

Strata and Community Title in Australia for the 21st Century 2015

Strengthening partnerships through debate and research



Conference 2015

2nd - 4th September

Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa

158 Ferny Avenue, Surfers Paradise, Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Conference objective

The over-riding objective of the conference is to stimulate debate and research consistent with building and strengthening partnerships across the spectrum of stakeholders.

The conference programme has been formulated in the spirit of advancing cohesiveness and more fully realising the potential of strata and community title ownership to deliver sustainable outcomes in communal living and working environments.

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Day 1: Wednesday, 2nd September 2015

Time	Activity/Presentation	Speakers / Discussants
8:00 am	Delegate registration desk opens	
9:00 - 9:10 am	Official Welcome	Professor Ian O'Connor (Vice Chancellor and President, Griffith University)
9:10 - 9:15 am	Conference Orientation	Professor Chris Guilding (Griffith University)
9:15 - 10:15 am	What are the key technological, demographic, cultural & environmental changes confronting the strata title world?	Professor Evan McKenzie (University of Illinois)
10:15 - 10:50 am	Panel discussion: How will the strata title world cope with such changes and how is it compromised in adapting to change?	Chair: Evan McKenzie (University of Illinois) Daniel Borin (StrataMax) Olivera Ferguson (Strata Plus) Kevin Pai Wally Patterson (Company Director)
10:50 - 11:20 am	Coffee Break	
11:20 - 11:45 am	Challenges of Larger and More Complex Schemes: Dubai case and perspective	George Panagakis (Director – Strata Consultancy & Legal, PRDnationwide Consulting, Dubai)
11:45 - 12:10 pm	Large German strata title complexes: an overview of sizes, issues and current subdivision and management approaches	Dr Jan Warnken (Griffith University) in collaboration with Dr Michael Casser (President, Dachverband Deutscher Immobilienverwalter) & Prof Martin Haeublein (Universitaet Innsbruck)
12:10 - 12:35 pm	Challenges of Larger and More Complex Schemes: Australian perspective	James Peterson (Senior Development Operations Manager, Lend Lease)
12:35 - 1:45 pm	Lunch	
1:45 - 2:20 pm	Panel discussion: Challenges of Larger and More Complex Schemes: Reflections and implications for Australia	Chair: Dr Gary Bugden OAM (Bugden Legal) Matthew Derrick (Norton Rose Fulbright Australia) Chris Duggan (Bright & Duggan) James Peterson (Senior Development Operations Manager, Lend Lease)
2:20 - 2:45 pm	Key Sectional (Strata) and Other Community Schemes Challenges and Developments in South Africa	Rev Dr Vukile Mehana (Chairman, South African Community Scheme Ombud Service Board)
2:45 - 3:05 pm	Survey findings: 5 key strata title challenges - Unit Owners' perspectives	Garry Maynard (Owners Corporation Network, Queensland)
3:05 - 3:25 pm	Survey findings: 5 key strata title challenges: Strata Managers' perspectives	Marc Gibson (Strata Sense)
3:25 - 3:45 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:45 - 4:05 pm	Survey findings: 5 key strata title challenges: Resident Managers' perspectives	Trevor Rawnsley (CEO, ARAMA)
4:05 - 4:25 pm	Survey findings: 5 key strata title challenges: Lawyers' perspectives	David Edwards (Doyle Edwards Anderson Lawyers)
4:25 - 4:50 pm	Open forum: Questions and observations generated by the audience	Chair: Nicole Johnston (Deakin University) 4 presenters sitting on stage as panel.
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Conference Opening Cocktail function	

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Day 2: Thursday, 3rd September 2015

