

Industry News

Commissioner Rod Stowe Announces Retirement



NSW Fair Trading Commissioner and longest serving NSW public servant, Rod Stowe has announced his retirement.

In a press release the Minister for Better Regulation Matt Kean said Mr Stowe would retire in July after more than 40 years' continuous service to the NSW public, including almost three decades in the consumer affairs portfolio, under 18 different Ministers, and six years as Commissioner.

"Mr Stowe has become synonymous with consumer protection and is held in the highest regard nationwide as one of Australia's most outstanding consumer affairs advocates," Mr Kean said.

To read the full press release please [click here](#).

Making the Office Green



SCA (NSW) is joining CitySwitch, a terrific initiative designed to assist offices to lower their energy consumption and most importantly decrease those power bills.

Strata Data | May 2017



According to the latest Land and Property Information (LPI) statistics there were 829,627 lots registered in NSW as of 8 June 2017.

The data for the number of strata schemes within the following lot ranges is:

	May 2017
Total number of lots in NSW	829,627
Strata schemes with lot ranges of:	
2-20	69,132
21-50	5,781
51-100	1,423
101-200	582
201-500	203
>500	9

Annual Wage Review



The Fair Work Commission this week handed down its annual wage review and has determined that the minimum wage be increased by 3.3 percent from 1 July 2017 to \$18.29 per hour or \$694.90 per week.

The SCA (NSW) Secretariat has committed to following the program, which is described on the CitySwitch website as aiming to:

- Educate and inspire with a respected event series and through the provision of toolkits, workbooks, case studies and site tours.
- Facilitate links to other programs, information sources, industry bodies and communities of interest by identifying the market expertise that signatories might need in order to build corporate capacity, systems and comply with evolving legislative requirements.
- Signpost to incentives and financial vehicles that are available to expedite the uptake of energy efficiency investments.
- Celebrate and reward environmental leadership and achievement through its annual awards and ongoing member promotions in order to create competitive advantage for its signatories wherever possible.

SCA (NSW) would like members to consider also joining this program. We'd like to hear your experience so that we can share it with the rest of the membership.

Read more about [CitySwitch here](#).

Don't Delay the Implementation of the 2% Defects Bond Scheme



In response to well founded rumours that the 2% bond scheme is going to be further delayed Bannermans Lawyers have written a letter to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, Matt Kean.

Please [click here](#) to read the letter.

The Commission also made the resolution that modern award wages should be increased by the same percentage of 3.3.

This decision affects 2.3 million employees across Australia who rely on the minimum wage and was based on several factors including changes in the economic environment, positive business conditions and a slight increase in unemployment.

To find out more information visit the [Fair Work Commission](#) website.

Director profile: Colin Grace



When he's not practicing law, talking to Government, reviewing policy or acting as a mediator, Colin Grace can possibly be found on his motorbike.

Colin is partner in Grace Lawyers, which he established in 2005. The practice has grown in that time expanding to other states.

In this next profile in our series, Colin shares his career passion and some pretty sound advice for those just starting in the strata industry.

Read about Colin [here](#).

New Bronze Sponsors



SCA (NSW) is thrilled to announce our two new Bronze Sponsors, [Secure Windows](#) and [AGC Roofing](#).

2017/18 SCA (NSW) Membership Renewal



Your SCA (NSW) Membership is due for renewal on the 1st of July 2017. You would have received a letter from us asking you to renew and pay your membership fee.

If you haven't received your membership renewal letter and invoice please contact Ashleigh Newell, Membership Coordinator on **02 9492 8200** or email membership.nsw@strata.community

Many of you would have seen these businesses represented at events such as the Annual Convention either as exhibitors or sponsors.

We'd like to thank Secure Windows and AGC Roofing for increasing their commitment to supporting SCA (NSW) members and contributing to the strata industry.

Events

Industry Briefing Breakfast

'Strata Laws'



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

2017 CHU Strata Community Awards Gala Dinner & Presentation



Register Now | Friday 21 July

Date: Friday 21st of July 2017

Location: Doltone House, Hyde Park

Level 3, 181 Elizabeth St, Sydney

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 at events.nsw@strata.community

Non Members: \$110 inc. GST

To register [click here](#).

We thank the event sponsors:



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

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

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

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

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 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](#).

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 email 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