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It's been a big few weeks with the world finally getting to grips with what the strata sector has always known - new apartments often have defects and some builders are dodgy. Read on to find out what we've been doing and saying on behalf of our members.

Also, please vote for our project to help us secure funding for the development of an interactive online education tool for creating harmonious communities.

Stay safe this Winter - have your electrical appliances safety checked, make sure your fire systems get their annual check-up and please don't use outdoor heaters inside.

Lastly, we've had some technical issues with the membership renewal invoices. We are currently working on fixing them and will send new invoices in the post. If your scheme's contact person or mailing address has changed please call us on 9492 8200 or send an email to membership.nsw@strata.community.

**BUILDING DEFECTS
ROUND UP**

FIRE SAFETY

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So much has been happening in NSW so we have provided a round up of the latest news and events. The main points are that SCA (NSW) has called on the NSW Government to provide funding to help properties replace external combustible cladding. Also the Government has announced a new Building Services Commissioner.

Apartments should be undertaking an annual check of their fire safety systems.

It's a legal requirement and could save lives so make sure your building's systems are in the best working order.

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ELECTRICAL CHECKS

DEFECTS REPORT RELEASED



If your electrical appliances are giving you a shock or tingle that could be a sign that the electrics are dangerous so don't risk it, get them checked.

Researchers from Deakin University and Griffiths University have released a report into building defects. The report looks at research into the different types of defects and their impacts on buildings and their occupants. Read what [the main type of defect](#) is, it may surprise you.

Engage qualified professionals and play it safe!

[What you need to know](#)

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2019 Strata Community Environmental & Engagement Award

The Winner is.....

'Waratah Apartments' - Strata Plan 38936



Award presented by Councillor Jess Scully to Fred Tuckwell

'Waratah Apartments' – SP 38936

Waratah Apartments is a 'classic 80's' building with a rich history during the turbulent 80's and Union Green bans. Waratah continues with a green focus via their community of engaged owners, active Strata Committee and a commitment to sustainability. Their active involvement in programs like the City of Sydney's Smart Green Apartments program and NABERS have helped them achieve the efficiency savings they enjoy today.

Thank you to the City of Sydney for sponsoring this award category!





Help us obtain funding to develop tools that we will use to help you develop a harmonious community. We need votes to obtain the funding that's available.

[Certain Criteria Apply](#), so please read carefully.

Voting closes 15 August 2019.

Upcoming Education



Strata Committee Training Course

This course covers the following areas to provide you with the basics to participate as a strata committee member in your strata scheme;

- ~ Governance and Ethics
- ~ Roles and Responsibilities
- ~ Strata Plan Interpretation
- ~ Administration Matters
- ~ Communications

Register now for one of the below course dates:

NEW: Online Course now available

When: 25th September 2019

26th September 2019

Time: 9:00am - 1:30pm

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

Cost: SCA (NSW) members - \$50 | Non-members - \$100 (which includes complimentary membership up until 30th June 2020) *conditions apply*



NSW Fair Trading will be conducting **FREE** online webinars - 'Rights and obligations of a tenant living in a Strata Scheme'.

These webinars are aimed at providing tenancy information for tenants living in a Strata Scheme.

Type of information to be covered during the webinars include:

Residential tenancy matters including:

- Tenancy agreements
- Condition reports
- Rental bonds online lodgement
- Repairs and maintenance
- Lease termination

Living in a Strata Scheme matters including:

- Strata managers and building managers/caretakers
- by-laws: pets, parking, smoke drift and breaches - Repairs/Maintenance/Alterations
- Resolving disputes

[Click Here To Register](#)

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

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