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Industry News

Strata Bond Scheme



NSW Fair Trading has advised that the new strata building bond scheme will now commence on 1 January 2018 and not 1 July 2017, as originally announced.

The government says that the scheme will only apply to construction contracts signed (or where there is no contract and building work commences) from 1 January 2018. NSW Fair Trading will not require developers of new strata schemes to lodge defect bonds before 31 December 2017.

The advice provided to us is that the commencement date has been delayed so that all procedural and professional requirements supporting the scheme are in place before commencement. This includes finalisation of:

- the new standards and procedures relating to strata-specific building inspections
- new digital business processes to support bond lodgement and processing of the scheme.

We will advise on any updates to this as they occur.

NSW Fair Trading Fee Increase

Property, Stock and Business Agents fees increased from 1 July 2017. NSW Fair Trading advises that discounts of up to 10 percent, or \$5, whichever is greater, are available for those who chose to do their applications online, across a number of categories.

Click [here](#) for a full list of applications and their associated fees.

Director Profile: Bill Coles (Collaros)

Behind the scenes:

SCA (NSW) President meets with the Prime Minister



On Monday 3 July, SCA (NSW) President Chris Duggan had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Trent Zimmerman MP, Michaela Cash MP and members of the North Sydney Business Council.

While the meeting was focused on the announcement of the Federal Government's new Youth Job's program, President Duggan took the opportunity to raise the critical issue of skills shortages and wage pressure particularly in the strata sector. He also highlighted the role that SCA (NSW) plays in educating and facilitating career pathways in strata.

President Duggan also raised the matter of building products suitability and certification following the Grenfell Towers tragedy in London. The Prime Minister advised that he has spoken with all State Premiers and a whole of government approach was being coordinated by Federal Member, Craig Laundry.

SCA (NSW) has already sought a meeting with Mr Laundry to discuss a coordinated strategy. We will keep you updated.

NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe Retires



Bill is also a crack shot having captained the Australian Rimfire and Air Rifle Shooting Teams to three World Championships in which gold medals have been won by himself and the team. Continuing our profile of Board Directors, this week we bring you Bill Coles (Collaros) the longest serving member on the Board. Bill has notched up an impressive 15 years and has overseen most annual conventions, pub nights and various other events in that time.

Work wise Bill is Managing Director of Commercial Cleaning and Caretaking which many of you will be familiar with. [Click here](#) to read more about Bill and his passion for the strata industry.



Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe recently announced his retirement and will step down from the role he's held for six years on 14 July. Commissioner Stowe has had a highly distinguished career spanning 40 years in the public service, with 30 of those in the consumer affairs portfolio.

While no formal announcement has been made about his replacement, Andrew Gavrielatos, Fair Trading's current Executive Director of Real Estate & Property, will serve as the Acting Fair Trading Commissioner from 15 July.

NSW Fair Trading has also advised that from mid-July, the Fair Trading Commissioner will also head the Better Regulation Division, comprising Fair Trading, SafeWork NSW, the Professional Standards Authority, and other regulatory policy and operational functions.

SCA (NSW) wishes Commissioner Stowe all the very best in his retirement and thanks him for his contribution to the strata industry.

Need a Strata Services Company?

Look out for these logos:



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SCA (NSW) Strata Services Specialists undergo a training course with SCA (NSW) to enable them to work effectively in the Strata Industry. Strata Service Specialists have specific knowledge of strata that assists them to provide a professional and unique service that considers the needs of the strata scheme.

The Strata Service Specialist logo tells you that you're dealing with a company that knows and understands strata in NSW.

New fees from 1 July 2017



NCAT
NSW Civil &
Administrative Tribunal

As we have come to expect, government fees have increased from 1 July. Of interest to strata members are the increases in fees for the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) which can be found [here](#).

Book launch: Strata Title Property Rights



Associate Professor Cathy Sherry who lectures in the Law Faculty of the University of NSW has invited SCA (NSW) members to the launch and discussion of her book, Strata Title Property Rights (Routledge, 2017).

The book will be launched and discussed by the Honourable Justice Mark Leeming, Court of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court and Dr Scott Grattan, Sydney Law School, at UNSW Law School on Wednesday 2 August from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Anyone wishing to attend can register [here](#).

Strata Data Update
June 2017





Also increasing its fees is Land and Property Information (LPI) which members should note has changed the way in which it applies GST to LPI fees. Full details can be found [here](#).

According to the latest Land and Property Information (LPI) statistics there were 831,764 lots registered in NSW as at 30 June 2017. This is an increase over seven months since November 2016 of 16,255 lots in NSW when LPI recorded 815,509 lots registered.

The comparative data for the number of strata schemes within the following lot ranges is:

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

Strata schemes with lot ranges of:	Nov 2016	June 2017
2-20	68,658	69, 214
21-50	5,715	5, 796
51-100	1,366	1,429
101-200	568	584
201-500	191	205
>500	9	9

Events

2017 CHU Strata Community Awards Gala Dinner & Presentation | Friday 21 July

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 21 July 2017

Date: Friday 18 August 2017

Location: Doltone House, Hyde Park

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Location: Parramatta Novotel,

350 Church St, Parramatta

Level 3, 181 Elizabeth St, Sydney

Time: 6.00pm for drinks, followed by dinner and awards presentation from 6.30pm

Dress Code: Black Tie, Great Gatsby theme

Wait List - Please email us at events.nsw@strata.community if you would like to be placed on the waitlist.

There are still three award category sponsorship opportunities available:

- Strata Community Management Business - Small
- Strata Services Business
- Support Team Member

Call us NOW to sponsor these awards at our SELL OUT event.

For any enquiries please email us at events.nsw@strata.community

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 events.nsw@strata.community

Upcoming Education

CPD Sydney CBD

Wednesday 19 July

CPD Chatswood

Thursday 24 August



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 19 July 2017

Certificate of Registration

24 - 26 July 2017

21 - 23 August 2017



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 24 to Wednesday 26 July 2017

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](#).

Location: Fraser Suites Sydney, 488 Kent St, Sydney

Level 1, 2 & 3 Accreditation for Strata Managers

and

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



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 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

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