

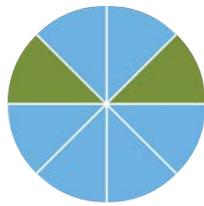
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Industry News

NSW Award Winner Profile:



PORT STEPHENS STRATA
Part of the Strata Plus group

This year SCA (NSW) introduced a few new awards categories into the 2017 CHU Strata Community Awards, one of which was Support Team Member.

The first-time winner of this award was Amberly Keating who works for Port Stephens Strata a division of Strata Plus.

Amberly is the Operations Manager and works across the Port Stephens and Newcastle offices. We spoke to her just after her win to find out about her, what she does, how she works and the effect the award has had. [Click here](#) to read about Amberly Keating.

Smart Green Apartments News:



Generating Financial Savings for Owners Corporations

Smart Green Apartments is a free program providing tailored energy, water and waste assessments to high rise residential buildings - resulting in deep cuts to energy and water bills and a drastic reduction of carbon emissions. Energy assessments for the current round have identified average savings of 35% or \$57,000 per building per annum.

NSW Fair Trading announces Fire Safety Reforms

NSW Fair Trading has announced a fire safety reforms packaged which it says will make people feel safer in their homes.

The Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, Matt Kean said in a media release that legislation would be introduced to prohibit the sale and use of unsafe building products.

“This package will protect consumers from building products that are inherently dangerous or that are being advertised for use in a way that makes them dangerous,” he said.

A ten-part plan also accompanies this announcement which can be found in the full media release [here](#).

Of relevance to members are the plans to identifying buildings that might have aluminium or other cladding; creating a new fire safety declaration that will require high rise residential buildings to inform state and local governments as well as NSW Fire and Rescue if their building has cladding on it; and expediting reforms to toughen up the regulation of building certifiers.

NSW Government establishes Taskforce

NSW Fair Trading advises that the Government has established a Fire Safety and External Wall Cladding Taskforce which has developed an action plan to prioritise and address fire safety requirements for residential buildings, including dealing with fire safety risks associated with external wall cladding.

Fair Trading advises that the “taskforce performs an expert and advisory function and is working with the Federal Government, local councils and industry”.

On 28 July, the priorities of the Taskforce were announced and they can be found [here](#) along with additional information.

Victorian Government establishes Taskforce

Hugh McCormack, Director of McCormacks Strata Management has four buildings participating in the current round. "Across our portfolio, we're saving more than \$500,000 per annum as a result of the Smart Green Apartments program. Apart from the savings, it's a fantastic community engagement tool for our residents and owners, leading to a real sense of pride in the building," Mr McCormack said. "Not only do the savings add up, but the value of the property increases as purchasers increasingly seek out sustainable, low cost living."

Applications for the next round are open 7 August - 15 September www.smartgreenapartments.com.au

London's Grenfell Tower: Early lessons

A news article [here](#) has reported that corporate manslaughter charges may be brought against several parties in relation to the recent tragic Grenfell Tower fire in London.

The London Metropolitan Police have stated that Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Kensington and Chelsea and Tenant Management Organisation may each face the charges.

We will continue to monitor this story and report when there is information relevant to SCA (NSW) members.

Remember: Have your say on Short-Term Letting

Last week we advised members that the NSW Government had released its 'Short-term holiday letting in NSW' options paper. [Click here](#) for more information from the NSW Fair Trading website.

SCA (NSW) will be preparing a submission and we welcome members input. Don't forget to send your contributions by COB Friday, 29 September 2017 to Rachel Lynn, SCA (NSW) General Manager at rachel.lynn@strata.community

Our response will be co-ordinated from your contributions into one paper from SCA NSW). All papers are due to the Government by 31 October 2017.

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,

The Victorian Government has also established a taskforce, which is charged with the job of testing flammable cladding.

The taskforce's mandate is the inspection of thousands of apartment blocks built in the last 12 years. SCA (Vic) supports this but has also sought an expansion so that instead of inspections focusing on just one material, it says all potential flammable materials should be tested.

Strata History to be Captured



This book will tell the story of the Strata Title Industry from 1961, when the first ground breaking strata legislation was passed in NSW, until the present day. SCA (NSW) is pleased to announce that it is collaborating with Express Glass' John Coleman to produce a book outlining the history of SCA (NSW) and the ISTM as it was first known.

