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By now, you've no doubt noticed various changes and enhancements to the technology in the SCA (WA) office. This has resulted in improved e-bulletin communications, online event registration and access to a member portal which includes member only information as well as CPD records for Strata Manager members.

Our latest enhancement is our new and improved e-News format which you've received today. We hope this new presentation provides you with a more reader-friendly format, and we thank our valued sponsors for providing some of the informative articles and education pieces.

With the 2017/18 financial year now well underway, it's a great time to look ahead at what's in store for our members and the industry for the rest of the year.

Strata Reform

This will hopefully be a significant year for our industry with the possibility of reforms to the Strata Titles Act and implementation of a new, Community Titles Act. Should this legislation progress, and we're optimistic that it will, it will bring great change to the property industry in WA and specifically to those working with or invested in strata property. It has been a long time since there has been any momentous change to the strata industry and SCA (WA) will be doing what we can to support our members through this important time.

State-wide Cladding Audit

Further to previous e-bulletins, the Building Commission will be progressing their state-wide cladding audit over the coming months which is likely to involve some strata-titled buildings. We will be working with the Building Commission to assist with communication to stakeholders, and will likely call upon members in due course regarding any strata-titled buildings that the Building Commission are interested in. For those who have not yet visited the Building Commission's webpage regarding the audit, [click here](#).

Education, Professional Development & Networking

We have a fantastic line up of training courses, professional development and social events planned between now and June 30, totalling 26 events in total. We have now opened registrations for the 2017 CHU SCA (WA) Symposium. Registrations are already coming in quick for what will be a memorable event for both industry professionals and property owners – don't miss out!

Industry Awards

Nominations and registrations opened this week for the 2017 Park Legal Solutions SCA (WA) Awards. The importance of recognising and celebrating professionalism, innovation, sustainable growth, outstanding customer service and ethics in the industry cannot be understated. We encourage all eligible businesses and individuals to nominate and attend the Gala dinner on Friday, 8th December to not only celebrate the winners, but also to join together as an industry and celebrate the end of another great year.

For the first time, we're proud to offer an award for Support Team Member of the Year, recognising all of the crucial administrative staff that work tirelessly behind the scenes to support their team members.

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Awards will also be offered for both Small and Large Strata Community Management Businesses, and an Essay Award will be open to all member categories. Please refer to the website or contact the SCA (WA) for more information.

Governance

The 2017 Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 5th October at 4pm and you will receive the notice and agenda shortly. This is an important meeting for SCA (WA) with several constitution changes to be proposed. We therefore encourage all Voting Members to review the proposed changes and participate in the meeting by attending or appointing a proxy, to ensure a quorum is achieved.

Company Certification

As I wrote in the last edition of e-News, the Strata Community Management Practice Standard (SPS) initiative led by SCA (WA) is well progressed and there is a high degree of interest to roll this out nationally. We are on track to complete the program by the end of 2017 and plan to introduce it to members in early 2018. The company certification program will provide Strata Management businesses with tools to develop and improve processes within their business, as well as offering a competitive advantage to SCA (WA) members by formally recognising the professionalism of their business. In the absence of licensing for Strata Managers, this will be a big step forward for our industry.

Sponsorship

Last but certainly not least, we have now secured all of our sponsorship partners for 2017/18. We are proud to be supported by this diverse group of businesses who share our passion for and commitment to seeing the strata industry thrive, and we thank them for the vital assistance they provide in helping SCA (WA) achieve our goals.



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