



Waratah Whispers

And the winner is.....



The Strata Community Association (SCA) celebrated their annual awards night Friday, 27 July with a very lavish affair at the Star Casino, akin to the 'academy awards' for Strata Managers. 600 people attended, mostly Strata Managers, sponsors, service providers and..... 1 self-managed scheme – Waratah Apartments!

The City of Sydney sponsored one of the 10 awards on the night - an 'Environment and Engagement' award. This award is given to a strata that has shown leadership through positive environmental and community engagement in their strata. Waratah apartments has participated in the City of Sydney Smart Green Apartments Program that has supported our power saving measures and recycling expansion and were to encouraged apply for this award.

Waratah was honoured to be selected as a finalist and invited as a guest at the Sydney of City table on the night. Being the only self-managed large scheme of the 5 nominated on the night, our expectations were low. However, when the words **"And the winner is.....Waratah!"** we were thrilled!

Fred Tuckwell accepted the award and thanked his committee for being engaged and taking ownership for implementing a significant number of the building's environmentally focussed projects. This is a great acknowledgement of what has been achieved by your very engaged committee.

UPDATES

Are you having a moving experience..... "To Do List"

We are always happy to see new residents arrive and sad to see people leave, but it may be that you have forgotten the moving policies of Waratah. Just a reminder:

- As a courtesy to others, moving is not allowed on weekends or public holidays.
- Always book in prior with the concierges to reserve lift blankets, lift lock keys, and instructions for the day and pay your security deposit.
- Be careful when you move – observe furnishings and walls when moving big objects.
- Advise reception when you are finished so they can remove lift blankets and unlock the lift.

Rollers on sliding glass doors (external)

If you are having issues with your doors being hard to open, please let us know. As long as they are original and not renovated, these are considered 'Common Property' and will be repaired by the Strata (not you). Notify Reception and they will inspect and organise any repairs.



Garage Roller Doors

Please note that all our garage doors have sensors to ensure they don't close on your car. However please ensure you don't stop with the garage door over your car, particularly if you are not far enough through to engage the sensor. Sensors can be up to 300mm away from the door!

Participation in the City of Sydney food scraps recycling trial

We have now begun our program for food scrap recycling! For those of you participating, your food scrap caddies are now available from reception. There is a special bin in level 2 garbage room with a **purple lid – this is for food scrap waste only**, but when placing the food scraps in the bin please ensure the scraps are fully wrapped either in the green recyclable plastic bag you were provided with or newspaper to prevent smells, rodents and flies. Haven't signed up.. 'copy & paste' this web address and join us .. cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/foodscraps

Speaking of rubbish...

Thanks to all of you who are taking more care in the rubbish rules! We appreciate your cooperation. To refresh:



- Make sure the rubbish bags that you put down the garbage chute are tied shut, to not leak enroute to the garbage rooms, and are small enough to fit easily into the access door. Overloading will block the chute.
- When you take larger bags down to level 2 garbage room, make sure they don't leak in the lifts! If they do, please wipe it up.
- Recycle – boxes should be broken down flat to allow for maximum capacity in the bins, and please do not put rubbish in the recycle bins.
- Household goods for collection must be booked for pickup through Reception. Only then can you bring it down to Level 2 Garbage room on the Tuesday night before the Wednesday pick up by Council.

Social Time

You may need to rug up, but it's time for our next social gathering. It is scheduled for Sunday 22 September on the 9th floor courtyard as usual, and all are welcome so please come and meet your community! As always, bring your own drinks and a plate to share.

Gym Floor

Due to some excessive vibrations and thumps emanating from the Gym on occasions, we are considering installing a new and more sound proof floor. There is a sample of the suggested flooring now in the gym. While the proposed floor is very effective in reducing noise from weights being dropped and from weight machines, we still ask you to be mindful of not dropping heavy weights. The consequence of retrofitting this new floor is that it is 50mm thick and will reduce the ceiling height slightly. If you have any input on this proposal, please contact reception.

Waratah Library



A special shout out to Susan Timmins who so generously keeps our Tower/Mailbox Library neat, stocked, and interesting for all of us. Remember: if you have good books lying around wishing for attention, please leave them in our library to share with others!

Have a great month!

Your Strata Committee

