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## Industry News

### City Futures research



SCA (NSW) continues to fund research projects undertaken by UNSW. We wanted to remind you of our most recent research project which was to determine and understand the influence that cultural background has on participation in strata schemes. City Futures anticipates that this information can then be used to develop tools and strategies to encourage community cohesion, connectedness and resilience in strata communities.

For those of you who don't know, City Futures is a research unit, located within the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of NSW.

As part of a tool kit for now, City Futures has developed [Multicultural strata schemes: fundamentals for strata committee members](#), which provides tips and ideas for getting to know your neighbours.

Read more on our website [here](#). This is all in a new page on the website called Information and Research which is located under the Resources tab.

### Fair Trading update - by-law review

### Rising star



Meet Daniel Holt winner of the 2017 CHU Strata Community Award for Rising Star, a new award for this year, which recognises new entrants to the industry who have shown outstanding progress early on in their career.

Daniel Holt from Strata Sense first started in the strata industry as a lawyer before taking the unusual move and becoming a strata manager. He couldn't be happier saying that the move was right for him.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Daniel and the biggest challenge he faced within weeks of starting in strata - it involves thousands of litres of water, a number of water logged apartments and a multi-million dollar insurance claim.

### Updated qualifications requirements for property services industry

The qualifications required for the issue of a licence or certificate of registration under the Property, Stock and Business Agents (Qualifications) Order 2009 (the Order) have been updated.

Many of the competency units in the Order have been superseded or revised, and the code identifiers for these units have changed.



Fair Trading and SCA (NSW) want to remind strata managers and strata owners that strata scheme by-laws are required to be reviewed by 30 November 2017.

Owners are advised to consider by-law updates that meet the needs of the owners and residents of their strata scheme. Remember the new model by-laws which were updated last year when the new legislation was introduced can be used as a guide. Don't forget any changes must be registered with the NSW Office of the Registrar General.

## Fire safety requirements for building owners

NSW Fair Trading has advised that from 1 October 2017, new laws commence that affect building owners responsible for issuing fire safety statements, including the requirement that fire safety assessments be carried out by a competent fire safety practitioner.

An accreditation framework is currently being set up to accredit individuals as competent fire safety practitioners. As it will take some time for the accreditation scheme to become fully operational, the Department of Planning will be issuing interim guidance material to industry about how to select a competent fire safety practitioner. Further information can be found on the Building [Fire Safety Regulation fact sheet](#) issued by the Department of Planning and Environment.

## 2017/18 SCA (NSW) Membership Renewal



SCA (NSW) Membership Renewals were due on 1 July 2017. You would have received a letter from us asking you to renew and pay your membership fee.

Note there is a new strata managing agent's qualification and some redundant provisions have been deleted. This update to the Order **does not** involve any of the proposed changes under the real estate and property industry reforms.

To read more about qualifications visit the Fair Trading [Qualifications](#) page.

## Remember: Have your say on Short-Term Letting

We previously advised members that the NSW Government had released its 'Short-term holiday letting in NSW' options paper. [Click here](#) for more information from the NSW Fair Trading website.

SCA (NSW) will be preparing a submission and we welcome members input. Don't forget to send your contributions by **COB Friday, 29 September 2017** to Rachel Lynn, SCA (NSW) General Manager at [rachel.lynn@strata.community](mailto:rachel.lynn@strata.community)

Our response will be co-ordinated from your contributions into one paper from SCA NSW). All papers are due to the Government by 31 October 2017.

## New Releases



The SCA (NSW) Professional Standards Committee has been working hard this year to produce Fact Sheets and Best Practice Guides for the SCA (NSW) membership. We are excited to release the following resources to members:

- [Review of By-laws](#)
- [Using the Common Seal](#)

## 2017/18 Strata Services Directory - Out Now!



The latest edition of the Strata Services Directory is out now. If you haven't received a copy please email [membership.nsw@strata.community](mailto:membership.nsw@strata.community) to request a

If you haven't received your membership renewal letter and invoice please contact Ashleigh Newell, Membership Coordinator on **02 9492 8200** or email [membership.nsw@strata.community](mailto:membership.nsw@strata.community)

copy or drop into the SCA (NSW) office to pick one up.

The latest directory is also available online and as a pdf on our website [here](#).

