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Industry News

Have you met: new Director David Wellman



David Wellman from Wellman Strata was recently elected to represent the Strata Manager (Licensed) Chapter on the SCA (NSW) Board. With almost 20 years' experience in strata David is well and truly looking to the future of the industry.

He says the changes brought about by the new strata laws include the emergence of new technology designed to assist with meeting attendance, communication and access to records/information. He points out that we are already seeing it now with several new software applications entering the market.

David is passionate about property and the strata industry. To find out more about our latest Director [click here](#).

Portal testing

SCA (NSW) members, including Senior Vice President, Daniel Linders, tested the new strata building bond and inspections scheme online portal at the request of NSW Fair Trading in a session held on 2 November.

Daniel said that the purpose of the system is to manage the booking and workflow of the building

2017 Annual Convention wrap up



We invite you to register an account on the SCA (NSW) [webcastcloud.tv channel](#) to view the recorded sessions, keynotes and interviews from the 2017 convention.

Also please browse through the [convention photo](#) albums on our Facebook page and feel free to tag yourself! Send us any convention photos you may have as we'd love to post more!

Insurance issues: cladding scare costs

A story published in Insurance News on 23 October and available [here](#) quotes SCA (NSW) President Chris Duggan on the very important topic of flammable building cladding.

The article highlights the upcoming summit in December in Melbourne where the strata industry will discuss the core issue of fairness over who should pay to replace any building material that is found to be dangerous and therefore non-compliant with the building code.

We will update members on the summit soon.

More on cladding

Macquarie Bank recently hosted a forum with industry experts to explore the response to cladding concerns. SCA (NSW) President Chris Duggan was on the panel representing the strata industry.

With thanks to Macquarie Bank we are happy to provide members with link to an article and video summarising key points on the session. Simply click [here](#).

inspection process for defects under the building bond scheme.

“It’s accessible from the NSW Fair Trading website and is a fully online system designed to streamline the bond process and make it accessible without written forms for developers and building inspectors to complete.”

To read the full story [click here](#).

Benchmark project

Principals are invited to take part in a national wide Strata Benchmarking Project which aims to provide information and data to enable businesses to compare their performance with others in the strata industry.

The project is run by independent organisation Benchmarking.com.au. All reports are confidential and provide information about your businesses profitability, along with causes and opportunities as well as factors impacting your business performance.

Data collection closes 30 November so get in now. More details can be found [here](#).

New Fire Safety Certificate and Fire Safety Statement

The Department of Planning and Environment recently approved and published standard fire safety statement and fire safety certificate forms, which are available in an electronic format so they can be completed online.

Building owners required to submit these forms must do so using the standard templates from 1 December 2017.

The new Fire Safety Certificate and Fire Safety Statement can be downloaded from the Department of Planning and Environment website [here](#). Scroll down the Department’s page to find the downloadable documents.

Temporary working visas: removal of classification for property manager

SCA (NSW) Education committee wants to alert members to the removal from 1 July 2017, of the classification of property manager from the eligible skilled occupations list for temporary working visas (subclass 457). Members have no doubt read news articles or heard people discussing this issue.

Representation has been made to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) which administers the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZCO) seeking to have this changed. The basis for this is that the rapid expansion of the strata industry across Australia and an increasingly tight labour market for strata manager roles, means that foreign workers may be required to fill in the gaps, so to speak.

The ABS has been informed that prior to the change of classification, applications to sponsor strata managers under the generic ANZSCO occupation of Property Manager had been successful however this is now not possible. It was explained that strata management is an entirely different occupation to property management and that a shortage of one does not equate to a shortage of the other. Strata professionals obtain different qualifications, deal with different legislation and perform very different tasks.

The ABS has been asked to reconsider the classification however its response was that any changes only occur at a review. Decisions on when the next review will occur are not going to be made until next year. In the meantime, the ABS has said that the organisation may be contacted prior to the next review to provide an opportunity to make a submission.

Events

2018 SCA (NSW) Events Calendar

Now Live!



SCA (NSW) Annual Christmas Party

Registrations Now Open!



Date: **30 November 2017**

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

Location: The Beresford Hotel

Time: 6.00pm - 9.30pm

[Click here](#) to register

We thank our SCA (NSW) Christmas Party Sponsors



Upcoming Education

CPD online



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

Read the materials, complete the assignment, submit for marking and provided you pass, then you are compliant for another year.

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

Click [here](#) to get started now.

Cert IV Strata Traineeship Grant Available

Register your EOI



SCA (NSW) RTO partner, Real Estate Training Solutions P/L (RTO ID 90897), is offering NSW Government funded traineeships - CPP40611 Certificate IV in Property Services (Operations).

For further information and to register your **expression of interest**, please [click here](#).

Last Certificate of Registration for 2017

20 - 22 November



Start a career in strata! To enter the industry as a strata manager you will need to complete three units of competency from the CPP30311 Certificate III Property Services (Operations).

This course is conducted over 3 days and is delivered in partnership with Real Estate Training Solutions P/L (RTO ID 90897).

Dates: Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 November 2017

Location: SCA (NSW) Training Room, Level 1,

845 Pacific Highway, Chatswood, NSW, 2067

Cost: \$990.00 (GST free)

To register please

email education.nsw@strata.community

For more course information please click [here](#).

Level 1, 2 & 3 Accreditation for Strata Managers



This is an excellent way of standing out from the crowd. Gaining any level of accreditation demonstrates to your stakeholders that you are a professional in your field.

Accreditation Fee: \$250 or special show price of \$150 for those who attended the 2017 SCA NSW Convention.

For more information please click [here](#) or email accreditation.nsw@strata.community

To apply please click [here](#) to complete the application form.

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