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Industry News

Seasons Greetings and office closure



As we look back upon the past year, we would like to acknowledge all our members and those who have helped shape your association.

We have achieved a lot during 2017, in particular with the roll out of new legislation, educating our members and strengthening our government relations.

We have many exciting new initiatives, events, education and much more planned for next year, so get some rest now as its going to be busy!

On behalf of the NSW Board and staff, we would like to wish you all the best for the Holiday Season. Thanks for a great year, be safe if you're travelling and enjoy your time with family and friends. We will see you back here in 2018.

Our offices will be closed for a well earned break from Wednesday 20 December and we will reopen on Monday 8 January 2018.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chris Duggan, SCA (NSW) President

Meet President's Award recipient,
Christine Byrne

Buildings with combustible cladding



SCA (NSW) met with representatives from the Fire Safety and External Wall Cladding Taskforce early last week for an update on the inter-agency approach being taken to identify buildings with fire safety risks posed by external wall cladding. They advised that they are perfecting their data from all feedback received, such as from responses to letters sent to building owners, DA's submitted, inspections performed by Fire and Safety NSW and from local councils taking action. They are mainly working on providing awareness for building owners and are working on risk mitigation such as sprinklers to reduce the number of buildings requiring actual rectification.

Building owners whose legal responsibility it is to ensure fire safety can expect to receive more correspondence from Government authorities collecting information. A key message from our meeting with the Cladding Taskforce is 'If your building has cladding, don't wait for a letter, get a fire inspection done now'.

[Click here](#) to read more.

NSW Infrastructure projects need you





This year the President's Award, which is traditionally announced at the annual convention, was presented to Christine Byrne from Green Strata.

[Read here](#) to find out Christine's reaction to her name being called out.

Did you know that Christine started Green Strata in 2010 to help owners corporations improve the sustainability of their common property and community of residents? Since then the operating environment has changed with strata owners taking more notice of their energy and water consumption and actively wanting to improve the bottom line as far as these expenses go.

Please enjoy this last story about our members for 2017. We have lots more planned for next year.

SCA (NSW) in the media

SCA (NSW) President Chris Duggan was invited to comment on a story last week which appears on the Daily Telegraph website [here](#) about the increasing number of families choosing strata apartments to call home.

The story says that "according to the 2017 Sydney Lifestyle Study, commissioned by Urban Taskforce Australia, one-fifth of Sydney apartments are currently occupied by families. The number of apartment-dwelling families has soared from 65,000 in 2011 to more than 87,000 in 2016."

It wouldn't be a Daily Telegraph story without some controversy, which in this case was around noise from children living in apartments. Although to be fair the story does quote a family stating that living in strata was the perfect lifestyle for them.

The last word however goes to Chris who stated, "The big message is that strata is a great way of living but it does require people to be considerate of their neighbours and show empathy. A lack of empathy doesn't build community."

If you manage properties or live in one near infrastructure projects such as the Sydney or Newcastle light rail projects, WestConnex or Sydney Metro (especially the new City and Southwest line) then your help is needed.

Often the projects' community relations officers need to speak to strata managers or committee chairs on a variety of issues, including potential property access. Many officers have said that getting these contact details is sometimes impossible as notice boards are located within secure areas and residents can't or won't assist.

By contacting the projects and registering that you manage properties along construction routes, you're helping keep an infrastructure project on track and on time.

Sydney Light Rail is especially interested in contacting the manager of 65 High Street, Randwick. If that's you, or you know who it is, please call 1800 684 490 and ask for Adrienne Khoury.

To find out about other projects just click on the links.

[Sydney Light Rail](#)

[WestConnex](#)

[Sydney Metro](#)

[Newcastle Light Rail](#)



Reminder: Strata building bond and inspections scheme commences 1 January 2018

Most reforms to strata laws in New South Wales commenced on 30 November 2016. The strata building bond and inspections scheme is the second part of these reforms and will commence on 1 January 2018.

[Click here](#) for more information

Events

2018 SCA (NSW) Events Calendar

Now Live!



Our 2018 Events Calendar is now live on our website. Please click [here](#) to check out all the exciting events we have planned so far for 2018!

Be sure to block out your calendars now so you don't miss an event.

Interested in sponsorship at one of our 2018 events? Please email EOI's to events.nsw@strata.community

SCA (NSW) Sailing Day

Registrations opening in the New Year!



Date: **15 February 2018**

Location: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Time: 12pm onwards

For more information [click here](#)

We thank our event sponsors:



Upcoming Education

CPD online



SCA (NSW) offers members and non-members the opportunity to fulfil their CPD requirements online via E-Learning.

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The cost is \$139.00 for SCA (NSW) members and \$245.00 for non-members. This price includes GST.

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