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Industry News

Congratulations Muriel Barasso



For those of you who have been in the strata industry for a while you're sure to be familiar with Muriel Barasso. For those who don't she is one of the founding members of what is now SCA (NSW) and has recently been recognised for her work in the industry by being awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on Australia Day.

We spoke to her the following day and it's fair to say Muriel was thrilled with the honour. She is as much a supporter of the strata industry today as she was in the 1970s when she and a few others recognised its potential for a growth area.

Muriel is a past President, first Fellow and a Life Member, trainer and consultant.

You can read more about her [here](#).

Energy and water efficiency grants - generating financial savings for owners corporations



Round 1 of the City of Sydney's Environmental Performance grants opens on 7 February.

Funding of up to \$10,000 is available to undertake [energy and/or water assessments](#) that will help identify and prioritise cost-effective improvements and upgrades to common property.

Window safety in strata: install locks by 13 March 2018



Do you live in, own or manage a townhouse or unit block? To prevent children falling from windows, strata schemes must have window safety devices installed on all applicable windows by 13 March 2018 .

The devices must:

- enable the maximum opening to be less than 12.5cm (a device that allows the window to be fully opened, fully closed and locked at less than 12.5cm is compliant), and
- be able to withstand a force of 250 newtons (which is equal to 25 kilograms of force).

A number of children fall from windows or balconies in Australia each year, with children under 5 being most at risk. Windows with safety devices installed may still be fully opened, but it is recommended that devices be used whenever children are present, to prevent falls.

Owners corporations may face fines if locks are not installed on applicable windows by 13 March 2018.

Find out more about [window safety device requirements](#) on the Fair Trading website.

For more information please click on the link to the SCA (NSW) [webcastcloud.tv channel](#) to view a 15 minute recording by Jann O'Connor from the Australian Window Association who spoke on New Window Safety Laws for 2018 at the SCA (NSW) 2017 convention.

Strata Industry Briefing

Funding of up to \$10,000 is also available for the installation of [water monitoring systems](#) that will enable smarter tracking and management of building water usage.

Current grant round closes 12 March.

Get in touch with the City of Sydney Sustainability team to see how grant funding can assist your building to save money on energy and water!

[More information](#)

Call 9246 7301 or email SmartApartments@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.



Save the date for our first Strata Industry Briefing of 2018!

Enjoy Breakfast, while gaining insights on 'cladding' from Industry Experts.

Date: **22 March 2018**

Location: The Langham Sydney

Time: 8am - 10am

Topic: Cladding

For more information click [here](#)

We thank our event sponsors:



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) Young Strata Network

Registrations Open Now!



Date: **2 March 2018**

SCA (NSW) Sailing Day

Sold Out!



Date: **15 February 2018**

Location: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Time: 11am onwards

We thank our event sponsors:



SCA (NSW) High Tea

Registrations Open Now!



Date: **8 March 2018**

Location: Park Hyatt Sydney

Location: The Greens North Sydney

Time: 6pm - 8pm

To register [click here](#)

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Time: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

To register [click here](#)

We thank our event sponsors:



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 \$245 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.

New 5 day Course Package

Certificate of Registration/ A100 & Accreditation

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

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.

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