

Industry News

New Minister represents Fair Trading

Matt Kean



In case you missed it, we've had a change of Premier - from Mike Baird to Gladys Berejiklian - and with that came a Cabinet reshuffle. That of course has meant yet another new Minister for us to get to know.

The new Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation is Matt Kean, Member for Hornsby. This portfolio takes in Fair Trading where the strata legislation is positioned.

Minister Kean has been in NSW Parliament for six years, having been elected in 2011. Previously he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer and has worked on the budget and the NSW energy lease deal.

Prior to his election, the Minister was a Chartered Accountant working for PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

He is an active member of his community in Hornsby and has a particular focus on working with people in the community living with a disability.

Grant funding for apartment buildings

SCA (NSW) Board Director Spotlight

Tony Irvine



The SCA (NSW) Board welcomed Tony Irvine back to the Board after his election at the 2016 AGM. Previously Tony had been on the Board filling a casual vacancy in 2015.

Tony is without a doubt, one of the nicest people in strata. He was very happy to answer some tough questions on who he is and what he's about for the latest in our Director profile series.

To find out what makes Tony tick you can read his profile [here](#).

Renovations by-laws



With the reform of the strata laws on 30 November 2016, approval for some classes of works is now simpler, and a broad range of minor cosmetic works do not even require any approval. However, as a result there are now more categories of works, and working out whether



Improve energy and water efficiency and save money

For a limited time the City of Sydney is funding up to \$10,000 for energy and/or water assessments for Owners Corporations. Funding is also available for water monitoring.

Applications are open from **8 February - 13 March**. [Apply](#) now to provide a business case for implementing energy and water upgrades in your next budget cycle.

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you require approval (and if so, what approval) and whether a by-law is required has become more complex.

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

2017/18 Strata Services Directory Advertising Opportunities



Advertising opportunities are available 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)**

Advertising closes: COB 24 March

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

Any further enquiries please [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

2017 SCA (NSW) Owners Day



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SCA (NSW) Strata Owners Day is back again at the [Sydney Masonic Centre](#) on **Saturday the 25th of March**.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and services with a range of sponsorship options available:

Exhibition table (selling fast)

Panel session

Meal breaks

Satchel inserts

Program adverts

To download the 2017 Strata Owners prospectus, please [click here](#).

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

Young Strata Network Launch Event

Register now!



Tickets are selling fast for the launch [Young Strata Network event](#). 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.

2017 SCA (NSW) Sailing Day

Registrations close today



This is your last chance to register for the [SCA \(NSW\) Annual Sailing Day Challenge](#).

Get ready to set sail on beautiful Sydney Harbour next Friday 10 February at the [Cruising Yacht Club of Australia](#), Darling Point, from 1.00pm.

You can race with your own yacht, charter a yacht for the day or participate as an individual sailor.

Non-sailors can watch as the yachts cross the finish line, with crews joining in for drinks and canapés at our Networking event from 4pm, a great way to wrap up a day on the harbour.

Date: Friday 10 February 2017

Time: 1pm for the sailing day challenge and 4pm for the networking event.

Location: [Cruising Yacht Club of Australia](#), 1 New Beach Road Darling Point NSW 2027

Register now [click here](#) for the SCA (NSW) Sailing day booking form.

For any queries contact events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au

Date: Thursday 30 March 2017

SCA (NSW) 2017 Events Calendar

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

Location: Fourth floor, [Hotel CBD](#), 52 King Street, Sydney 2000

Keynote speaker: Brent Thomas, Airbnb, Head of Public Policy (Aus, NZ)

Tickets: \$30 per person (includes 4 hrs of drinks and canapes)

[Click here](#) to register or email events.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au to secure your ticket

We thank the event sponsors:



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

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

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

Upcoming Education

Cert IV Strata Traineeship Grant Available



SCA (NSW) RTO partner, Real Estate Training Solutions P/L (RTO ID 90897), is offering NSW Government funded traineeships - CPP40611 Certificate IV in Property Services (Operations).

For further information and to register your expression of interest, please [click here](#).

Strata Services Specialist Course

Thursday 2 March



STRATA SERVICES
SPECIALIST
COMPANY

Want to **stand out** in the SCA (NSW) 2017/18 **Strata Services Directory**?

The upcoming **Strata Services Specialist course** is your company's **last opportunity** to meet the requirements as a *Strata Services Specialist* and have the above logo next to your company's listing in our 2017/18 Strata Services Directory.

Please click [here](#) for the Company Specialist requirements.

Certificate of Registration

20-22 February 2017



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 (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 please email education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au

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

CPD Online



SCA (NSW) offers members and non-members the opportunity to fulfil 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 \$245.00 for non-members. This price includes GST.

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

Date: Thursday 2nd March (limited seats)

Due to high demand we have added another session on Wednesday the 8th of March.

Session Times:

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

Renewal attendees (PM Session): 1:45pm - 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

CPD Parramatta

Thursday 16 March



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 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

Level 1, 2 & 3 Accreditation for Strata Managers



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

To register please email education.nsw@stratacommunity.org.au.

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.

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

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