## Events

### Young Strata Network

**Forget about Speed Dating ....Join us for corporate speed networking at our last YSN event of 2017**



**Are you under 35 and working in the Strata Industry?**

If yes, launch yourself into a new circle of like-minded professionals waiting to talk to you.

20 well-respected and knowledgeable mentors with years of experience in the industry will be at your disposal to **speed network**.

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to further your career and discuss topics such as:

**Business development - Leadership- Innovation - Growth- Relationship Management - Career Progression**

**Personal Branding - Mentoring - Innovation - Energy/ Drive - Transferable Skills - Family Business**

All in just five minutes before your group moves on to the next exciting topic and mentor.

This is a not-to-be-missed event where you will walk away with:

**new ideas - new contacts - new mentors - new friendships ...**

**while also having a lot of fun!**

**Date: Thursday 21 September 2017**

**Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm**

**Location: Bavarian Bier Cafe, Downstairs Function Space, 24 York St, Sydney**

**Facilitator: Janette Comish, StrataLoans**

### Strata Owners Seminar - Renovations

**Keen to learn more about renovating your apartment**



Television programs like *The Block* on the Nine Network have certainly popularised home renovations. It can be a very attractive proposition to upgrade your place - particularly if you want to maximise the sale potential of your property.

Strata-titled properties come with their own set of requirements that must be taken into consideration before you can create that, for example, dream open plan kitchen.

Our expert speakers will bring their experience and years of knowledge to the seminar.

**Date: Thursday 12 October 2017**

**Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm** (light refreshments will be provided)

**Location: Sebel Chatswood, 37 Victor Street, Chatswood, Sydney NSW 2067**

**Cost: FREE** for SCA (NSW) Strata Owner Chapter Members

\$50 Fee for Non-Members & Guests (includes complimentary membership until 30 June 2018)  
\*conditions apply

To register [click here](#)

**Cost: Members only - INCLUDES DRINKS & CANAPES**

\$44 inc. GST (Strata Manager Members)

\$55 inc. GST (Strata Services Members)

**Please note:** Suppliers are limited to 2 staff per company

To register [click here](#)

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#### Registrations Open!

Join us for this years SCA (NSW) Convention at the Hilton Hotel Sydney themed 'Celebrating Strata'

**Date:** 19 - 20 October

**Location:** Hilton Hotel Sydney

488 George Street, Sydney

Register before the 30th of September 2017 and receive an **early bird discount!**

**REGISTER NOW**

#### Accommodation:

To book a room at the Hilton Hotel Sydney for a discounted price - please [click here](#)

Alternatively you can book over the phone on 02 9266 2000 using the code **GSTRB**

Limited number of rooms available from \$359 per night. **Hurry and book now!**

**Sponsorship opportunities** available - Please click [here](#) to view the prospectus or contact [events.nsw@strata.community](mailto:events.nsw@strata.community)

#### Upcoming Education

## CPD Cronulla

Wednesday 1 November



It is essential that today's strata manager has knowledge of the relevant legislation as this will equip you with increased authority when giving guidance and recommendations to your clients.

The CPD topic is on the **New Strata Legislation** and will cover the below areas:

- New terminology
- Owners Corporation responsibilities
- Meeting procedures
- By-laws
- Renovations
- Managing agents
- Building managers
- NCAT
- Levy collection

**Date:** Wednesday 1 November 2017

**Location:** Rydges Cronulla, 20-26 The Kingsway, Cronulla NSW 2230

**Cost:** The session is worth a full 12 CPD points and is \$175.00 for members and \$395.00 for non-members.

**To register please**  
email [education.nsw@strata.community](mailto:education.nsw@strata.community)

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

## 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.

## Certificate of Registration

20 - 22 November 2017



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 September 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](mailto: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

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

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

## Certificate of Registration

Lunch Sponsorship Opportunities

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](#).

SCA (NSW) is offering Corporate Services members the opportunity to sponsor a lunch at the Certificate of Registration (COR) courses.

This is a great opportunity to build relationships with new strata managers entering the industry as well as increase the awareness of your products and services.

To download the 2017 booking form please click [here](#).

For any enquiries email us at [events.nsw@strata.community](mailto:events.nsw@strata.community)

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