Strata Owners Newsletter - September Edition

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Spring has sprung, so now is the time for a pest treatment, treat any decking, clean the windows, tidy gardens and generally look at your buildings' maintenance. Our Strata Services Directory has the contact details of all the people you will need.

From time to time we have requests from owners needing a place to communicate with other owners in the same location about local issues, some strata and some local issues. There are many facebook groups set up for this already, "Potts Pointers" "Darlo Darlings" "CBD and Harbour Village" "Pyrmont Locals" and many more. I encourage you to jump onto these private group pages and get to chat with locals. I have noticed many of these have members who are in council, and there are many great suggestions that have been actioned as a result.

Catherine Lezer
Director SCA (NSW)

Pets In Strata Schemes

Revised Strata Living Booklet

Many strata schemes have created bylaws that ban all pets, irrespective of whether a pet is having any meaningful effect on others. Blanket pet bans prohibit cats who never leave the house and dogs who snore on the sofa all day, leaving the apartment once for their walk (having to share a lift with a dog is not a meaningful effect on others).

Until now. On Friday, the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal published a decision that a blanket pet ban in a Sydney apartment block was invalid because it breached the new prohibition on bylaws that are harsh, unconscionable or oppressive.

Read more

NSW Fair Trading have released a revised version of the Strata Living publication.

Some of the key strata topics are:

~ Buying into a strata scheme
~ By-laws in your strata scheme
~ Repairs and maintenance
~ Frequently asked questions about strata scheme living
~ Resolving disputes in strata schemes

Click on the button below to download the Strata Living Guide.

Click here

How Long Can A Member Hold Positions in An Executive Committee?

LookUpStrata

As you may know, the number of members is determined annually at each AGM and the positions filled at

First Australian Co-Living Properties Set To Open In Sydney

Australia's newest type of real estate investment – co-living – is set to open to the public, with the first

the strata committee meeting held immediately thereafter.

So, theoretically, executive committee positions are retained from year to year and there is nothing to stop the same office bearers/members from being re-elected (subject to the number of members not being reduced and none of them being removed or retiring or selling etc).

It is not unusual for office bearers to keep being re-elected from year to year if they carry out their functions effectively.

Read more

properties in the sector slated to hit Sydney's rental market in a matter of weeks.

Hotel group Veriu co-founders Alex Thorpe and Rhys Williams are opening the doors of their co-living property UKO on September 21, with the first location at 30-34 Parramatta Road, Stanmore, in Sydney's inner west, having 33 studios.

Separately, property investment company Caper Property, led by Chrystan Paul, is also expecting to unveil its co-living project in an inner Sydney location around the same time.

Read more

Your Opportunity To Provide Us With Some Feedback!

Living in strata is at times complex which means you need support and services and that's what SCA (NSW) provides to it's owner members.

So this is your opportunity to provide us with some feedback on how we've been doing, what we could do better and how we can help you more.

By completing the attached survey we'll have a clearer picture of your needs.

Fill it to win it!

Take part in our survey now to enter the draw to win a
12 months membership for your strata scheme (1 July 2017 to 30 June 19)*
*Prizes must be utilised before 30 June 2019.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Upcoming Education

Strata Community Title Committee Training Course

The new comprehensive course covers the following key learning areas:

~ Role and responsibilities of your Strata Manager

~ The role of the Owners Corporation

~ Your role as an individual Lot Owner

~ Structure of Strata Committee living

Afterwards you will be provided with access to an online version of the course for the duration of your SCA (NSW) membership.

Register now for one of the below course dates:

When: 4th of December **10 SPOTS LEFT**

6th of December 2018 **13 SPOTS LEFT**

Time: 9:00am - 1:30pm

Where: SCA (NSW) Offices, Suite 102, Level 1,
845 Pacific Highway, Chatswood, NSW 2067

Cost: SCA (NSW) members - free of charge | Non-members -$50 (which includes complimentary membership) *conditions apply*

Click Here To Register Your Interest

Strata Skills 101

Live smarter in strata

Sydney2030/Green/Global/Connected

Approximately 80% of residences in the City of Sydney local area are apartments – over 5 times the national average.

Different rules and approaches can apply in apartment blocks and not everyone is used to high-density living.

If you're new to apartment living, City of Sydney Council has developed a series of workshops to build your skills in different areas of strata, and to provide you with helpful tips and strategies. Click on the links below to register.

16th of October 2018	Strata By-Laws: Rights and responsibilities for strata living
23rd of October 2018	Strata Paws: Living with pets in apartments
13th of November 2018	Strata Meetings: Why good governance matters

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SCA (NSW) Strata Services Specialists undergo a training course with us to enable them to work effectively in the Strata Industry. The logo tells you that you are dealing with a company that knows and understand strata.

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