

SCA (Qld) Presents 2021 Strata Community Awards for Excellence

Wednesday 10 March 2021: Property Peak Body SCA (Qld) is proud to announce the winners of the 2021 Strata Community Awards for Excellence, presented at the annual Awards and Conference Dinner on Thursday 4 March 2021.

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.

Award recipients are recognised for their effective and professional management of maintenance, insurance, finances and other matters for the more than 1 million Queenslanders residing in strata properties.

The winners of this year's Awards for Excellence are as follows:

Large Strata Community Management Business

- Bright & Duggan, Gold Coast

Senior Strata Community Manager

- Pedzi Mawande (The Community Co)

Essay Award: Resilience - An essential service in strata

- Lauren Jones (Cannon + Co)

Small Strata Community Management Business

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

Medium Strata Community Management Business

- The Community Co

Strata Services Business Award

- Usher Group

Strata Community Management Rising Star

- Jackson Melloy (Bright & Duggan, Gold Coast)

Strata Support Team Member

- Jevon Taane (Ernst Body Corporate Management)

Strata Community Manager

- Rikki Slaughter (Ernst Body Corporate Management)

2021 SCA (Qld) President's Award for Excellence

SCA (Qld) is proud to announce **Mr Duncan Lee** as the winner of the 2021 President's Award for Excellence. The recipient of this award is recognised as having supported the promotion of high professional standards, and advocacy for reforms beneficial to members and their clients.

Duncan's work with SCA (Qld) has proven crucial to the organisation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly his role in the creation of guides and other resources aimed at helping fellow members, particularly smaller businesses, in navigating the challenges that have challenged strata communities throughout 2020..

Throughout his 20 years of strata management experience and 11 years of SCA membership, Duncan has demonstrated considerable talent in body corporate structure management.

With a Bachelor of Business (Accounting), Duncan has worked as a Financial Controller, Executive Director and Company Secretary, and Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee for several ASX-listed companies. These experiences proved formative to his professional development, not least his expert financial management and problem-solving abilities.

Duncan serves as a member of the SCA (Qld) Education and Training Committee, and Chair of the Professional Standards Committee. He has served previously for four years on the SCA (Qld) Legislation Committee, and also regularly volunteers with local community and sporting associations in his spare time.

"Congratulations to all of our award winners this year for their commitment and their expertise to strata communities right across Queensland, in what has been a year unlike any other for our

industry,” said SCA (Qld) President James Nickless.

“To be able to recognise such talent in person at our 2021 Community Awards for Excellence is an opportunity that we will never again take for granted, and we thank everyone whom attended the ceremony and our Annual Conference for their support” he said.

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About Strata Community Association (Qld)

[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 \$1.1billion.

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.