

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **10,000 new lots in Queensland in a year dominated by COVID-19 Meet top administrators looking after the 507,000 apartments, units and townhouses in Queensland**

**Thursday, 4 February 2021:** A year on year strata growth of 2% has Brisbane strata schemes reach the volume of Gold Coast based schemes and adding pressure to a sector that has a notorious shortage of body corporate managers.

Highly skilled but often not fully understood, body corporate managers are trusted advisors of body corporate committees who manage the maintenance, insurance, finances, and other matters concerning common property.

Now in its sixth year, the SCA (Qld) Strata Community Awards for Excellence give recognition to the work of body corporate managers and their successes in keeping the real estate assets of Queenslanders in fine shape.

Non-profit industry body Strata Community Association (Qld) recognises champions in the body corporate sector for their service excellence, resilience and professional approach to managing the properties of 1.1million Queenslanders who reside in strata buildings.

“It has been an incredible task to manage the 50,000 strata communities during the COVID-19 lockdown stages. With very little strata-specific guidance, body corporate managers had to interpret government directions themselves to ensure that bodies corporate complied with all regulations,” said SCA (Qld) President James Nickless.

“Multi-residential unit blocks have gyms, pools and other common facilities and we are proud to recognise the essential work that body corporate managers did to assist people in managing the scheme’s common property and understanding government assistance available for those in financial distress. .

“Bodies corporate and their managers had to adapt to the rapidly changing circumstances presented by COVID-19 and the finalists of our nine award categories have excelled at their services to the sector.

“Body corporate managers continue to carry out duties at a high level, supporting owners in managing their assets, and making sure body corporate committees know their obligations in managing common property to be safe for all residents.

“These awards recognise excellence and the incredible work body corporate managers do every day and the challenges they overcome,” said Mr Nickless.

[SCA \(Qld\)](#) is the peak association supporting the state's strata sector, with more than 1,200 individual and corporate members who help oversee, advise, and manage a collective sinking fund balance of approximately \$1.1billion.

The finalists for this year’s [SCA \(Qld\) Strata Awards for Excellence](#) have been announced and winners will receive their award on Thursday, 4 March 2021 in a gala dinner at the Gold Coast.

#### **Strata Community Management - Large Business Finalists:**

- Bright & Duggan, Gold Coast
- Capitol Body Corporate Administration, Brisbane
- Ernst Body Corporate Management, Gold Coast and Brisbane

#### **Senior Strata Community Manager Finalists**

- Alenka Lukashchuk, BCS Brisbane
- Pedzi Mawande, The Community Co, Brisbane

#### **Essay Award Finalists**

- Gloria Ginley, Ernst Body Corporate Management
- Lauren Jones, Cannon + Co
- Peta Balmer, TCM Strata

#### **Strata Community Management – Small Business Finalists:**

- Ace Body Corporate (Hamilton-Lutwyche and North West)

#### **Strata Community Management – Medium Business Finalists**

- Cassels Strata Management
- TCM Strata, Cairns
- The Community Co

#### **Strata Services Business Award Finalists**

- Grace Lawyers
- Meter2Cash Solutions powered by Flow
- Usher Group

#### **Strata Community Manager - Rising Star Finalists**

- Amanda Docking, BCS - Cairns
- Jackson Melloy, Bright & Duggan
- Ken Stansfield, Ace Body Corporate Management (Brisbane North Bays)

#### **Support Team Member Finalists**

- Georgia Janas, Capitol Body Corporate Administration
- Jevon Taane, Ernst Body Corporate Management
- Samuel Shield, Hartley's Body Corporate Management

#### **Strata Community Manager Finalists**

- Fallon McHugh, Capitol Body Corporate Administration
- Gabe Walker, Hartley's Body Corporate Management
- Rikki Slaughter, Ernst Body Corporate Management

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#### **About Strata Community Association (Qld)**

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The association brings together people who manage strata schemes, own units or live in strata communities, and those who provide products and services for schemes. We also provide education, advice, and advocacy to enable better understanding of the regulations, obligations and owner's rights.

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