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Industry News

Government releases final Regulations



The NSW Government has released the final draft of the Regulations which will also take effect at the same time as the new laws - 30 November 2016.

SCA (NSW) has reviewed the final Regulations and is pleased that many of its recommendations were taken on board by the government.

We have posted an article on our website [here](#), which goes into a few of the changes that were as a result of our submission and those which remain a concern to us.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the published Strata Schemes Management Regulation 2016.

SCA (NSW) Membership | Online Payment



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**.

In the meantime, don't forget to get along to the new legislation roadshow so you can find out all you need to know about the new laws.

Fair Trading report on tenancy law reviewed



Improvements to tenancy laws have been identified in a new report tabled in the NSW Parliament.

The report on the statutory review of the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* details findings from consultation conducted between October 2015 and March 2016. The report makes 27 recommendations to modernise and enhance the laws.

Amendments to the tenancy laws to implement the recommendations should be introduced into Parliament in the first half of 2017.

Learn more about the review and download the report from the NSW Fair Trading [Residential tenancy law review page](#).

Financial and environmental savings for Owners Corporations, good business for you



The City of Sydney is seeking 20 high-rise residential apartment buildings to join the Smart Green Apartments program in 2016. Participation is free and offers ongoing operational and maintenance cost savings for Owners Corporations.

Buildings will receive:

- tailored energy and water assessments to identify cost-effective improvements and upgrades in common areas
- technical support to help implement energy and water efficiency upgrades

Interim Orders for Unauthorised Works to Common Property



Bannermans Lawyers has released a case study on how an interim order for unauthorised works to Common Property was served to a lot owner. The lot owner ceased works and agreed to requisition a motion and by-law regarding the works. The by-law was passed and registered. The lot owner continued the works in accordance with the by-law.

Please click [here](#) to read the full case study.

SCA (NSW) Code of Conduct Committee



The Code of Conduct Committee takes complaints seriously. With the support of the General Manager, the Secretariat of SCA (NSW) and an ethics advisor the committee's aim is to encourage and enforce a code of ethics for our members.

In the financial year of 2015/16 SCA (NSW) received 12 new complaints. A summary of the substance of complaints received are:

- Alleged breaches of OC management/Proxy/EGM
- Challenging fines imposed for By-Law breaches
- Management and communication issues
- Termination of Agency Agreements
- Alleged fraudulent activity by strata managers

Complaints can be dismissed, referred to Fair Trading and SCA (NSW) membership cancelled. The committee endeavours to keep all parties informed.

Information on the SCA (NSW) code of conduct is available on our website [here](#).

- a waste and recycling operational assessment with tailored solutions

- an online platform to track and manage energy and water consumption

To be eligible to apply, buildings must be a minimum of six storeys (or 50 apartments) and located within the City of Sydney local government area.

Applications open **24 August** and close **28 September** 2016. Visit the [Smart Green Apartments](#) website for more information.

SCA (NSW) Infinite Rewards program | Become an Alliance Partner



Do you have any special discounts or rates that you would like to offer 500,000 Infinite Rewards subscribers? As a member of SCA (NSW) you can also become involved in the Infinite Rewards program.

For further information please click [here](#). To participate please provide the information listed [here](#) and email this to marketing.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au

Certificate of Registration

Lunch Sponsorship Opportunities



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 increase the awareness of your products and services.

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

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

Upcoming Events

2016 SCA (NSW) Convention | Save the Date

27 & 28 October 2016



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 finalising the sponsorship prospectus and will have this available soon.

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

New Legislation Seminar Roadshow | Register Now!



SCA (NSW) in conjunction with Office of Fair Trading and REINSW are hosting education seminars on the new strata legislation for strata and property managers. Evening sessions will also be held for our owner members to educate them on the latest legislation changes.

To register please click on the below button.

REGISTER NOW

DATE	LOCATION	VENUE	TIME
Tuesday 23 August	Tweed Heads	Ultima Apartments	12:00pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday 24 August	Coffs Harbour	C.EX	12:00pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 25 August	Port Macquarie	Panthers Port Macquarie	12:00pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday 30 August	Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Newcastle	12:00pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday 31 August	Sydney	SMC Conference & Function Centre	12:00pm - 4:30pm SOLD OUT
Thursday 1 September	Wollongong	Novotel North Beach	12:00pm - 4:30pm

Sponsorship opportunities are available, for any expressions of interest or general enquiries please email us at events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au

Due to popular demand SCA (NSW) in conjunction with NSW Fair Trading will be holding more sessions in Sydney CBD, Parramatta, North Sydney and Cronulla as well as sessions in regional areas.

Dates and venue details to be released soon!

Upcoming Education

CPD Roadshow | Friday 26 August

Hornsby



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: Friday 26 August 2016

Location: Hornsby RSL, 4 High Street, Hornsby, 2077

Cost: The session is worth a full 12 CPD points and is \$175.00 for members and \$395.00 for non-members.

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

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

Cert IV in Property Services | 5-7 September



The CPP40611 Certificate IV in Property Services (Operations) 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

Certificate of Registration | 19-22 September



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 P/L (RTO ID 90897 P/L).

Dates: Monday 19 to Thursday 22 September 2016

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

Cost: \$990.00 (GST free)

To register: Email us at 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 application form.

Solutions P/L (RTO ID 90897 P/L).

CPD Online

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](#).



SCA (NSW) now offers members and non-members the opportunity to fulfill their CPD requirements online via E-Learning.

Read the materials, complete the assignment, submit for marking and provided you pass, then you are compliant for another year.

The price is \$139.00 for SCA (NSW) members and \$395.00 for non-members. This price includes GST.

Click [here](#) to get started now.

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