

# Strata Law Forum 2026

## PROGRAM

### Registration & Welcome

09:00 – 10:00

Attendee check-in and lanyard collection. Welcome tea and coffee.

### Case Law Update

10:00 – 10:45

*Presented by Mark Lipshutz, CLP Lawyers*

- Overview of the key decisions made in VCAT in the last 12 months
- Learning about the impact they might have and how you should prepare for it

### Morning Tea

10:45 – 11:15

Take some time to digest all the information from the previous session.

### Getting the Forms Right

11:15 – 12:00

*Presented by Leila Idris, Partner, Grace Lawyers*

- How to ensure all approved forms are correctly used
- Fee and final notices: The minor errors that can invalidate a recovery action
- Understand how different OC forms can require different compliance standards
- Learning when intentional decisions are more important than proxy and form defects

### VCAT Fee Recovery: 50 Shades of Grey

12:00 – 12:45

*Presented by Jenny Wang, Director, Berrigan Doube Lawyers*

- Review VCAT cases to define fee recovery requirements
- Identify key challenges within the fee recovery process
- Using in-house case data to manage risks and set realistic OC expectations

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**Lunch & Networking****12:45 – 13:45**

Take a break and share your thoughts with your peers.

**Strata Headaches**  
**Stop your everyday problems turning legal****13:45 – 14:30**

*Presented by Fabienne Loncar, Partner, Chambers Russell Lawyers*

- Ensuring secure handling of personal data, CCTV, and record access compliance
- Promoting clear communication to resolve conflicts and maintain committee cohesion
- Applying firm, fair strategies to manage unreasonable or aggressive owner behaviour
- Providing accurate certificates, avoiding omissions and mitigating compliance risks

**Rectification Works**  
**Owners Corporations and Building Contracts****14:30 – 15:15**

*Presented by Andrew Whitelaw, Director, Whitelaw Flynn Lawyers*

- Using expert reports to separate issues on common property from private lot
- Learning about undertaking a tender process to obtain competitive costing
- Identifying when to use a domestic building contract and its key terms
- Managing the contract and the rectification process

**Afternoon Tea****15:15 – 15:45**

Time to go through your notes from the day and gather your questions.

**Open Q&A****15:45 – 16:30**

*Presented by Tim Graham, Partner, Aitken Partners*

This interactive session will offer attendees the opportunity to pose legal questions and seek clarification directly from the Vice-President of the SCA (Vic) Board.

**Networking & Drinks****16:30 – 17:30**

Continue the conversation and strengthen your professional network. We invite you to unwind over refreshments, connect with your peers, and build new relationships.

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