

VIC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2021-2022



Building on the momentum generated in 2021, Strata Community Association (Vic) has continued to meaningfully develop and grow in 2022. Such development can be measured by our membership and sponsorship growth numbers, and in the metrics of the three-year strategy set out by our national parent organisation.

The end of 2021 saw the successful return of our Symposium to an in-person event at Caulfield Racecourse, as well as the hosting of our Annual Pillar Awards for Excellence at the RACV Club in Melbourne, recognising the talents and contributions of exceptional individuals throughout the Victorian strata sector.

The beginning of 2022 saw the SCA (Vic) Principals' Retreat take place at the idyllic Peppers Moonah Links Resort, as well as the hosting of the SCA National Principals' Forum and SCA Australia & New Zealand Conference in Melbourne.

In spite of these positive developments at the micro level within SCA in the past year, we have all observed the challenges that early mid 2022 continued to pose many to the way we work and live our lives.

This has included but is not limited to long-unseen economic conditions such as higher levels of inflation, as well as continued shortages and heightened prices for some materials, goods, and services, owing to wide-ranging events affecting Australia and the wider world.

It is with these extraordinary circumstances in consideration that SCA (Vic)'s continued engagement and advocacy work has progressed on a strong note into 2022, with record engagement undertaken with the state government, opposition, and members of the crossbench in this election year.

Three key priorities were identified by SCA (Vic) members early on in 2022 as being of critical importance to advocate for at this year's state election, and into the immediate future, and beyond.

These include enhancing the reputation and professionalism of industry and improving consumer rights and protections, preventing, and responding to building defects, and creating more opportunities for sustainable strata living.

Elsewhere, SCA (Vic) has progressed on several positive policy fronts with Victorian Government agencies and departments, most particularly with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) following the implementation of the *Owners Corporations and Other Acts Amendment Act 2021* and associated regulations in December last year.

I am also pleased to report that SCA (Vic)'s education program of regular virtual and in-person seminars, courses, and presentations, continues to effectively support and upskill our members, and thereby raise the bar across the industry.

The implementation of a mandatory ethics module in 2021/22 for all SCA (Vic) members is yet another step in this process.

SCA (Vic)'s education and professional development programs equip all members with critical knowledge and insights into a plethora of subjects directly relevant to their day-to-day operations, and their clients' needs and expectations, from accounting to ethics, insurance to special resolutions.

We will continue to navigate every aspect of our organisation's mission to support our sector to the fullest extent, and we are excited for what the future holds.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors and members for their invaluable support over the last year, and for continuing with us on the journey ahead throughout the rest of 2022, and into 2023.