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To Whom It May Concern

Product Reference - Greensafe Retractable Shade Covers

I would like to personally recommend the Greensafe Retractable Shade system as the best and most reliable method of providing shade over swimming pools in areas that are prone to high wind gusts.

During the past 5 years I have travelled extensively delivering swimming and water safety programs to coastal areas in the "Top End". From first hand knowledge I have seen conventional shade sails fail during storms in the following places, Pirlangimpi (Melville Island), Nguui (Bathurst Island), Gunbalunya (East Arnhem Land) Parap Pool (Darwin), Casuarina Pool (Darwin) and the Broome Leisure Centre.

I was living in Darwin when Cyclone Helen passed just south of Darwin and I was most impressed that the Palmerston 50 metre pool which had Greensafe Retractable Shade Covering installed suffered no damage to the shade covering. The Derby Pool has had retractable shade covering for a number of years and has never sustained any damage despite exposure to numerous tropical storms.

An important advantage of retractable shade is that the covers can be fully retracted during the "Dry Season" which results in warmer pool temperatures and increased patronage. Conventional shade covers need to be dismantled to achieve warmer pool temperatures during the "Dry Season" and the re installed during the hotter months. This becomes an expensive and risky exercise. There is also the problem of storage for the sails. Most pools do not have enough storage areas. The other option is to leave the sails up during the "Dry Season" which will result in colder water and lower patronage and revenue. Vandalism is another consideration. It is not uncommon for vandals to climb up on shade sails which often results in damage to the sails and could even lead to a fatality.

Since having retractable shade installed over our pools in Halls Creek I have been impressed with the ease of operation, the reliability and the increased number of patrons. Quite a large number of tourists pass through Halls Creek and those that use our pools are definitely impressed with the shade covers as most have never seen retractable shade before and intend to recommend to their councils when they return home.



Halls Creek Lap Pool



Halls Creek Lap Pool with retracted shade



Halls Creek Leisure Pool

If you have any queries on this product please do not hesitate to contact me.

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