



Around the grounds...

28/4/2017

## Industry News

### Inquiry into short-term letting broadened to include industry and community



The NSW Government announced on 20 April that it was broadening its consultation into short-term letting by inviting industry and the community to provide feedback on the most appropriate regulations for this type of accommodation.

In a joint media release issued by the Minister for Planning and Housing, Anthony Roberts and the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, Matt Kean, they said that there needs to be balance found between the two sides currently opposing each other over this issue.

Minister Kean said the Government “needs to find what will work best for the people of NSW, which is why we’re issuing an options paper for discussion with relevant stakeholders”.

“We don’t want a holiday accommodation market that’s so over-regulated it puts people off coming here but the rights of residents who live near these properties must be considered too.

“While short-term holiday letting, if properly managed and respected by all parties, can be a boost to the local economy, the need to protect people’s rights to the quiet enjoyment of their own homes is equally important.”

SCA (NSW) will keep members updated on this matter. A copy of the media release is available

### 2017/18 SCA (NSW) Corporate Strata Membership Renewal | Update Your Details Now!



Corporate Strata Membership is due for renewal on the 1st of July 2017. To assist us with the renewal process please [click here](#) and return the form to [membership.nsw@strata.community](mailto:membership.nsw@strata.community) today.

This information is kept confidential and will be used in calculating your corporate membership fee.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashleigh Newell, Membership Coordinator on **02 9492 8200** or email [membership.nsw@strata.community](mailto:membership.nsw@strata.community)

#### Did you notice our Domain name and email addresses have changed?

The website address now is [nsw.strata.community](http://nsw.strata.community) and our emails now end in **strata.community**.

All IT changes have glitches so if you have had an email bounce back over the past week or so than please resend it to us.

#### Loose-fill Asbestos Testing | Results

[here](#).

## Australian Consumer Law Report



Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand has delivered its final report on the Australian Consumer Law.

The final report follows a year-long public review process and research, including the Australian Consumer Survey 2016 which involved more than 5,000 consumers and 1,200 businesses. The report identifies 19 proposed legislative reforms.

Read more about the reforms on the [Australian Consumer Law website](#).

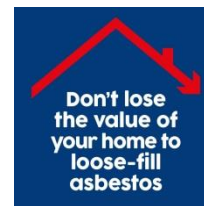
### NSW Fair Trading | 'Compliance Assessment'



Is your Strata Management Company compliant?

Some of the information that NSW Fair Trading may request from you are;

- Copy of strata management agreements for five schemes currently held and entered into after 30 November 2016.
- Copies of most regent agenda and AGM minutes for same five schemes currently managed.
- Details of any disclosure made under Section 60 SSMA 2015.
- Evidence demonstrating compliance with Section 31 SMMA 1996 and Section 55 SSMA 2015.
- Evidence demonstrating compliance with Section 57 SSMA15.
- Evidence of current professional indemnity insurance.
- Details of all employees including name, date of birth and any other names also



NSW Fair Trading have published the property testing results of its loose-fill asbestos program. As of 26 April 2017 a total of 137 properties in NSW have been identified as containing loose-fill asbestos. Queanbeyan City Council was found to have 60 properties testing positive for loose-fill asbestos with the Greater Hume Shire council with 37 properties and Berrigan Shire Council with 19 properties testing positive for loose-fill asbestos. To view these results [click here](#).

There are a number of obligations imposed on strata managers by law in relation to asbestos located in properties. These obligations include:

- A duty of care to the client and workers engaged to carry out work on the property.
- A commitment to act honestly, fairly and professionally.

It is reasonable to assume that properties constructed before 1980 may contain loose-fill asbestos insulation.

See the Loose-fill asbestos insulation guide for more details [click here](#).

### NSW Fair Trading & SCA (NSW)

#### Strata Schemes Information Seminars



NSW Fair Trading is running strata schemes information seminars over the coming months for owners and managers on the new strata laws.

SCA (NSW) will be participating at these seminars in a Q&A panel at the end of each session.

Seminar details and registrations are on the NSW Fair Trading [website](#).

**Member in focus | Brent Clark**

known by and licence/certificate number.

Be prepared. Perform an internal compliance assessment now!

### Coffee with Amie



Members are encouraged to arrange a time to have a “Coffee with Amie” our new Senior Business Development Manager to discuss your membership/sponsorship needs, plus she can talk to you about upcoming events and direct you to the right place for our educational offerings and more.

Email: [bdm@strata.community](mailto:bdm@strata.community) or 9492 8214.



Just like we have been profiling our Directors, we thought it would be a great idea to extend this to members such as Brent Clark.

Brent started Wattblock around two and a half years ago following one of those life changing moments, although he didn't know it was a life changing moment at the time.

To read Brent's story and find out how a power outage led him and his co-founder to create an award winning innovative business that assists strata schemes to save money. Now that's got to have grabbed your attention.

The story is [here](#).

## Events

### 2017 Express Glass Strata Community Golf Day



**Register Now!**

Registrations are open for the 2017 Express Glass Strata Community Golf Day! We have limited spaces available so don't miss out, register today!

**Date:** Friday 12 May 2017

**Location:** Moore Park Golf Club, Cleveland St, Sydney

**Attention Services Members:** Networking opportunity hint- Register a team of 4 and invite 3 Strata Managers as your guests!

To register [click here](#) to complete the online booking

### 2017 CHU Strata Community Awards



2017 **CHU STRATA**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**AWARDS**



**Save the Date**

Registrations and nominations will be opening soon for the annual CHU Strata Community Awards. This is an exciting year as we will be introducing new award categories, an online submission process with weighted questions for judging, some new independent judges plus a pathway for our state winners to the 2018 SCA Australasian Awards and the NSW Business Chamber Awards.

Keep an eye on your inbox for further details.

**Date:** Friday 21st of July 2017

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For any enquiries please  
email [events.nsw@strata.community](mailto:events.nsw@strata.community)

**Location:** Doltone House, Hyde Park

Level 3, 181 Elizabeth St, Sydney NSW 2000

**Time:** 6.00pm for pre drinks, followed by dinner and awards presentations from 6.30pm

**Dress Code:** Black Tie, Great Gatsby theme

For **sponsorship opportunities** please [click here](#).

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## Upcoming Education

### CPD Kirribilli

**Thursday 11 May**



**Need CPD points? Last opportunity to attend a CPD roadshow in Sydney this financial year.**

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 11 May 2017

**Location:** Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay, 2060

### Certificate of Registration

**19-21 June 2017**



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

**Dates:** Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 June 2017

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

**Cost:** \$990.00 (GST free)

**To register please**  
email [education.nsw@strata.community](mailto:education.nsw@strata.community)

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

**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@strata.community](mailto:education.nsw@strata.community)

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.

### Cert IV Strata Traineeship Grant Available

#### Register your EOI



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](#).



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.

**The Accreditation fee will increase to \$250 from 1st July. Get accredited by 30 June to save \$100.**

For more information please click [here](#) or email [accreditation.nsw@strata.community](mailto:accreditation.nsw@strata.community)

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

### Certificate of Registration

#### Lunch Sponsorship Opportunities



SCA (NSW) is offering corporate services members the opportunity 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 the 2017 booking form please click [here](#).

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