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Industry News

SCA (NSW) Submission on the Proposed New Strata Regulations



SCA (NSW) has produced and forwarded a comprehensive submission to the NSW Government in response to the draft Strata Schemes Management Regulation 2016 and draft Development Strata Schemes Regulation 2016.

There are a number of areas of concern for SCA (NSW) in relation to both draft Regulations and these are outlined in our submission which you can access on the SCA (NSW) website [here](#).

One proposal is that tenants meet prior to an AGM to elect a tenant representative. SCA (NSW) is of the view that this adds another unnecessary layer of red tape to an already complicated AGM process. It would also add costs to owners for the administration of such action.

Another concern in the draft Regulation is relating to the model by-laws. The proposed Regulation does not include forms of strata other than residential and SCA (NSW) has made a proposal to make this clearer.

Membership Dues



Membership fees for the period 1 January to 30 June 2016 are overdue. To ensure you are up to date on your membership fees you can log on online by accessing the members section [here](#), once logged in please select "My Account", "Renew Membership" then "Pay Membership".

If you are unsure as to whether you have paid your membership, then please contact the membership team by either email membership.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au or telephone 9492 8200.

Plans for New Green Oasis at Macquarie Park



One of Sydney's fastest-growing residential and commercial hubs is set to enjoy a new green oasis, as

As always, we will update members on any communications we have with the NSW Government.

Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Regulations



From 27 May 2016, a Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Register was established by the NSW Government, and administered by NSW Fair Trading, to record if a property is affected by loose-fill asbestos.

According to NSW Fair Trading, the Register is “designed to assist and enable emergency services, tradespeople and Councils to know whether a particular property is affected by loose-fill asbestos insulation. Knowing that a property is affected by loose-fill asbestos will assist members of the wider community to be informed about any risks associated with a specific property and to take any appropriate safety measures. The Register will identify NSW premises where the presence of loose-fill asbestos insulation has been confirmed. Please note that the Register will contain address details only; names of owners or occupants will not be publicly available.”

Members of the public will be able to search the Register at any time to check whether a specific property is listed as containing loose-fill asbestos insulation.

When NSW Fair Trading is satisfied that an affected property is demolished and the land on which the premises were erected is remediated, it will remove the property from the Register.

Fair Trading is running free educational seminars for Real Estate Agents with 6 CPD points awarded on completion of each seminar. To view the seminar calendar click [here](#).

Fact sheets are also on the [SCA \(NSW\) website](#) or visit the Fair Trading website [here](#).

the NSW Government delivers on its promise to establish a 7,000 square metre park at 45-61 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park.

NSW Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Dominic Perrottet confirmed that the Government had lodged a rezoning proposal with the Department of Planning and Environment to facilitate development of the new park.

The Government expects to launch an expressions of interest process shortly for the proposed commercial development on the remainder of the site.

Dispose of your E-waste for Free



Drop off all your unwanted e-waste or power tools at Bunnings Warehouse Alexandria this weekend. This initiative organised by the City of Sydney coincides with [World Environment Day](#) (5 June) and gives Sydneysiders an opportunity to help keep electronic waste out of landfills.

When: Saturday 4 June & Sunday 5 June

Time: 9am to 3pm

Address: Carpark of Bunnings Warehouse Alexandria, [8-10 Euston Road, Alexandria, 2015](#).

For more information on what items you can dispose of please click [here](#).

Stay updated with the Building Professionals Board



If you’re not a subscriber to the Building Professionals Board e-newsletter you may want to sign up now.

The [current newsletter](#) has lots of useful information about pool certifiers, case studies and a great article about external cladding (remember the building that caught fire a while ago in Melbourne).

There are also industry alerts, event information and more. But remember [Around the Grounds](#) should always

391 Sydney Apartments Sell Out in 5 hours



The third and final release of Lend Lease's Darling Square development saw all 391 apartments sell out in only five hours.

Over 400 buyers showed up last Saturday to buy a new Sydney CBD apartment. Prices ranged from \$630,000 for a studio to \$3.5 million for a three bedroom penthouse. To read the full article on Domain please click [here](#).

be your first port of call for information.

Dispute over Majority Rules



The NSW Government has denied that changes to strata laws will leave strata owners vulnerable. The regulation under the spot light is the proposal to allow a building to be sold should 75% of owners approve. Under current legislation all owners must approve of the sale. To read the full article in Sydney Morning Herald please click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

2016 CHU Strata Community Awards | 15 July 2016

Tickets available



A large, light-colored graphic with a subtle geometric pattern. Overlaid on it is the text "Celebrate Excellence" in a large, elegant, teal-colored font.

Join us on this prestigious night in strata as we reveal the winners of the [2016 CHU Strata Community Awards](#).

Date: Friday 15 July 2016

Time: 7 pm for pre dinner drinks

7.30 pm, seated for gala dinner

Dress Code: Black Tie

Master of Ceremonies

Clint Paddison

Evening Entertainment

Groove Academy



Purchase your tickets now to ensure you have a seat for the [2016 CHU Strata Community Awards](#) gala dinner & presentation. To register please click on the button below:

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Registrations close COB Monday 11 July 2016.

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

Require accommodation? Quote CHUSCA2016 to receive 8% off the Best Available Rate at both Star Sydney hotels, [Astral Tower](#) and [The Darling](#).

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

We thank our Award Category sponsors:

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Student of the Year



Innovation of the Year



2016 SCA (NSW) Principals Retreat

Save the date

10-12 August 2016



The 2016 SCA (NSW) Principals Retreat will be held from **Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 August 2016** at the [Hotel St Moritz, Queenstown, New Zealand](#).

The delegate package will include 3 nights accommodation, conference package and speakers, conference facilities, meals and networking events. Partner packages will also be made available.

The retreat is for the SCA (NSW) Strata Management Principals only and registrations will open soon.

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

2016 SCA (NSW) Convention | Pre-event survey

We want to hear from you!



The 2016 SCA (NSW) Convention will be held over two days from **Thursday 27 to Friday 28 October** at the [Hilton Sydney Hotel](#).

We are currently working on a program that will resonate with strata managers in NSW and would like your feedback on what topics you would like us to cover.

Please [click here](#) to complete the pre-event survey and be in the running to **win a complimentary full delegate pass** to the convention.

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

Upcoming Education

CPD Roadshow | Thursday 21 July



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: Thursday 21 July 2016

Location: Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney, 2000.

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

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

Certificate of Registration

11-14 July & 15-18 August



Take your first step towards a career in strata today!

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: Monday 11 to Thursday 14 July 2016

Due to popular demand we will also be running another course from **Monday 15 to Thursday 18 August 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](#).

Certificate of Registration - Lunch Sponsorship



SCA (NSW) is now offering the opportunity for corporate services members to sponsor a lunch at the Certificate of Registration (COR) courses.

This is a great opportunity to build relationships with new strata managers entering the industry as well as

your field.

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

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

increase the awareness of your products and services.

To download a booking form please click [here](#).

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