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Media Release

In a year that some may otherwise care to forget, the Swimming Pool & Spa Association of Victoria (SPASAVIC) pivoted to put on an unprecedented world-class virtual industry event that tantalised the senses and showcased the very best of what the swimming pool and spa industry has on offer.

SPASAVIC's annual Awards of Excellence Gala is traditionally the largest industry event of its kind in Australia and the most anticipated industry event on the Victorian calendar. This year, the dazzling array of spectacular swimming pools and spas was projected into living rooms, brilliantly brought to life by virtual event studio 'Scene Change', accompanied by Sam Kekovich as Master of ceremonies. Professional caterers Tommy Collins were delighted to provide viewers with delectable 'at home' dining experiences delivered to the door. These gastronomic delights allowed a true feast for the senses. With hundreds of members of the pool and spa industry riveted to their screens, SPASAVIC members again proved that they are among the very best in the world in terms of standard and innovation in their work.

This virtual festival of pools and spas once again demonstrated to the world the undeniable skill and capability of SPASAVIC members to create, innovate and deliver on the great Australian dream of backyard pool and spa ownership.

CEO of SPASAVIC, Chris Samartzis says, "Our world class Master pool and spa builders have once again taken the humble backyard swimming pool and spa to a new level. Not only is the dream of owning your own backyard oasis more affordable than ever, but these artistic creations from our members embrace a level of bespoke mastery construction that adds enormous value to homes and lifestyle living. Now - more than ever - the vibe of 'stay-cation' will ensure that our members are highly sought after. No other group of pool and spa builders can deliver an artisan project like a SPASAVIC member."

With a total of 39 different award categories and 77 Gold and Highly Commended wins awarded, as well as the three major prestigious and highly-coveted awards - **Product of the Year, Spa of the Year and Remco Pool of the Year** – a fantastic event was enjoyed by all.

The 2020 Remco Pool of the Year was awarded to Out from the Blue, the 2020 Spa of the Year was awarded to Neptune Swimming Pools and the 2020 Product of the Year was awarded to Maleco Pool & Spa Cover.

[A full list of award winners can be viewed HERE](#)

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SPASAVIC 2020 Awards of Excellence Winners

Best Portable / Relocatable Spa

Gold Award: Endless Spas & Pools
Sponsored by AQUA

Best Residential Concrete Pool - Under \$100,000

Gold Award: Nemcon Pools
Highly Commended: Icon Pools
Sponsored by The Pool Tile Company

Best Residential Concrete Pool - Over \$100,000

Gold Award: Laguna Pools
Highly Commended: Out from the Blue
Sponsored by Spa Electrics

Best Residential Fibreglass Pool - Under \$60,000

Gold Award: Tanzanite Pools
Highly Commended: Rainwise Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by AB Phillips

Best Residential Fibreglass Pool - Over \$60,000

Gold Award: Gordon Avenue Pools & Spas
Highly Commended: Compass Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by Remco

Best Pool by a New SPASAVIC Member

Gold Award: Striking Pools
Highly Commended: Striking Pools
Sponsored by SAI Stone

Best Residential Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Pool and Spa combination

Gold Award: Gordon Avenue Pools & Spas
Highly Commended (Joint Winners): Albatross Swimming Pools (Aust) & Compass Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by Pentair

Best Landscape Design - Over 200sqm featuring a Pool or Spa

Gold Award (Joint Winners):
Liquidamber Garden Design & COS Design
Highly Commended: Sabo Design
Sponsored by Pentair

Best Commercial Pool - Over \$150,000

Gold Award: Aloha Pools
Highly Commended: Aloha Pools
Sponsored by Pentair

Best Residential Concrete Spa

Gold Award: Neptune Swimming Pools
Highly Commended: Kingston Pools
Sponsored by MPOD

Best Residential, Vinyl-Lined In-Ground Pool

Gold Award: Albatross Swimming Pools (Aust)
Highly Commended: Albatross Swimming Pools (Aust)
Sponsored by VBA

Best Residential Concrete Lap Pool

Gold Award: Out from the Blue
Highly Commended: Cantwell Pools and Courts
Sponsored by Remco

Best Concrete Pool by a Country Member

Gold Award: Cookes Pools and Spas
Sponsored by Waterco

Best Residential Enclosed / Indoor Pool

Gold Award: Neptune Swimming Pools
Highly Commended: Urban Swimming Pools
Sponsored by Cooke Industries

