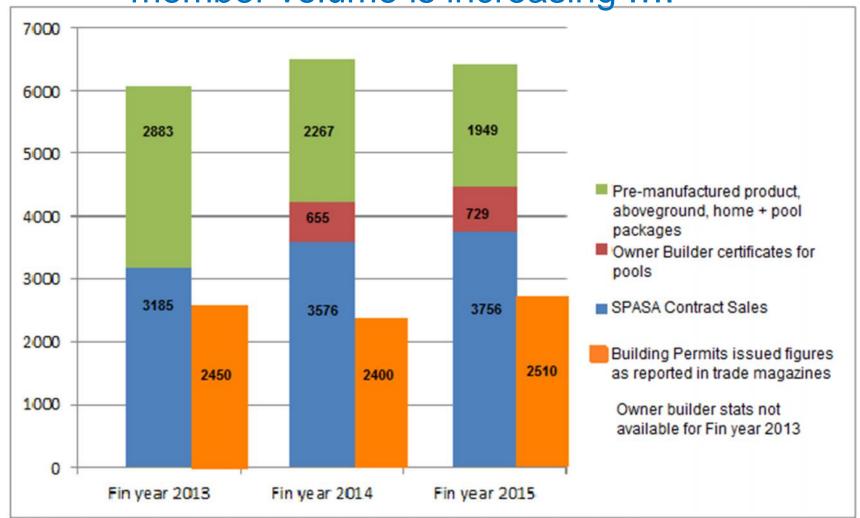
"Teaching Every Victorian Child to Swim in the Next Decade"





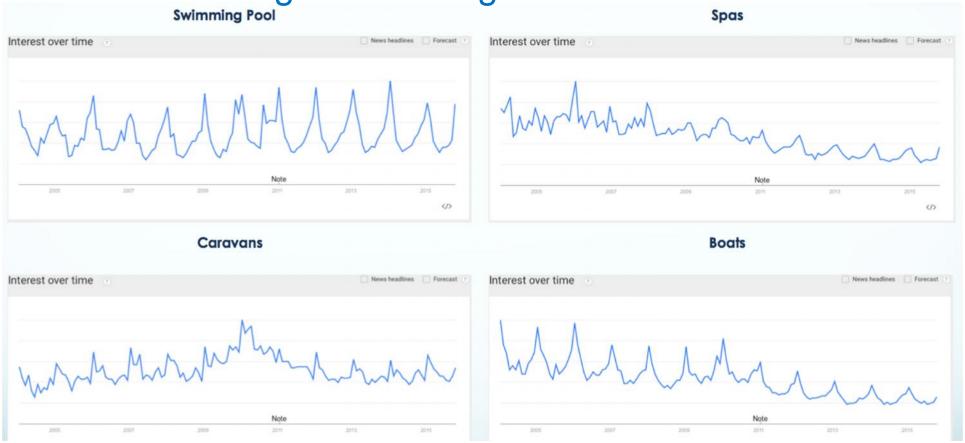


We've had a decent past 3 years – SPASA member volume is increasing



Aligns with our consumer & media comms dissuading the unsuspecting from Owner Builder projects

Melbourne originated Google searches 2005 - 2015





2016 Exclusive Advertising Offer



Full pages ads > Lucky last ...



Drawing of the SPASA Survey

2 x \$100 "SPASA Credit" Prizes Prize is Doubled if an AGM Attendee





Q & A: Dates: General Business

2016 Training Program – Out Now

NEW Consumer Guide & Member Directory Published 5 Feb 16 Pool & Spa Expo at MCEC – Friday 5 - Sunday 7 February

2016 Awards of Excellence Awards Entries Opening – 22 Feb

Chris Dorrity Memorial Golf Day – Friday 11 March

Awards of Excellence Gala Bookings Open – Friday 29 April

Awards of Excellence Gala Dinner – Saturday 25 June

Spa & Pool Show at MCEC (Winter Show) – 13 & 14 August

SPASA 2017 Advertising Offer Launch – Monday 1 August

