

# Safe and harmonious apartment living during Covid-19: webinar links and resources



Join Strata lawyer Amanda Farmer to learn how to safely and harmoniously live in your apartment building during Covid-19 (novel coronavirus). This free webinar is brought to you by the City of Sydney.

Amanda will share answers to the frequently asked questions hitting her inbox and answer questions from participants.

Topics covered:

- Keeping common spaces safe
- Visitors, bed hoppers and short term letting
- Disclosure of confirmed cases
- Late payment of levies, waiving interest and payment plans
- Electronic meetings
- Annual fire safety statement compliance
- Preparing for a full lockdown or lockout
- Keeping the peace and staying socially connected

[Access the webinar recording, slides and transcript here](#)

This webinar was hosted by the City of Sydney and generously presented by Amanda Farmer, Founder of Your Strata Property on Thursday 9 April 2020. 639 people registered for the webinar, demonstrating the need for Covid-19 information specific to the strata sector.

While hastily compiled, I hope this information is valuable. Please share it widely and keep yourself up-to-date with developments in this fast moving space.

I am committed to supporting our owners corporations navigate the many and complex decisions that need to be made during this challenging time. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all. I will do whatever is possible to get the answers you need or point you in the right direction.

Lastly, if you haven't already, please complete a [short survey](#) to provide your feedback on the webinar and tell us about the needs and priorities of your owners corporation in the next 6-12 months.

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# Guiding principles for owners corporations

- Make the 'least worst' decision
- Act in good faith and with due diligence
- Keep records of decisions and the reasons why
- Publicise and communicate decisions
- Make it as conflict-free as possible
- **Be compassionate. Be tolerant. Be understanding.**
- Remember you are still bound by the usual strata legislation and governance
- Stay up-to-date by regularly checking [OCN](#), [SCA](#), [Fair Trading](#) and [Your Strata Property](#) websites
- This too shall pass!

# Meetings

Topic	Time stamp
Resolving to conduct meetings in means other than in person	15:00
Resolving to vote in means other than in person	
Election of a new strata committee	

## Useful links

3 minute video 'How to conduct a meeting with one person present

<https://yourstrataproperty.com.au/how-to-hold-a-general-meeting-with-1-person-present-to-approve-future-electronic-meetings/>

Strata Community Association: Best practice Covid-19 guide for committees

<https://www.strata.community/documents/item/1385>

*Strata Schemes Management Act (2015) Schedule 1 - Meeting procedures of owners corporations*

<https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2015/50/sch1>

*Strata Schemes Management Act (2015) Schedule 2 - Meeting procedures of strata committees*

<https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2015/50/sch2>

NSW Fair Trading Strata living guide

[https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/367946/FT-045-Strata\\_Living\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/367946/FT-045-Strata_Living_Guide.pdf)

# Public Health Orders

Topic	Time stamp
Reasonable excuses to be away from home and exceptions – Schedule 1	22:00
Breaches and enforcement of the Order	
It is not the function of Council, an owners corporation, strata committee, building manager or strata managing agent to administer or enforce the Orders	

## Useful links

Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020

[https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/\\_emergency/Public%20Health%20\(COVID19%20Restrictions%20on%20Gathering%20and%20Movement\)%20Order%202020.pdf](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/_emergency/Public%20Health%20(COVID19%20Restrictions%20on%20Gathering%20and%20Movement)%20Order%202020.pdf)

NSW Government What you can and can't do under the rules

<https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

# Safety and cleanliness

Topic	Time stamp
There are no government guidelines for cleaning that are specific to strata	26:45
Closure of recreational facilities (pools, gyms, tennis courts and rooftop terraces)	
Resident access to their own balcony when they are sick	
Evacuation scenarios	

## Useful links

Australian Government: Environmental cleaning and disinfectant principles for Covid-19

<https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/03/environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-principles-for-covid-19.pdf>

Strata Community Association: Best practice Covid-19 guide for building managers

<https://www.strata.community/documents/item/1388>

LookUpStrata: Should owners corporations be closing recreational facilities?

<https://www.lookupstrata.com.au/nsw-covid-19-owners-corporations-close-facilities/>

[Strata Schemes Management Act \(2015\) Section 37](#)

Strata committee members are required to carry out their functions for the benefit, as far as practical, of the owners corporation and with due care and diligence

[Strata Schemes Management Act \(2015\) Section 260](#)

Provides protection from personal liability for committee members acting in good faith

# Deliveries and lifts

Topic	Time stamp
Access considerations for deliveries to residents	30:30
Managing social distancing in lifts	

## Useful links

Owners Corporation Network: lift notice to help residents adopt the 1.5m social distancing rule  
[https://www.ocn.org.au/sites/ocn.org.au/files/images/COVID-19\\_DISTANCING\\_POSTER.jpg](https://www.ocn.org.au/sites/ocn.org.au/files/images/COVID-19_DISTANCING_POSTER.jpg)