Best Sustainable Pool or Spa Project

Gold Award: Maleco Pool & Spa Cover
Highly Commended: Rainwise Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by Reece Irrigation & Pools

Best Water Feature

Gold Award: Formation Pools and Landscapes
Highly Commended: Laguna Pools
Sponsored by Landscaping Victoria

Best Safety Barrier

Gold Award: Precision Installs
Highly Commended: Aquarius Pools
Sponsored by Action OHS Consulting

Best Residential Concrete Pool - Under \$60,000

Gold Award: Seaspray Pools
Highly Commended: In the Swim
Sponsored by AB Phillips

Best Landscape Design - Under 200sqm featuring a Pool or Spa

Gold Award: Neptune Swimming Pools
Highly Commended: Neptune Swimming Pools
Sponsored by Spa Electrics

Best Automated System or Convenience Product

Gold Award: Maleco Pool & Spa Cover
Highly Commended: Pentair Water Australia - Magic Bowl
Sponsored by Reece Irrigation & Pools

Best Paving or Stone Project

Gold Award: Liquidamber Garden Design
Highly Commended: Sai Stone
Sponsored by Landscaping Victoria

Best Lighting Feature

Gold Award: Out from the Blue
Sponsored by AQUA

Best Commercial Pool - Under \$150,000

Gold Award: Aquatic Designs
Highly Commended: Horizon Pools
Sponsored by Waterco

SPASAVIC Sustainable Product Award

Gold Award: Sunline Australia - Aquavent
Sponsored by SPASAVIC

SPASAVIC Training High Achiever Award
Gold Award: Beau Van Agtmaal - Domain Pools
Sponsored by VBA

Best Residential Concrete Pool and Spa Combination
Gold Award (Joint Winners):
Laguna Pools & Out from the Blue
Highly Commended (Joint Winners):
Laguna Pools & Out from the Blue
Sponsored by AB Phillips

Best Residential Courtyard / Plunge Pool
Gold Award: Laguna Pools
Highly Commended (Joint Winners):
Laguna Pools & Aloha Pools
Sponsored by Reece Irrigation & Pools

Best Pool and Landscape Combination
Gold Award (Joint Winners):
Goldfish Pools & Landscapes
Highly Commended (Joint Winners):
Horizon Pools & Neptune Swimming Pools
Sponsored by Spa Electrics

Best Residential Pool Renovation - Up to \$25,000
Gold Award: Horizon Pools
Highly Commended: Pools R Us
Sponsored by Hayward Pool Products

Best Residential Pool Renovation - Over \$25,000
Gold Award: Access Pools
Highly Commended: Laguna Pools
Sponsored by Remco

Best Innovative Pool or Spa
Gold Award: Personal Pools
Highly Commended (Joint Winners):
Laguna Pools & Out from the Blue
Sponsored by Spa Electrics

Best Pool Display Centre
Gold Award: Apex Pools
Sponsored by Pentair

SPASAVIC Water Neutral Pool Program Award
Gold Award: Rainwise Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by SPASAVIC

Employee of the Year Award
Gold Award: Diana Ruiz - The Poolstore Warehouse
Highly Commended: Samantha Sheen - Poolside
Beaconsfield
Sponsored by SPASAVIC

Best Residential Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Lap Pool
Gold Award: Compass Pools Melbourne
Highly Commended: Compass Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by AQUA

Best Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Pool by a Country Member
Gold Award: Gordon Avenue Pools
Highly Commended: Tassie Pools & Spas
Sponsored by Waterco

Best Pool & Spa Service Business
Gold Award: The Poolstore Warehouse
Highly Commended: Flowtec Leak Detection Services
Sponsored by Spendapool

Pool Store of the Year
Gold Award (Joint Winners):
Rainwise Pools Melbourne & The Poolstore Warehouse
Sponsored by Hayward Pool Products

Best Spa Retailer
Gold Award: Endless Spas & Pools
Sponsored by MIBT

The 2020 Product of the Year
Winner: Maleco Pool & Spa Cover
Sponsored by SAI Stone

The 2020 Spa of the Year
Winner: Neptune Swimming Pools
Sponsored by AB Phillips

The 2020 Remco Pool of the Year
Winner: Out from the Blue
Sponsored by Remco