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Industry News

Have you met: new Director Stephen Brell



Stephen Brell has spent 21 years at Netstrata and 16 of them as licensee-in-charge. Now he has taken on a greater role that as Board Director representing the Strata Manager Chapter.

He is a man with many hats including real estate agent and registered valuer whose dream is one day to head to the Bahamas. But not before he has done so much more in the NSW strata industry.

A passionate advocate for innovation and future mentor, [click here](#) to read more about Stephen.

New guide launched by City Futures



City Futures has launched a new guide to help owners corporations undertaking sustainable retrofits in their schemes.

The guide is free and gives step-by-step instructions and information to help owners identify opportunities for more efficient energy, water and facilities and services in their schemes.

You can access the guide [here](#).

NSW Fair Trading reminder - new scheme starts 1 January 2018



In the latest NSW Fair Trading update, we are reminded that the new strata building bond and inspections scheme is due to start on 1 January 2018. If you recall in the last edition of Around the Grounds we advised on the new online portal that accompanies this scheme.

As a refresher, Fair Trading tells us that “under the new scheme, developers of new residential and mixed-use high-rise strata developments, which are four storeys or higher, will be required to lodge a building bond with NSW Fair Trading. The amount secured by a building bond is to be 2% of the contract price for the building work.”

Strata managers and indeed owners will be pleased to know that any defective building work identified between 15 and 18 months but not rectified by the builder before the end of 24 months may be rectified using an amount secured by the building bond.

For more details go to the NSW Fair Trading site [here](#).

Amending the strata management agency agreement

Did you know that SCA (NSW) strata manager members can amend the 2017 version of the SCA (NSW) strata management agency agreement template if the need arises?

This matter arose recently so we wanted to assure members that yes they can make changes. In the user guide we state “the corporate member may make amendments to the template agency agreement, by hand alterations or by attached special conditions, to reflect terms agreed with specific clients. However, the corporate member does so at its own risk, is

City Futures has also published a series of case studies about sustainable retrofits that are available on the [project website](#).

Benchmark project

Principals are invited to take part in a national 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](#).

responsible for obtaining its own legal advice in relation to the implications of such amendments and releases SCA (NSW) from any liability in relation to such amendments.”

We hope this information assists members.

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.

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) Annual Christmas Party

Sold Out!



Date: 30 November 2017

Location: The Beresford Hotel

Time: 6.00pm - 9.30pm

We thank our SCA (NSW) Christmas Party Sponsors



Upcoming Education

CPD online



Level 1, 2 & 3 Accreditation for Strata Managers



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.

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.

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](#).

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