

## Industry News

### Q&A's to Help with the New Strata Laws



NSW Fair Trading has created 'Property Matters' a webpage of frequently asked questions and answers received by its customer service section.

Questions range from what to do about some strata managing agreements ending on 30 May 2017 to reviewing by-laws and whether tenants are able to attend strata meetings.

Many of the questions are similar to those asked by attendees at this year's Strata Owners Day. Those questions and answers are available [here](#).

To read NSW Fair Trading's 'Property Matters' page click [here](#).

### Update on Training, Education and Licensing Reforms

Last year NSW Fair Trading announced submissions regarding reforms were being sought for potential changes to training, education and licensing provisions for property and real estate industry professionals. Submissions closed in December 2016.

In a recent update, NSW Fair Trading has indicated that a range of new measures will be introduced and it was drafting legislation to support these changes. Fair Trading said that the measures aim at increasing industry standards and will include:

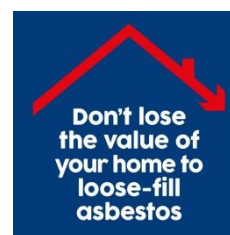
### Inquiry into Short-term Letting Broadened



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.

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

### Online Register for Properties affected by Loose-Fill Asbestos



An online register is available for anyone wishing to check if a property is affected by loose-fill asbestos insulation.

If you didn't already know, "loose-fill asbestos is crushed raw asbestos which was installed in the ceiling spaces of NSW residential properties in the 1960s and 1970s as insulation. If disturbed, fibres can become airborne. Asbestos fibres that are breathed in can pose a risk to health".

- Improved entry level education for certificate holders and the creation of a career pathway
- New CPD requirements, with compulsory and elective topics
- Enhanced audit requirements for trust accounts
- Enhanced disciplinary measures

We will advise when details of the specific changes are available.

**Director profile: Hugh McCormack**



As Managing Director of a strata managing agency it helps to have a few outside interests to balance your career. Hugh McCormack does this through his devotion to surfing and travel and a great sense of humour.

Read about Hugh who is the next Director to be profiled in our in our series on SCA (NSW) Board Directors. A quiet, down-to-earth and genuine character, Hugh has worked his way from bar tending and stamp licking to running a family business, but not without paying his dues along the way.

Read more about Hugh [here](#).

To access the register or for more information [click here](#).

**2017/18 SCA (NSW) Membership Renewal**



Your SCA (NSW) Membership is due for renewal on the 1st of July 2017. You will be receiving a letter from us asking you to renew and pay your membership fee. If you have not already done so, please provide us with your the number of lots your company manages.

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)

**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](#).

## Events

### 2017 Express Glass Strata Community Golf Day



### **\$13,300 Raised for Charity**

With 120 from the strata industry in attendance this year we raised approx. \$13,300 for the Ronald McDonald Foundation. We would like to thank all those who contributed for their generous donation. We would like to especially thank Mark Jennings from Express Glass for organising the charity component of the day.

To view the photos from the Express Glass Strata Community Golf Day [click here](#).

### Agency Agreement Workshop | Tuesday 30 May



### **Last Chance to Register**

This workshop will focus on the common mistakes made in agency agreements with the latest legislation changes and the consequences this will have. Details of improvements in commissions, liability and review triggers will also be covered.

**Date:** Tuesday 30 May 2017

**Time:** 9.30am - 11.30am

**Location:** NSW Business Chamber North Sydney - Rooms 1 & 2, 140 Arthur St, North Sydney

**Speaker:** David Bannerman of Bannermans Lawyers and SCA (NSW) Board Director

**CPD Points:** 3 CPD points offered under category 3

**Cost:** \$95 inc. GST, members only

### 2017 CHU Strata Community Awards



### **Award submissions closing soon!**

Submit your nominations for the 2017 CHU Strata Community Awards. This is an exciting year as we have introduced 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.

For further details, please download the information kit [here](#). To start the nomination process please [click here](#).

### **Nominations close Wednesday 31 May.**

### 2017 CHU Strata Community Awards Gala Dinner & Presentation



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

**Location:** Doltone House, Hyde Park

Level 3, 181 Elizabeth St, Sydney, NSW, 2000

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

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

To register [click here](#).

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

For any enquiries please email us

To register [click here](#).

### Young Strata Network | Meet the Minister



**Register Now | Tuesday 6 June**

**Under 35 and working in the Strata Industry?** Join us for our next Young Strata Network event at NSW Parliament House where attendees will be hearing from the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, the Hon. Matt Kean MP.

**Date:** Tuesday 6 June 2017

**Time:** From 6 pm - 8 pm

**Location:** Jubilee Room, NSW Parliament House,  
6 Macquarie St, Sydney, NSW, 2000

**Cost:**

Strata Managers: \$44 inc. GST

Supplier: \$55 inc. GST.

*Please note: Suppliers are limited to 2 tickets per company.*

To register [click here](#).

**We thank the event sponsors:**



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### Industry Briefing Breakfast



**Register Now | Friday 23 June**

**Date:** Friday 23 June 2017

**Time:** 8.30am - 10.30am

**Location:** Studio, Sydney Tower,  
Pitt Street & Castlereagh St, Sydney

**Topic:** Strata Laws

**Cost:**

Members: \$88 inc. GST

Non Members: \$110 inc. GST

To register [click here](#).

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## Upcoming Education

### CPD Sydney CBD

Wednesday 19 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 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:** Wednesday 19 July 2017

**Location:** Fraser Suites Sydney, 488 Kent St, Sydney

**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



### Certificate of Registration

24 - 26 July 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 24 to Wednesday 26 July 2017

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

**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



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. Apply before by 30 June to save \$100.**

For more information please click [here](#) or



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 cost 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](#).

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](#).

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

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