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## Industry News



### New year, new laws

In the last edition of Around the Grounds for 2016 we gave you details for new laws for 2017, here are some more that are not directly related to strata but are good to know anyway.

**Power bills** could be expected to rise as a result of the closure of Hazelwood Power Station in Victoria. The Australian Energy Market warned that this could add around \$78 a year to power bills in NSW.

**LinkedIn** will now be charging users 10 percent GST on their subscriptions. If you have the free option then this doesn't affect you but for those with say a Premium account costing around \$576 a year for individuals you may be



### 2017/18 Strata Services Directory Now Open

Advertising opportunities are now open for Corporate Strata Services members in the **2017/18 SCA (NSW) Strata Services Directory**.

#### Company Listings

Up to 5 free listings and \$300 for any additional listings.

#### Advertising Prices

Half page adverts: **\$980**

Full page adverts: **\$1,595**

#### Advertising Value Packages

Book 1 full page and 1 half page for \$2,575  
(save \$980)

Book 2 half pages for \$1,560 (save \$400)

Book 3 half pages for \$1,960 (save \$980)

**Passport** fees have also increased. A 10 year passport for persons aged 16 and over will increase from \$254 to \$277, a five-year passport for children under 16 from \$127 to \$139, a five-year passport for persons aged 75 and over from \$127 to \$139, and an emergency passport overseas from \$153 to \$175. The priority processing fee will increase from \$127 to \$183, and overseas surcharges will increase by \$1 to \$103 for an adult and \$52 for a child.

We'll check back with government later in the year and let you know what changes may impact you.

To **advertise** please click here for [booking form](#).

Any further enquiries email [advertising.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au](mailto:advertising.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au)

## Events



### SCA (NSW) Sailing Day

Join us at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Darling Point, from 1.00pm for the SCA (NSW) Annual Sailing Day Challenge.

You can race with your own yacht, charter a yacht for the day or participate as an individual sailor. Land lubbers can join the sailors for \$99 (\$130 for non members) at our networking event from 4-7pm.

**Date:** Friday 10 February 2017

**Time:** 1pm for the sailing day challenge and



### Young Strata Network Launch Event

Under 35 and looking to network with your peers in the strata industry? Join us for the launch event of the 'Young Strata Network'.

The Young Strata Network is a group for under 35's in the strata industry who would like to learn from industry leaders and network with peers.

**Date:** Friday 30 March 2017

**Time:** From 6pm till 10pm for drinks and

**Location:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, 1 New Beach Road Darling Point NSW 2027  
To **register** [click here](#) for the booking form.

Any queries please contact [events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au](mailto:events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au)



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## 2017 Strata Owners Day

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for the [2017 Strata Owners Day](#).

**Date:** Saturday 25 March 2017

**Location:** SMC Conference & Function Centre, The Grand Lodge, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney

To download the event prospectus [click here](#).

Any queries please contact [events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au](mailto:events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au)

**Keynote speaker:** Airbnb

**Location:** Fourth floor, Hotel CBD, 52 King Street, Sydney 2000

Registrations will open soon.

**Register your interest in attending** by emailing us

at [events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au](mailto:events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au)

**We thank the event sponsors:**



## 2017 SCA (NSW) Events Calendar

The SCA (NSW) 2017 events calendar is now available online [click here](#). Get out your diaries and start saving the dates for the must attend SCA (NSW) events.

For any enquiries please contact us at [events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au](mailto:events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au)

## Education



### CPD Parramatta

It is essential that today's strata manager has knowledge of the relevant



### 2017 SCA (NSW) Education Calendar

The SCA (NSW) 2017 education calendar is

legislation as this will equip you with increased authority when giving guidance and recommendations to your clients. The CPD topic is on the **New Strata Legislation** and will cover the below areas:

- New terminology**
- Owners Corporation responsibilities**
- Meeting procedures**
- By-laws**
- Renovations**
- Managing agents**
- Building managers**
- NCAT**
- Levy collection**

**Date:** Thursday 16 March 2017

**Location:** Mantra Parramatta, Cnr Parkes St And Valentine Av, Parramatta, 2150

**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](mailto:education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au).

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



## Certificate of Registration 20-22 February

Start the new year 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

now available online. Contact our education team now to start securing your spot at our COR and CPD education courses.

To view the 2017 SCA (NSW) education calendar [click here](#).

For any enquiries please contact us at [education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au](mailto:education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au)



## Strata Services Specialist Course

Stand out amongst other service providers, by meeting the requirements for Company specialisation to be featured in our

**2017/2018 Strata Services Directory.**

**Date:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Times:**

**New attendees** (AM Session): 8:15am – 1:45pm

Renew your certification today. Our course content has also been updated to include all recent strata legislation changes.

**Renewal attendees** (PM Session): 1:45am - 4:20pm

**Cost:** \$150.00 inc. GST

**Venue:** SCA (NSW) Training Room, Level 1, 845 Pacific Highway, Chatswood, NSW, 2067.

**To register please**

**email** [membership.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au](mailto:membership.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au)

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



## Accreditation for Strata Managers

(Operations).

This course is conducted over 3 days and is delivered in partnership with Real Estate Training Solutions P/L (RTO ID 90897).

**Dates:** Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 February 2017

**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](mailto:education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au) or phone (02) 9492 8200.

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

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](mailto:accreditation.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au).

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

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