PICA: Community Toolkit for Covid-19  
<https://picagroup.com.au/covid-19-toolkit/>



# Disclosure

Topic	Time stamp
Legal disclosure requirements for confirmed and suspected Covid-19 infections	33:20
Voluntary disclosure and privacy	
Disclosure and strata records	

## Useful info

Strata Community Association: Best practice guide for residents

<https://www.strata.community/news/apartment-living-and-covid-19>

# Strata levies and finances

Topic	Time stamp
Waiving interest on overdue levies	37:30
Budget forecasting	
Deferment of non essential upgrades	
Finance options	

## Useful links

Your guide to strata cash flows during a pandemic (Lannock Strata Finance)

<https://lannock.com.au/help-strata-levies-arrears/>

*Strata Schemes Management Act (2015) Section 85*

[http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol\\_act/ssma2015242/s85.html](http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/ssma2015242/s85.html)

# Short-term letting (STL)

Topic	Time stamp
What does the introduction of Section 137A, <i>Strata Schemes Management Act</i> (2015) mean for owners corporations and self-isolation letting?	42:20

## Useful links

*Strata Schemes Management Act* (2015) Section 137A

<https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2018/41/sch2>

Owners Corporation Network: Fact sheet on short-term letting and template by-law

<https://www.ocn.org.au/sites/ocn.org.au/files/documents/Short%20Term%20Letting%20By-Law%20Fact%20Sheet%20December%202019.pdf>

Your Strata Property Happy Hour Podcast: Overview of the new STL legislation and implications of the proposed new Fire Safety Standard for STL (starts at 22:00)

<https://www.facebook.com/yourstrataproperty/videos/263876658340032/>

Australian Financial Review: Airbnb accused of misleading property owners

<https://www.afr.com/property/residential/airbnb-accused-of-misleading-property-owners-20200408-p54i9m>

LookUpStrata: Short-term letting, Airbnb and coronavirus

<https://www.lookupstrata.com.au/nsw-short-term-letting-airbnb-coronavirus/>

# Overcrowding

Topic	Time stamp
City of Sydney assesses all incoming complaints and will respond to complaints about overcrowding where there is an imminent threat to life or safety	46:00
It may be reasonable and lawful for a person to have family or friends temporarily staying with them at this time	
DO NOT report social gatherings or breaches of social distancing to the City of Sydney Council, your strata manager or building manager. Contact your local police or Crimestoppers	

## Useful links

To report overcrowding in the City of Sydney LGA ph: 9265 9333 or complete an online form <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/live/report-local-issues/unauthorised-accommodation>

A general note on overcrowding in the City of Sydney LGA: The number of persons residing in an apartment at any point in time does not necessarily trigger any offence provisions under planning legislation. What triggers the offence provisions is how it is being used. If it is being used for a purpose for which it has no approval, eg. as a boarding house or a backpackers (which is typically what overcrowding complaints actually are) then it may be an offence and the City can take enforcement action such as issuing orders to cease use and/or fines

# Work on common property and renovations

Topic	Time stamp
Contractual obligations	47:20
Protocols to mitigate risks and manage social distancing	

## Useful links

Diverse Group of Companies: Safe Work Method Statement/Risk Assessment Template

<https://yourstrataproperty.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-COVID-19-Risk-Management-SWMS-Caretakers-FMs.pdf>

Diverse Group of Companies: Visitor Register Template

<https://yourstrataproperty.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-COVID-19-Risk-Management-Sign-In-Register.pdf>

# Annual Fire Safety Statements and Fire Safety

Topic	Time stamp
City of Sydney has temporarily suspended issuing penalty infringement notices (PINs) where owners are unable to submit their AFSS due to access issues associated with COVID-19. The application fee has also been waived	50:00
The City of Sydney is continuing to assess buildings fitted with highly combustible cladding; working with owners and their respective consultants in establishing the most appropriate means to deal with the cladding. In issuing fire safety orders City officers need to consider a great many things, time to comply being one of them. Time to comply needs to be cautiously applied to take into account “ <u>risk and ability</u> ”. Concerned parties should engage the City officer to discuss their compliance issues	

## Useful links

Your Strata Property Podcast 208: Discussion of the new Fire Safety Standard for STL and access to apartments for fire safety inspections during Covid-19

<https://yourstrataproperty.com.au/finally-an-accreditation-for-fire-safety-practitioners/>

# Waste management – City of Sydney LGA

## Topic

More people at home for longer periods of time = increased volume of waste and recycling

Waste collection is an essential service and will be maintained in the event of a full shut down

Recycle right and always flatten cardboard boxes

City of Sydney offers a free, weekly pick up service for bulky items (whitegoods, furniture, e-waste and more). **Bookings are essential.** [Book](#) online or call 9265 9333

