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Industry News

General Insurance Code of Practice



Strata managers should now be aware that the General Insurance Code of Practice commenced on 1 July 2014. Insurers had 12 months to transition to the code, that was, until 30 June 2015. Those needing further information can go [here](#).

Australian Consumer Law Reforms

Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand is currently seeking views on how the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) is working in practice and how it can be improved.

The [Issues Paper](#) released on 31 March 2016, kicks off the Australian Consumer Law Review and is available for an eight-week consultation period.

Information on how to make a submission is available [here](#).

SCA (NSW) has been advised that the submissions will inform the development of an interim report

Strata Managers first Concern Under the Strata Reform



With new strata laws expected to commence on 1st November 2016, the first thing for strata managing agents to address is their appointment and the extension of existing agreements and the creation of new agreements.

To read the full article by Bannermans Lawyers, please click [here](#).

Nine Millers Point properties on the market



Government Property NSW announced the introduction of a further nine Millers Point properties to the market.

that will be released for consultation in the second half of 2016. Submissions to the Issues Paper close on Friday 27 May 2016.

Swimming pool registers: reminder



From Friday 29 April 2016, vendors of a property with a swimming or spa pool must have a certificate showing whether or not their pool fencing is compliant with the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*.

Remember this is about Pool Safety.

The recent amendments relate to the conveyancing and leasing practice, they are not amendments to the obligation to have a pool compliance certificate. Owners corporations still needing advice can click [here](#).

Strata Works Agreement and User Guide

Members of the Strata Services Committee have undertaken a full and comprehensive review of the Strata Works Agreement. The new document, which is also an interactive form, is now ready for Corporate Strata Services members who are financial to use.

This agreement was created to make works undertaken by strata service providers and owners corporations, subject to formal, legal agreements which clearly state the terms and conditions owners and contractors must operate within.

A User Guide is also available which members should carefully read before using the Agreement.

Each heritage listed property includes a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) endorsed by the NSW Heritage Council in the contract for sale.

These contracts ensure new property owners are fully informed of their responsibilities when purchasing a heritage listed property.

To date, 70 properties have been sold in Millers Point, totalling \$182.73 million, with the proceeds being reinvested into 1,500 new social housing dwellings across NSW.

NSW Government Backs UberX of Property Industry



From July, real estate agents in NSW will be required to keep a log of any building and pest, strata or contract review reports that have been done for any properties they have marketed.

This has allowed the NSW government to get behind the emerging trend of the sharing economy to allow costly inspection reports to be auctioned on to potential property buyers, saving them hundreds of dollars.

Read the full article on the Sydney Morning Herald website [here](#).

Upcoming Events

SCA (NSW) Strata Owners Day | Saturday 30 April 2016



[Strata Managers](#), please alert your strata owners and encourage them to click on the button below to register.

SCA (NSW) is hosting its inaugural Strata Owners Day on the 30th April 2016 at the [Sydney Masonic Centre](#).

We will be covering [topics](#) such as:

- Legislation
- Green building
- Adding value & keeping costs down
- Dispute resolution



Featuring Flat Chat Live panels with Jimmy Thomson

Also featuring [speakers](#) from:



Date: Saturday 30 April
Time: 8.30am to 4.30pm
Venue: Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney
Price: \$66 for strata owner chapter members
\$80 for non-members

Registration fee includes full access to all sessions, exhibition area, event bag, trade passport draw, lunch and coffee breaks.

REGISTER NOW

To view the Strata Owners Day program please click [here.](#)

[Please click here to download the Strata Owners Day invitation flyer.](#)

Corporate Strata Services members learn how you can get involved by downloading the Strata Owners Day prospectus [here.](#)

For any enquiries email us at events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au

SCA (NSW) Golf Day | 13 May 2016

Registrations open



Join us on Friday 13th May for the **SCA (NSW) Annual Golf Day**.
We will be holding the event at an exciting new venue, Moore Park Golf Club.

The SCA (NSW) Golf Day is designed for;
Keen Golfers
Team Building with your staff and colleagues
Client networking

There are **2 options** for the day;

SCA (NSW) Golf Competition

The day will kick off from 7.30 am with breakfast, and complimentary access to the driving range to warm up, followed by 8.40am Ambrose style Golf Competition. A BBQ lunch with beverages and prize presentations will take place from 2.00 pm in The Parkview Bar.

SCA (NSW) Driving Clinic

For non-golfers wanting to learn or refresh their skills, there is the Driving Clinic at 12.30 pm (registration from 12.00 pm) with our **PGA Professional Coach** followed by lunch and the prize presentations from 2.00 pm.

Type	Cost Inc. GST
Golf Competition (includes breakfast & lunch) - Member	\$180.00
Golf Competition (includes breakfast & lunch) - Non-Member	\$210.00
Golf Competition - Team of 4 (includes breakfast & lunch) - Member	\$680.00
Golf Competition - Team of 4 (includes breakfast & lunch) - Non-Member	\$780.00
Driving Clinic (includes lunch) - Member	\$130.00
Driving Clinic (includes lunch) - Non-Member	\$145.00

Due to the length of the course each golf team **must** hire a **golf buggy** - to secure yours email events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au

To register please [click here](#)

For sponsorship opportunities [click here](#) to download the prospectus.

We thank our 2016 SCA (NSW) Golf Day Sponsors



2016 CHU Strata Community Awards | 15 July 2016

Save the Date



We are excited to announce that CHU Strata Insurance are the new sponsor of the **2016 Strata Community Awards**.

With a new sponsor we also will be hosting this prestigious awards night at an exciting new venue, The Star.

Submissions for the 2016 CHU Strata Community Awards will open at the end of April.

For sponsorship opportunities please click [here](#) to download the prospectus.

Upcoming Education

CPD Roadshow | Wednesday 11 May



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 'Risk Management' and will cover the below areas:

- Window Safety Devices
- Swimming Pools
- Fire Safety
- Asbestos
- Amendments to the Home Building Act

Date: Wednesday 11 May

Location: Novotel Newcastle Beach, 5 King St, Newcastle Beach, NSW, 2300

Cost: The session is worth a full 12 CPD points and is free for members (Licensed and Associate Chapter) and \$395.00 for non members.

To view the 2016 CPD roadshow calendar please click [here](#).

To register: Email us at education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au.

For more course information please click [here](#).

Cert IV in Property Services | 9-10 May



The Certificate IV in Property Services (Operation) course is designed for those who want to further their career in strata management as a licensed strata manager. This course will be delivered in

Certificate of Registration | 19-22 April



Have you considered 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 4 days and is delivered in partnership with Real Estate Training Solutions.

Dates: Tuesday 19 - Friday 22 April 2016

Location: SCA (NSW) Training Room, Level 1, 845 Pacific Highway, Chatswood

Cost: \$990.00 (GST free)

To register: Please email education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au or phone (02) 9492 8200.

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.

For more information please click [here](#) or email accreditation.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au.

To apply please click [here](#) to complete the new application form.

partnership with Real Estate Training Solutions.

Dates: Monday 9 to Tuesday 10 May 2016

Location: SCA (NSW) Training Room, Level 1, 845 Pacific Highway, Chatswood

Cost: *Mixed Mode* (combination of face to face and correspondence) \$3250.00 (GST free)

Cost: *Correspondence Mode* \$2500.00 (GST free)

To register: Please email education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au or phone (02) 9492 8200

For more course information please click [here](#).

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