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## November Edition | 2019

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This month, while areas of regional NSW are on more stringent water restrictions, Sydney is about to go to level 2, find out what this means for you.

NSW's first Cladding decision is examined.

Fire & Rescue NSW has a new policy on smoke alarms which we have included for your information

We look at the possible consequences of poor and combative communications. A good example of why it's better to be nice.

Ever wanted to know what some of the weird strata terms actually mean? We have new online glossary to help.

Lastly, the latest Ask an Expert Q&As.

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[Level 2 water restrictons](#)

[Defamation in strata](#)

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The NSW Government has announced that from 10 December 2019, Level 2 water restrictions will come into effect for Greater Sydney and the Illawarra areas. Find out what you need to do to save water.

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### [Residential smoke alarms](#)



Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) has written to SCA (NSW) advising of its change of position on smoke alarms following research on smoke alarm performance. New research has come to light. Read about it here.

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In May this year, the NSW District Court awarded a strata committee chair \$120,000 after he launched defamation proceedings against another resident in the building who had sent an email referring to the chair as a “small-minded busybody”. Watch what you say.

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### [NSW First Cladding Decision](#)



NSW’s First Cladding Decision has held that combustible external cladding installed on residential buildings is a major defect for the purposes of statutory warranties under the Home Building Act 1989 (the HBA).

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## STRATA GLOSSARY

*Basic definitions of terms  
used in our sector.*

Do you know your Administrative Funds from your Certificates of Currency? Or what about your fittings and fixtures from your shared facilities? Check out the new strata glossary to find out the meanings to these and more.

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## ASK AN EXPERT!

SCA (NSW) offers members general expert advice on a variety of issues. Here are a small selection of recently asked questions with answers. Remember the advice is of a general nature only and professional advice should be sought in relation to your specific matter.

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## Upcoming Education

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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

**NEW:** Online Course now available

**Register now** for one of the below course dates:

**When:** 27th February 2020

16th April 2020

20th August 2020

26th November 2020

**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\*

**Click Here To Register**



NSW Fair Trading is commencing webinars for owners corporations

**2 December - Strata Schemes - Meetings, Levies, By-Laws and the general running of a scheme**

Further information can be found on the NSW Fair Trading website and registration is via the button below:

# 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 here](#) to view upcoming events.



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