

## QLD STRATA MANAGERS AT THE HEART OF THEIR COMMUNITIES

The Oscars of the body corporate world, the SCA (Qld) Strata Community Awards for Excellence, have paid homage to the best in the business.

Industry stars were nominated for the prestigious SCA (Qld) 2020 Awards which recognise and celebrate the body corporate sector's most outstanding individuals; those who have driven efficient processes, achieved financial success, motivated teams, promoted innovation or made important contributions to their community.

The fifth SCA (Qld) 2020 Awards were announced on March 13 at the SCA (Qld) Conference and Awards Dinner at Brisbane City Hall with a record 20 finalists and seven winners plus the President's Award.

Welcoming more than 300 guests, the SCA (Qld) President James Nickless said the awards recognise members who stand out in the strata industry for their professional achievements.

"A record turnout year after year is testament to the prestige held by these annual awards and this year was no exception," Mr Nickless said.

"Our winners raise the standards here in Queensland where there is no licensing or registration required for strata managers. They make a true difference to the 1.2 million Queenslanders living in strata titled properties.

"The industry continues to set the bar higher each year for all levels of strata managers, strata management and services businesses, encouraging all to strive for excellence."

"In the last twelve months our members had to deal with the cladding regulation implementation, the flooding in Townsville and finally the bushfires in some parts of the state," Mr Nickless said.

"These challenges are by no definition business as usual and it is critical to celebrate overcoming difficult times in which the community spirit can make a difference to many of the people living in residential strata in particular."

"Body Corporate Managers are there to help, mentor, assist and be the helping hand to resolve pressing issues. Our Essay award theme for the year was 'A day in my shoes' and we have a great collection of real body corporate manager stories."

"The work of body corporate managers is what keeps scheme's thriving, they are the pillars of maintaining values for the assets of half a million Queensland lot owners," Mr Nickless said.

Mr Nickless thanked the independent judging panel made up of academics and industry stakeholders, who were thoroughly impressed with the volume of entries and high-quality submissions, making judging in each of the award categories a difficult task.

The winners of the 2020 Strata Community Awards for Excellence are:

**Senior Strata Community Manager Award Winner:**  
Julie MacCarthy, Capitol Body Corporate Administration

**Strata Community Manager Award Winner:**  
Luke Norman, Body Corporate Services

**Strata Community Manager Rising Star Award Winner:**  
Jasmine Thompson, Cambridge Management Services

**Strata Community Management Business (Large) Award:**  
Northern Body Corporate Management

**Strata Community Management Business (Small) Award:**  
Yule Strata

**Essay Award:**  
Tahlia Puck, Cambridge Management Services

**Support Team Member Award:**  
Melitta McDonald, Archers The Strata Professionals

**President's Award:**  
Simon Barnard

SCA (Qld) congratulates all winners and compliments the industry on their achievements in the last 12 months.