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Chris Duggan Welcomed as New SCA (National) President: ‘Determined and Driven to Deliver’

Monday 25 October 2021 Strata Community Association (SCA National) is excited to announce Chris Duggan as its next President along with Joshua Baldwin as Vice-President.

Mr Duggan has recently served as the President of SCA (NSW) since 2015, having sat as a director since 2009, and is the Group Managing Director of the Bright & Duggan Property Group. He has considerable experience in the strata industry and holds an incredibly strong ability to build working relationships, consensus and pathways forward among within the strata industry and with its most important stakeholders.

During his tenure as President of SCA (NSW), Mr Duggan has overseen an unparalleled boost for the strata management industry’s public profile and professionalism. Under his watch, SCA (NSW) has led the establishment of an Australian-first Professional Standards Scheme (PSS) for strata managers from 1 July 2021.

He has also overseen the implementation of some of the country’s strongest strata legislation and built strong relationships with government that have yielded positive results for the strata industry. Chris has recently been appointed as the inaugural chair of the NSW Property Services Expert Panel (PSEP)- a direct voice to government on issues impacting the sector and providing expert advice on improving the conduct of agents and the experience of consumers.

Mr Duggan said it was an honour to be elected as SCA (National) President.

“I have a determination and a drive to succeed and deliver for strata industry, not only by jurisdiction, but nationally and as a whole,” said Mr Duggan.

“There are many issues that go beyond state borders and our industry can profit from collaboration, knowledge-sharing and leadership as we forge a path forward on issues such a building defects and cladding, strata insurance, sustainability, professional standards and our path forward out of the COVID pandemic.

I’m delighted to leverage the strong platform and state collaboration that currently exists to ensure we develop nationally consistent strata priorities that support consumers in community living in Australia.

“I also can’t thank or commend outgoing President Andrew Chambers highly enough for his hard work and accomplishments over three years in the role, and in his 20 years of service to SCA,” he said.

Incoming Vice-President Joshua Baldwin has most recently been the President, SCA (SA/NT) (2018 – current) and SCA (National) Board Member since 2020 and his leadership roles both within SCA and as Executive Director at Munro Property Group mean he will bring a wealth of energy and experience to the role.

Speaking about his appointment, he said he is thrilled to be nominated and elected to the role.

“We currently have a board filled with great experience and passion; there are exciting times ahead for SCA and the industry as a whole,” said Mr Baldwin.

“Our members are looking at us to drive innovation and professionalism in the industry and I believe I am ideally positioned to assist Chris and the Board achieve this.

“The \$1.2 trillion strata sector continues to grow with over \$100 million in projects in the pipeline around the country reflect how our sector will continue to support more economic growth in turn job creation in our industry for decades to come,” he said.

Outgoing SCA (National) President Andrew Chambers said it had been an honour to serve the industry for the past 20 years with the last three years as national president which has seen the association deliver strong outcomes for all stakeholders

“One of the key motivating factors when I started on my SCA journey was to increase the profile and professionalism of the industry; we have achieved that with our ongoing education and accreditation program for both individuals and companies together with the work SCA NSW has done getting the professional standards scheme approved,” said Mr Chambers.

“Expanding to New Zealand with our Chapter there was a big move for SCA but one that has certainly been successful.

“The progress and achievements made particularly in recent years would not have been possible without the foresight of past presidents and board directors and in particular the commitment and resolve of SCA (National) CEO Alisha Fisher.

I have been very honoured over the past 20 years to make a lot of friends and meet some amazing people not only here in Australia but from all over the world. For anyone thinking about a career in strata management, get on board because it is a wonderful rewarding industry to be involved in,” said Mr Chambers.

SCA prides itself on representing the growing strata management industry around Australia, and the maintenance of leading standards among its membership.

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About Strata Community Association (SCA)

Strata Community Association (SCA) is the peak body for Industry Managers, Lot Owners, Tenants and Stakeholders living in or affected by Strata Title, Body Corporate, Community Title and Owners Corporations.

SCA proudly fulfils the dual roles of a professional institute and consumer advocate. SCA has in excess of 3,300 members who help oversee, advise, or manage a combined property portfolio with an estimated replacement value of over \$1.2 trillion.

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