

Introduction

Buying a new shed is a large undertaking. It can be one of the biggest investments one makes after the family home or a car so getting things right is very important.

With shed designs to be considered, plans and documents created for council, contractors to be engaged and much more, it is easy to overlook something vital and when you are spending what can easily amount to a very tidy sum, a mistake can be costly or something that you might have to live with for some time.

To help guide you on your way to the best possible outcome with your shed buying experience we have assembled what we believe to be the 5 most common mistakes made when purchasing a shed and how to avoid them.

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Mistake number 1

Not getting what you want

Many people make the mistake of buying a shed based on an off the shelf design or straight out of a catalogue because they believe it will be cheaper buying a Standard Shed than designing their own.

These days the competition for your dollar in the shed industry means that it is usually just as cost effective to go into a shed dealership and design the shed to suit your needs as it is to just buy off the internet or out of a catalogue. Keeping to a few simple parameters like maximum bay sizes and the like, your custom designed shed will be just as cost effective as one out of a box and be more like what you want.

TIP: Make sure the shed you buy is the shed you want, for your purposes and not the shed someone else wants you to buy for their own reasons.

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Mistake number 2

Price vs Service

Quite often people will choose the cheapest shed they can get that just meets their needs. Usually this is often achieved by shopping over the internet with people who do not have a local agent, display or accreditation.

Internet only based businesses can sell a shed for a few hundred dollars cheaper due to low overheads of not having to maintain a display office or provide quality after sales service. Often the same price can be achieved locally by your local shed seller if they are consulted or given the opportunity to compare quotes. Internet based shed businesses can get away with poorer customer support as they are not locals who depend on local reputation to maintain a good business. Often net based sellers are retailing sheds of a little less quality or materials that are a little thinner based on the fact that you cannot inspect them before buying. This does not apply to all internet shed sellers but is typical of the ones where the price is low.

TIP 2: At the end of the day most good quality sheds cost around the same amount of money, it's the service after you have bought the shed kit that counts. The general rule applies...You get what you pay for... The less you pay generally means the less steel you are buying.

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Mistake Number 3

Planning Laws

The most costly mistake we hear about is when someone purchases a shed and then discovers that they require council planning approval and then due to planning restrictions they find they cannot build the shed or cannot build that type of shed or the shed is not rated high enough for local environmental conditions. This can result in owning the materials to build a shed but not being allowed to build it.

TIP : Always consult the local council or a Private Certifier in your area about development laws in your location. A local shed supplier will be familiar with most local council planning regulations and will help you but it is still wise to confirm your situation. When buying over the internet the responsibility is firmly on your own shoulders to ensure the shed you buy is suitable. Read the fine print.

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Mistake Number 4

Failing to Future Proof

There are two ways to future proof your shed. One is to think hard about what you might be considering purchasing in the future like Caravans and boats and building the shed to accommodate these items now. The other and possibly better way is to make sure the shed that you buy now is suitably engineered to be easily extended or can be extended with awnings or annexes.

Cheap sheds usually do not have the ability to be extended or may not be engineered with the strength to support awnings and annexes.

TIP: When shopping for a shed check to make sure that the building you choose has engineering that enables it to be extended in the future.

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Mistake Number 5

Building a shed that is too small.

This can refer to all 3 dimensions.

If the shed is not tall enough then you may not get the car in when the roof rack is on it. The new tractor may not fit? Air-con on the Van?

If the shed is not deep enough then the idea of a work bench in front of the vehicles may not work or the boat trailer may not fit or the spare wheel on the back of the Caravan may spoil things.

If the bays are not large enough the roller doors maybe to narrow and you might be forever fixing rear vision mirrors.

TIP: Generally a shed can never be too big. The bigger, the better! If you have room, planning permission and some extra bucks go as big as you can. I personally have never had a customer come to me and complain that their shed is too big! They always sayI love my shed...I wish it was bigger.

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