Time	Activity/Presentation	Speakers / Discussants
9:00 - 9:45 am	The Expanding Legal Environment in which Owners Corporations Operate	Cathy Sherry (University of New South Wales) & Michael Teys (Block Strata)
9:45 - 10:45 am	Law reform round up: Panel discussion	Chair: Michael Allen (Allen Partners & President Australian College of Community Association Lawyers) Mark Atkinson (Atkinson Legal) Gerard Doyle (Doyle Edwards Anderson Lawyers) Tim Graham (HWL Ebsworth Lawyers) Frank Higginson (Hynes Lawyers)
10:45 - 11:10 am	Morning Tea	
11:10 - 12:10 pm	DEBATE motion: Strata-titled complexes should have pre-determined lifespans to ensure ongoing structural integrity	Chair: Stephen Goddard (OCN) Kaylene Arkcoll (Leary Partners) Rhys Bollen (Assistant Commissioner, Policy & Strategy, NSW Fair Trading) Hazel Easthope (University of New South Wales) Melissa Pocock (Griffith University)
12:10 - 12:40 pm	Strata building performance as a lottery: If I hadn't bought into my new building 10 years ago, what would be its standing today?	Gerry Chia (Owners Corporation Network)
12:40 - 1:55 pm	Lunch	
1:55 - 2:35 pm	Building defects - How can they be avoided? (building on presentation made at 2013 conference)	Colin Grace (Director, Grace Lawyers)
2:35 - 3:15 pm	Building defects - How can they be avoided?: a builder's perspective	Jonathan Drane (University of New South Wales)
3:15 - 3:45 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:45 - 4:15 pm	Deficient sinking funds: when is the ticking time bomb going to explode?	James Freestun (Solutions In Engineering)
4:15 - 4:45 pm	Strata title ownership and requisite knowledge: How to get disclosure and education right	Chris Irons (Body Corporate Commissioner (Qld))
6:30 - 7:00 pm	Pre-dinner Drinks	
7:00 pm	John Hood Conference Dinner	

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Day 3: Friday, 4th September 2015

Time	Activity/Presentation	Speakers / Discussants
9:00 - 9:20 am	In what contexts does the basic management rights model work well?	Kim Cox (ARAMA)
9:20 - 9:40 am	What issues are giving rise to criticisms of the basic management rights model?	Peter Hunt (Mathews Hunt Legal)
9:40 - 10:00 am	What legislative changes are needed to ensure the management rights model works better?	Dr Gary Bugden OAM (Bugden Legal)
10:00 - 10:30 am	Panel discussion: Reflecting on the management rights model and what tweaks are needed	Chair: Michael Allen (Allen Partners & President Australian College of Community Association Lawyers) 3 speakers above
10:30 - 11:00 am	Morning Tea	
11:00 - 11:30 am	Should councils do more to ensure new buildings are designed and operated in a way that facilitates desirable strata living and property ownership experiences?	Cr Cameron Caldwell (Chair of City Planning Committee, Gold Coast City Council)
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Strata title and natural disasters: Observations, implications and recommendations	Dr David Henderson (James Cook University)
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Group behaviour and Politics in Strata Title Communities: An Academic Perspective	Professor Evan McKenzie (University of Illinois)
12.30 - 1.45 pm	Lunch	
1.45 - 2.15 pm	Retrofitting for energy efficiency: the potential and the obstacles	Christine Byrne (Green Strata)
2.15 - 2.40 pm	Energy efficiency in Strata: the German experience	Dr Jan Warnken (Griffith University) in collaboration with Dr Michael Casser (President, Dachverband Deutscher Immobilienverwalter) & Prof Martin Haeublein (Universitaet Innsbruck)
2:40 - 3:15 pm	Conference reflections triggered by social media commentary inputs prior & during the conference	Chris Duggan (Bright & Duggan)
3:15 - 3:45 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:45 - 4:15 pm	Panel discussion: Future visions & our big take away conference messages	Chair: Professor Chris Guilding Michael Courtney (Fair Trading, NSW Government) Stephen Goddard (Chair, Owners Corporation Network) Kim Henshaw (Chief Executive Officer, Strata Community Australia) Eric Van Meurs (National President, ARAMA)
4:15 pm	Conference Conclusion	