John Coleman will be carrying out all the research of minutes; newspapers; books; and archives as well as interviewing of present and past SCA (NSW) members.

If you have any information; photos; documents etc, which you feel would be useful to John's research, or if you would like to discuss the project, please feel free to contact John on 0413 055 969 or by email [:johnc@expressglass.com.au](mailto:johnc@expressglass.com.au)

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.

Membership Coordinator on 02 9492 8200 or email membership.nsw@strata.community

The latest directory is also available online and as a pdf on our website [here](#).

Events

2017 CHU Strata Community Awards Gala Dinner & Presentation



Thank you for attending the 2017 CHU Strata Community Awards Gala Dinner and Presentation. In one of the biggest event's turn outs, 390 members and guests dressed to impress in their Great Gatsby best!

Please [click here](#) for Awards Gala Dinner & Presentation photos.

We again would like to congratulate our 2017 award finalists and winners of the night.

Listed below are the winners in their award category.

Essay Award

Frank Boross - [Havencab Group](#)

Support Team Member

Amberly Keating - [Port Stephens Strata](#), part of the [Strata Plus Group](#)

Strata Community Manager - Rising Star

Daniel Holt - [Strata Sense](#)

Strata Community Manager

Daniel Cockerell - [Strata Choice](#)

Strata Community Environmental & Engagement Award

Windsor Plaza & The Horizon

Industry Briefing Lunch | Thursday 14 September

Licensing & Training Review

Save the date!



Principals, Licensees-in-charge and Strata Managers we encourage you to join us for Lunch with a view where speakers from NSW Fair Trading will provide an update along with an opportunity for Q&A's on the NSW Licensing and Training Review which will come into effect in 2018.

This must attend event will provide you with the insights so that you can prepare now for the upcoming changes.

Date: **Thursday 14 September**

Time: 12.30pm - 3.00pm

Location: Dockside, Darling Room,

Cockle Bay Wharf, Wheat Road, Sydney

Topic: NSW Licensing and Training Review

Cost: \$88 inc. GST (Strata Manager Members only)

Sponsorship opportunities available - Please contact events.nsw@strata.community

Young Strata Network - Corporate Speed Networking

Thursday 21 September



Strata Services Business

[Havencab Group](#)

Excellence in Innovation

[Bannermans Lawyers](#)

Strata Community Management Business - Small

[Sky Living Strata](#)

Strata Community Management Business - Large

[Strata Choice](#)

Strata Management Agency Agreement Workshop
Friday 18 August



This workshop will focus on the common mistakes made in agency agreements with the latest legislation changes and the consequences this will have. Details of improvements in commissions, liability and review triggers will also be covered.

Date: Friday 18 August 2017

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Location: Parramatta Novotel,

350 Church St, Parramatta

Speaker: David Bannerman of Bannermans Lawyers and SCA (NSW) Board Director

CPD Points: 3 CPD points offered under category 3

Cost: \$95 inc. GST (members only)

To register email us at education.nsw@strata.community

Under 35 and working in the Strata Industry? Join us for our next Young Strata Network event at Bavarian Bier Cafe - Downstairs Function Space where attendees will have the opportunity to discuss a variety of interesting topics with up to 10 industry experts and build better relationships with other young professionals in a relaxed and fun setting.

Date: Thursday 21 September 2017

Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Location: Bavarian Bier Cafe, Downstairs Function Space, 24 York St, Sydney

Facilitator: Janette Comish, StrataLoans

Cost: **Members only**

\$44 inc. GST (Strata Manager Members)

\$55 inc. GST (Strata Services Members)

Please note: Suppliers are limited to 2 staff per company

To register [click here](#)

SCA (NSW) 2017 Convention

Thursday 19 - 20 October

Save the date!



Join us for this years SCA (NSW) Convention at the Hilton Hotel Sydney themed "Celebrating Strata"

Date: **Thursday 19-20 October**

Location: Hilton Hotel Sydney,

488 George Street, Sydney

Sponsorship opportunities available - Please click here to view the prospectus or contact events.nsw@strata.community

Upcoming Education

CPD Chatswood

Thursday 24 August

Certificate of Registration

21 - 23 August 2017



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: Thursday 24 August 2017

Location: Mantra, 10 Brown St, Chatswood

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



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 21 to Wednesday 23 August 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



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.



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](#).

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

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