

Pool to Pond – Structures



Figure 1: The Floating Island

A floating island can be made from a thick piece of polystyrene (as thick as possible) and camouflaged with shade cloth. The shade cloth can be secured with fishing line.

The polystyrene will be very buoyant and able to support rocks and pot plants. To prevent the island from constantly moving with the wind you may like to secure it with fishing line to something heavy on the pool edge.



Figure 2: The Fixed Island

The layering of besser blocks is an easy and affordable way to build an island. The aquatic plants placed on top of this particular island grew so much that they completely hid the besser blocks from view.



Figure 3: Plastic furniture

In the shallow end of the pool, plastic furniture can be placed and weighed down with rocks and pots of aquatic plants.

Dark coloured furniture will provide the most inconspicuous structures. .



Figure 4: Existing Steps

Pool steps are a great place to start putting aquatic plants with an upright habit.



Figure 5: Combination Structure

You can combine plastic furniture with planks of untreated wood and other objects to provide platforms for plants and perches for wildlife.



Figure 6: Escape Points

It is very important to place some objects half in the water to allow wildlife to climb out. Tree branches are great for this however it is illegal to take them from bushland. Other sources for branches could include tree loppers. Plastic or untreated wooden pallets are ideal for floating islands or creating a ramp.



Figure 7: Odd Objects.

You can be creative with odd objects like this old bed head which was picked up from the side of the road and tied to the pool fence.