

eNewsletter by Strata Community Australia (NSW) Having troubles viewing this email? [Click here](#) to view the web version. To ensure receipt of these mailings, please add enquiries.nsw@stratacommunityaustralia.org.au to your address book.



19/1/2018

Industry News

Welcome to 2018



Welcome to the first edition of Around the Grounds for 2018. We're really looking forward to the year ahead.

SCA (NSW) is offering a full calendar of excellent social events, educational opportunities and are working on some new initiatives that we will reveal during the year.

For now, slowly ease yourself out of holiday mode and catch up on all the news right here.

Happy New Year everyone.

SCA (NSW) Board & Staff

Changes to the swimming pools register



From 1 January 2018 NSW Fair Trading took on the administrative functions for the swimming pools register over from the Office of Local Government.

Remember if you own a swimming pool in NSW you are required to register it on the [NSW Swimming Pool Register](#). There is a penalty for owners who fail to register a swimming pool or spa pool (penalty notice amount of \$220).

Information about this change is on the NSW Fair Trading website [here](#).

Fire and Rescue NSW launches important research that could save lives



On Wednesday, 17 January, Fire and Rescue NSW launched two new research reports, which they hope will help reduce the number of fatalities in residential fires in NSW.

The research was conducted on the effectiveness of sprinklers in residential buildings up to 25 metres high, as well as the functionality of current residential smoke alarms.

The spokesperson for FRNSW said that the results confirm that stronger measures are needed to ensure best practice fire safety and fire prevention in homes. It had made recommendations from its extensive research into [sprinklers](#) and [smoke alarms](#) and will be working closely with relevant stakeholders to realise these recommendations over the coming months.

This includes FRNSW, along with FPAA and AFAC, submitting a Proposal for Change to the 2019 National Construction Code that seeks to mandate sprinklers in all new Class 2 and Class 3 shared residential accommodation buildings up to 25 metres in effective height.

The full media release and access to the research is available on the [SCA \(NSW\) website here](#)

Meet the 2017 Max Dunn Award recipient,
Scott Martin

Strata building bond



The strata building bond and inspections scheme commenced from 1 January 2018.

The scheme applies where a developer and builder enter into a contract and applies to building work to construct residential or partially-residential strata properties that are four or more storeys.

Buildings that are three storeys or under are covered under the Home Building Compensation Fund.

Included in the scheme is a building bond, which must be lodged with NSW Fair Trading and is equal to 2% of the contract price for residential and mixed-use high-rise strata buildings. Mandatory defect inspection reports are also part of the scheme.

There is now a structured, proactive process that resolves building issues quickly and cost effectively. The building bond can then be used to pay the costs of rectifying any defective building work identified in a final inspection report. More information can be found on the NSW Fair Trading website [here](#).

Also something to note, the reformed NSW Home Building Compensation commenced on 1 January 2018 and private providers will be invited to apply to join the market. The [State Insurance Regulatory Authority](#) website has more information.



The Max Dunn award is awarded to an individual who demonstrates comradeship, fostering of goodwill and support amongst SCA (NSW) members, the industry and beyond.

At the Convention gala dinner last year Scott Martin was the very worthy recipient of the Max Dunn Award. For those who know Scott will attest that he is always available to assist others. We interviewed Scott and he told us about the training on the new legislation he's been providing throughout the industry, which has been vital to all members and says that delivering the training has been one of his best experiences while working in strata. Scott would like to continue training when he retires (which he says is a way off yet) as it would be a great way of giving back to the industry.

Read the full story about Scott [here](#).

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 are now open!



Date: **15 February 2018**

Location: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Time: 12pm onwards

To register [click here](#)

We thank our event sponsors:

expert
strata insurance

Upcoming Education

CPD Parramatta

Tuesday 13 March



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.

Date: Tuesday 13 March 2018

Location: **Mantra Parramatta**, Cnr Parkes St & Valentine Ave, Parramatta

Cost: The session is worth a full 12 CPD points and is \$139.00 for members and \$395.00 for non-members.

To register please email 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.

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

New 5 day Course Package

Certificate of Registration/ A100 & Accrediation

26 - 30 February



Start the new year with 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).

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

To give your career an optimal boost we have introduced an additional 2 days to obtain the A100 certificate (valued at \$695). Students who achieve both certificates will receive complimentary entry onto the accreditation pathway (valued at \$250).

Dates: Monday 26 to Friday 30 February 2018

Location: SCA (NSW) Training Room, Level 1,
845 Pacific Highway, Chatswood, NSW, 2067

Cost: \$1200.00 (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



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](#).

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

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

WE THANK OUR PLATINUM SPONSORS



This email contains information which is private and commercial-in-confidence. Only the intended recipient(s) may access, read, distribute, copy or use it in any way. If you have received this email in error, or don't wish to receive future updates, please [click here](#).

If you would prefer not to receive emails from us, go [here](#).

Please send any comments about this email to admin@strata.community

