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Industry News

New Strata Regulations have landed



As our President Greg Haywood advised in his communique last week, the NSW Government has released consultation drafts of the Strata Schemes Management Regulation 2016 and Strata Schemes Development Regulation 2016, with their accompanying Regulatory Impact Statements (RIS) all of which are available on our [website](#).

In a media release the Government highlighted some of the details contained in the regulations such as:

- provisions to accommodate modern technology for virtual meetings and electronic voting;
- the documentation and procedures for the collective sale and renewal reform that enables a minimum of 75% of owners in a scheme to jointly agree to sell or redevelop their scheme; and
- draft model by-laws on issues such as pet ownership and smoke penetration.

We have until Friday 27 May 2016 to make a submission to the Government outlining any changes

Strata Data is Back!



Members have approached us requesting the strata data that we used to provide in Inside Strata. We will be setting up a page on the SCA (NSW) website with quarterly updates.

For now here is some recent data:

As at February 2015 there were 769,832 lots registered in NSW.

As at April 2016 there were 794,004 lots registered in NSW.

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

Lot Size	February 2015	April 2016
2	21,182	21,278
3-5	17,728	17,995
6-10	16,654	16,874

we would believe should be considered. If you have any comments after you've read through the Regulations, please send them directly to our General Manager, [Rachel Lynn](#), who will co-ordinate our response. Please do so by **Wednesday 11 May 2016**.

Individual submissions



The Government is also encouraging members of the public to suggest any improvements needed to the draft regulations to ensure they work as effectively as possible.

You may wish to pass this on to your owners corporations for their consideration. Remind them that written submissions on the regulations can be made until 27 May 2016.

For more detail on the regulations or how to make a submission visit www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au

It's Budget Time!

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This year Australians get the budget a week earlier than usual and, as expected in an election year, there were no dramatic changes to tax laws, no new taxes and generally good news for taxpayers. This year, the Treasurer, Hon Scott Morrison handed down a Federal Budget that is targeting business growth through support for innovation and tax reductions for small businesses.

For the most important highlights of this year's budget, please click [here](#) to download Kelly + Partners Federal Budget Review.

11-20	11,127	11,267
21-50	5,460	5,601
51-100	1,247	1,322
101-200	505	534
201-500	157	171
>500	8	8
Total	74,068	74,878

Swimming Pool registers: legal perspective



Bannermans Lawyers has provided a clear guide that members might like to add to their fact sheet folders about the swimming pool certificate of compliance requirements which took effect on 29 April.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.



Upcoming Events

SCA (NSW) Golf Day | 13 May 2016

Registrations Closing Soon!



Registrations are closing soon for the SCA (NSW) Annual Golf Day, being held on **Friday the 13th of May** at **Moore Park Golf Club**.

Don't miss out! Purchase your tickets now to guarantee a spot in either the SCA (NSW) Golf Competition or the SCA (NSW) Driving Clinic, details are as follows:

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

REGISTER NOW

Registrations will close **COB Wednesday the 11th of May**.

Interested in sponsoring?

There are limited sponsorship opportunities left, [click here](#) to download the prospectus.

We thank our 2016 SCA (NSW) Golf Day Sponsors



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

2016 CHU Strata Community Awards | 15 July 2016

Submissions Now Open!



The [2016 CHU Strata Community Awards](#) are now open for submissions, you can either nominate yourself, your company or strata scheme for more than one of our [10 award categories](#).

This year our independent judging panel comprises of:

- Dr Hazel Easthope - UNSW Sydney | Senior Research Fellow, City Research Centre
 - Bjorn Borg - NSW Fair Trading | Compliance & Professional Standards

- **Hera Antoniadis** - UTS | Senior Lecturer, Director, Applied Research in the Built Environment

2015 Strata Agency of the Year winners, Strata Sense have provided some creative tips on how to make an award submission stand out from the crowd. To read the full article please [click here](#).

If you've never entered before then make this the year you do things differently!

To download an award submission form please click [here](#).

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

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

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 2016

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

Certificate of Registration | 24-27 May



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 24 - Friday 27 May 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](#).

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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 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](#).

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.

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