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## Industry News

### NABERS for apartments launches soon



We regularly hear about owners corporations undertaking audits of their building to determine its energy efficiency but there are many out there who have not done this, yet it's simple to do.

An audit makes it easy to determine what might need to be done to make the building more energy and water efficient. This can save money in the process.

From June this year, NABERS will launch its star ratings for apartments so buildings across Australia will be able to get an energy and water star rating that indicates how efficiently their building's common property is performing.

Owners corporations, apartment owners, investors, residents, strata managing agents, and building managers can all use this information to easily understand and improve the performance and value of their building.

NABERS is offering training sessions in Melbourne and Sydney for NABERS accreditation in May and June. Further information on the training sessions and enrolment details can be accessed [here](#).

Have your say: changes to the Strata building bond and Inspections Scheme

### SCA (NSW) Welcomes New Sponsors

SCA (NSW) is thrilled to welcome our new sponsors on board.

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#### Upgraded to Silver Sponsor





NSW Fair Trading informs us that the government is proposing to make some small changes to Part 11 of the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015, and Part 8 of the Strata Schemes Management Regulation 2016 relating to the Building Bond and Inspections Scheme.

Under the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 developers are required to lodge a bond of 2% of a building's contract price with NSW Fair Trading for residential and mixed-use high-rise strata buildings of 4 or more storeys. The bond can be used to pay the costs of rectifying any defective building work identified through an inspection process.

Many of the proposed amendments seek to improve the scheme by strengthening how the contract price (on which the 2% building bond is based) of a strata scheme is determined by the developer (and verified by Fair Trading) and by further clarifying the role of the building inspector.

The draft Bill and explanatory documents can be found [here](#). All submissions will be considered in finalising the Bill. Once the draft amendment regulation is finalised, this will also be released publicly for consultation.

Have your say by Friday, 11 May 2018.

## Licensing changes for strata managers - Update on timeline



The reforms to the Property, Stock and Business Agents Amendment (Property Industry Reform) Bill 2017 will affect licensing and qualifications, the roles that can be undertaken at different levels of qualification and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.



Thank you to all of our sponsors for your support of SCA (NSW) and the strata industry as a whole. Without you we would not be able to offer our members our high-level education, events and resources.

## Fines for window safety non-compliance



By now every strata scheme in NSW should have fitted window safety devices on all applicable windows where the internal floor is more than 2 metres above the external surface outside and within a child's reach (less than 1.7 metres above the internal floor). When the safety device is engaged, it must restrict the window opening to be less than 12.5cm and the device must be able to withstand a force of 250 newtons (which is equal to 25 kilograms of force).

If a strata scheme does not have devices installed, the owners corporation can be fined up to \$550 for non-compliance if convicted by a court. Owners who obstruct an owners' corporation can also be fined.

To report a strata scheme that is not complying with the window safety device requirements, send an email to [windowsafety@finance.nsw.gov.au](mailto:windowsafety@finance.nsw.gov.au) along with the following information:

- your name and contact details
- the address of the strata scheme
- the managing strata agent's name and contact details (or Secretary's details, if there is no managing agent).

For more information, visit the [Window safety device requirements](#) page on the NSW Fair Trading website.

## Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

Your Board of Directors of Strata Community Australia (NSW) Limited is calling an Extraordinary General

It was anticipated that the new CPD regime would start from 1 July 2018 however this date has been deferred as the regulations are required before a timeline can be proposed.

The regulations are currently being drafted in consultation with the Real Estate Reference Group, of which SCA (NSW) is a member. The timeline for implementation will be guided by these regulations and discussions.

The final changes will be written into the regulations and we will keep you updated and guide you through this transition as further changes become confirmed and definite.

## SCA (NSW) Charity Movie Night



The 2018 Charity Movie Night was a great success with everyone enjoying the family atmosphere whilst networking with their peers and meeting their partners and children.

Whether watching 'Peter Rabbit' or 'Ready Player One', everyone felt spoilt with their popcorn, choc tops and drinks whilst reclining in the 'LUX' cinema seats.

On the night our raffle raised \$332 for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

To view the photos of the night please [click here](#)

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Meeting (EGM) to enable it to put a special resolution to the Strata Manager and Strata Services membership.

The attached [Notice of Business](#) provides more details as well as the special resolution.

The EGM will take place at the SCA (NSW) Golf Day on Friday, 11th May 2018, 1:30pm at Moore Park Golf Club, Cleveland St, Moore Park NSW.

All financial members are eligible to vote. To check that you are financial please email [membership.nsw@strata.community](mailto:membership.nsw@strata.community)

For those unable to attend but who would still like to have their say on this matter please lodge a completed [Proxy Form](#) with The Secretary, Strata Community Australia (NSW) Limited no later than 1:30pm Wednesday, 9th May 2018 to Suite 102, Level 1, 845 Pacific Highway Chatswood NSW 2067 or by email to [gm.nsw@strata.community](mailto:gm.nsw@strata.community).

Please direct any questions to Rachel Lynn, General Manager on P: 02 9492 8200 or email as above.

## Upcoming Events

2018 SCA (NSW) Events Calendar

2018 Express Glass Community Golf Day

**Sold out!**



Our 2018 Events Calendar is 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](mailto:events.nsw@strata.community).

## 2018 SCA (NSW) Convention



Trade Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities available!

Date: 25-26 October 2018

Location: Hilton Hotel, Sydney

The convention offers highly valued networking opportunities and is supported by the very popular trade exhibition, which showcases the latest products and services available to the strata industry. For more information on this year's convention please click [here](#)

Sponsorship opportunities include satchel inserts, keynote speakers, meal breaks, advertising within our Convention program and much more.

Don't miss this opportunity to increase your branding and affirm your presence in the strata industry.

[Click here](#) to view our confirmed trade exhibitors. We only have a few spots left!

For trade & sponsorship opportunities please email [events.nsw@strata.community](mailto:events.nsw@strata.community)



'Best dressed' - prize!

Start thinking about your team's outfit to be in it to win it....

Date: 11 May 2018

Location: Moore Park Golf Course

Time: 8.30am - Tee Off

We thank our 2018 Golf Day Sponsors - [click here](#) to view our sponsors

## 2018 CHU Strata Community Awards



Nominations are open!

The awards recognise those individuals and companies who make a significant contribution to the strata industry and community. The awards also recognise strata schemes that have improved environmental performance.

[Click here](#) for more information and to nominate either yourself, your peers, a business or a strata scheme.

Sponsorship opportunities: Be quick only 3 award categories remaining - [click here](#) for more information.

Please email EOI's to [events.nsw@strata.community](mailto:events.nsw@strata.community)

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## Upcoming Education

CPD Kirribilli

Wednesday 16 May

New 5 day Course Package

Certificate of Registration/ A100 & Accreditation



18 - 22 June



Topic: All about Strata and Building Management Statements and Building Management Committees

Date: Wednesday 16 May 2018

Location: [Kirribilli Club](#), 11 Harbourview Cres, Lavender Bay

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](mailto:education.nsw@strata.community).

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

Sponsorship opportunities available: To download the CPD exhibitor booking form [click here](#). Please contact via email [events.nsw@strata.community](mailto:events.nsw@strata.community) or phone (02) 9492 8202.

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### 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 \$99.00 for SCA (NSW) members and \$245.00 for non-members. This price includes GST.

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

2018 SCA (NSW) Education Calendar

Start your new career in strata here!

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.

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 18 to Friday 22 June 2018

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

Cost: \$1200.00

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

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

We thank our lunch sponsor:



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### 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).



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Our 2018 Education Calendar is on our website.

For more information and to register please click [here](#).

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