

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.



29/9/2017

Industry News

Window safety locks



Another reminder that owners corporations must have window safety devices installed on all applicable windows by 13 March 2018 (and cover the costs of installation) to prevent children falling from windows. This applies to openable windows more than 2m above the outside ground floor and within a child's reach (less than 1.7m above the inside floor).

The devices must enable the maximum opening to be limited to 12.5cm. However, a device that allows the window to be fully opened, fully closed and limited to 12.5cm complies with the legislation. As long as the opening can be limited to 12.5cm, complying safety devices include devices attached to a window frame or robust bars, but not lightweight fly screens.

There are a number of good service providers who can provide this service to the NSW strata industry. Remember when choosing one to look for one that is an [SCA \(NSW\) member](#) and has undertaken service provider training.

Fair Trading update - by-law review



By-laws to be reviewed

Attention to detail is winning ingredient



After ten years in strata, Luke Bowen missed his one big night with a client insisting on holding a meeting at the same time as the 2017 CHU Strata Community Awards were announced. The irony lies in Luke breaking his one rule of rarely doing meetings on a Friday night.

This year's winner of the Strata Community Management Business - Small, Luke was thrilled with the accolade in any case.

His goal always was to run his own company but he realised that there were a few steps along the way to achieving this. Find out how Luke did it by clicking here.

<https://nsw.strata.community/2017/09/2017-chu-strata-community-awards-strata-community-management-business-small/>

An adventure with Tim Jarvis at this year's SCA (NSW) Annual Convention

NSW Fair Trading has issued a reminder that strata committees are required to review their by-laws by 30 November 2017. Under the new Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 strata schemes are required to review the scheme's by-laws within 12 months of the introduction of the new strata law, which commenced on 30 November 2016.

If owners opt for some changes, they can adopt some, or all, of the model by-laws or adapt their current by-laws to better suit the strata scheme. Once the by-laws are reviewed the scheme will need to lodge a full set of all by-laws 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.

SCA (NSW) Annual Report and AGM pack

It's AGM time of year again for SCA (NSW). Members were emailed the 2016/2017 Annual Report and Annual General Meeting pack earlier this week. If you haven't received your pack you can download all documents [here](#).

The AGM is on during Convention starting at 4.30pm on Friday, 20 October at the Hilton Hotel, George Street, Sydney. Everyone is welcome to attend however only financial members can vote.

Nominations are also open for positions on the SCA (NSW) Board. You can find the nominees [here](#)

Mentoring



*A place for women working
in strata management
to share, learn and grow.*



If you're still undecided about attending this year's SCA (NSW) Annual Convention maybe you'll be convinced to book those tickets when you hear about one of the key note speakers.

Tim Jarvis is probably living those great adventurous dreams we all have when the day-to-day gets to the point where you want to escape.

Tim is firstly and foremost an environmental scientist and spends his time raising awareness of climate change. He has also embarked on some amazing adventures to the ends of the earth to see for himself what the effects of climate change are and along the way has trekked in some pretty big shoes.

Expeditions include to the South Pole, High Arctic, across Australia's largest desert, the Great Victoria and retracing the polar journey of Sir Douglas Mawson using 100-year-old gear and equipment and starvation rations as Mawson did in 1913. The documentary - Mawson Life and Death in Antarctica was flagship of the Film Australia 'Making History' series. Read more here

<https://nsw.strata.community/2017/09/annual-convention-speaker-preview-adventure-tim-jarvis/>

Have your say about retirement villages

The NSW Government is inviting retirement village operators and managers to [make a submission](#) to a Government Inquiry into the retirement village sector.

The Inquiry, led by Kathryn Greiner AO, is examining retirement village business practices and protections for residents. It will look at concerns raised about the fairness and transparency of business practices of retirement villages in NSW. This includes:

- transparency and honesty of marketing activities
- clarity of fees and contractual rights and obligations for prospective residents and their families
- suitability and fairness of village maintenance and operational practices to maintain resident

Women in Strata are proud to launch the inaugural WiS Mentor Program in 2017/18 - "Confidence Growth"

'In learning, you will teach, and in teaching, you will learn' - Phil Collins

A fully supported program, the WiS mentor program aims to address the issue most commonly identified as a road block for women in achievement - confidence!

Launching on Thursday 5 October 2017 at Macquarie Bank Sydney, 7.30am for a light breakfast.

Hear from and discuss with our expert panel - Amanda Farmer, Robert Van Aalst and Laura Mears - the power of mentoring.

All details, plus a link to register, here:

womeninstrata.com.au/strata-manager/mentoring/

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.

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

safety

- availability and cost-effectiveness of dispute resolution mechanisms
- fairness of arrangements to levy maintenance fees to maintain the village and address building defects.

Details about making a submission can be found [here](#).

SCA National - Board nominations

SCA National has its 2017 AGM scheduled for 18 Oct 2017.

In accordance with the SCA Ltd Constitution, they are calling for nominations for 4 board positions. Any member of SCA (NSW) may nominate to be a Director. Nominations close on 12 Oct 2017.

Should you have any questions or need to discuss any aspect of the nomination or voting processes, please contact SCA CEO Erik Adriaanse.

Details of the nomination and voting processes are to be found in the following two documents:

[Notice of Annual General Meeting](#)

[SCA Election - Board of Directors Nomination Form](#)

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 to request a 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

2017 Principals Night Off

Strata Owners Seminar - Renovations

SCA (NSW) invites you to join us at our exciting new event...



This new event is an opportunity for you to take some time out to learn from keynote speakers on strategies to grow your business, market & develop an online profile and to share ideas and network at the social functions and activities with other like-minded professionals.

Date: [9 - 10 November 2017](#)

Location: Fairmont Resort, Blue Mountains

REGISTER NOW: Please click [here](#) to download the Program and Booking Form.

Please click [here](#) to read a letter from our President Chris Duggan.

For further information please email events.nsw@strata.community or call 9492 8202

Please note: Numbers are limited and only open to Principals or the Licensee-In-Charge of Strata Management Companies, SCA (NSW) Board Members & Gold Sponsors.

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](#)



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

Sponsorship opportunities - only 2 Keynote Sponsorships remaining. Contact Events on 9492 8202 or email events.nsw@strata.community

Upcoming Education

Last CPD for 2017 - 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

Last Certificate of Registration for 2017

20 - 22 November



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 November 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

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

Level 1, 2 & 3 Accreditation for Strata Managers

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

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



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](#).

Follow US ON:



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.

Certificate of Registration

Lunch Sponsorship Opportunities



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

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