Bagged garbage only in chutes and bins, regular disinfecting of bin surfaces and handles

Contact the City's Waste Services Team if the volume of waste is exceeding the capacity of onsite waste facilities. They will conduct a site visit and work with your building manager to develop an interim solution. Call 9265 9333

City of Sydney template by-law for waste management (sent as attachment)

## Useful links

We can all be waste wise: City of Sydney resident guide

[https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/315776/We-can-all-be-waste-wise.pdf](https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/315776/We-can-all-be-waste-wise.pdf)

City of Sydney: Bin stickers and signage

<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/live/waste-and-recycling/collection-days-and-bins/free-bin-stickers-posters>

PICA: Covid-19 waste disposal for apartment living

<https://picagroup.com.au/covid-19-waste-disposal-for-apartment-living/>

# Keeping the peace

Topic	Time stamp
Use of by-laws to manage smoking, nuisance and noise	56:40
Be compassionate. Be tolerant. Be understanding	
This too shall pass!	

## Useful links

Changes to NCAT proceedings during Covid-19

<https://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/coronavirus-information-for-people-attending-ncat.aspx>

Parties/gatherings/breaches of social distancing are a criminal offence under the Public Health Order. Report to your local police or CrimeStoppers <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/>

# Staying healthy and connected

## Useful links

NSW Health How to protect yourself and others

<https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others>

RUOK Connection Cards template

<https://www.ruok.org.au/connection-cards>

WhatsOn digital events (many are free!)

<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/venues/online>

Kindness is contagious too

<https://www.domain.com.au/news/kindness-is-contagious-too-the-neighbours-living-in-close-confines-spreading-love-not-germs-944272/>

Advice for starting or joining an online group

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2020-03-17/coronavirus-online-support-groups/12060530>

Hugh Mackay on building community during a crisis

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/conversations/hugh-mackay-2020/12116632>

# Webinar Q&A

Topic	Time stamp
Q: Can I still inspect the strata records? Q: Can a strata managing agent refuse access to documents for strata inspections?	1:02
Q: Does the strata managing agent need to affix the common seal to a document?	1:03
Q: Is a Zoom meeting an in person meeting?	1:04
Q: How can a strata committee resolve to waive interest when interest is set by a general meeting resolution?	1:06
Q: If we already have a by-law to ban STL, do we have to update it?	1:08
Q: Do we have to restrict the number of people in a lift?	1:09

## Useful links

Amanda tackled more questions during her Happy Hour Podcast the day after the webinar – well worth a listen!

<https://www.facebook.com/yourstrataproperty/videos/263876658340032/>

Q: Can my cleaner still come?

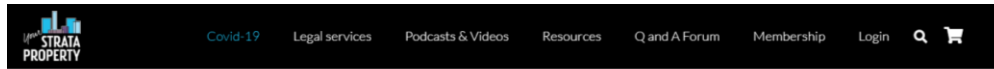
Q: Can building managers unilaterally make a decision to close amenities?

Q: Can a resident claim damages for loss of amenity?

Plus so much more!

# Amanda's Covid-19 hub and Friday Happy Hour

<https://yourstrataproperty.com.au/covid-19-and-strata-info/>



## Covid-19 and Strata

10 Apr at 8:32 am

**Guide to Strata Cash Flows During a Pandemic (Lannock Strata Finance)**

10 Apr at 8:24 am

**An SCA Poster for Your Common Areas**

9 Apr at 6:01 pm

**WEBINAR: Safe and Harmonious Apartment Living During COVID-19**

6 Apr at 4:23 pm

**How to hold a general meeting with 1 person present, to approve future electronic meetings**



<https://www.facebook.com/yourstrataproperty>

# Strata networks



## Darling Square Strata Network

The Darling Square Strata Network meets every 2 months to discuss ideas on strata living.

Our next meeting is April 8 & will be an online webinar format.

We will be discussing **Making your Building Secure**

[Register here >>](#)



We meet every 2 months to discuss & share ideas on strata living.

Our next meeting is on April 21 & will be an online webinar format

We will be discussing **Renovating your Apartment**

[Register here >>](#)



# NSW Fair Trading

<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/publications/coronavirus-covid-19/property>

The screenshot shows the NSW Fair Trading website. The header includes the NSW Government logo, 'Fair Trading', and navigation links: 'About Fair Trading', 'News', 'Help centre', 'Contact us', and 'Languages'. A search bar is present with a magnifying glass icon. Below the header is a horizontal menu with categories: 'Housing & property', 'Trades & businesses', 'Buying products & services', 'Cars & other vehicles', 'Associations & co-operatives', 'Charitable fundraising', and 'Games of chance'. A breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > Resource Library > COVID-19 (Coronavirus) > Renting and property'. The main content area has a large blue banner with the text 'Renting and property' and a dark blue box at the bottom right containing the text 'COVID-19 (Coronavirus)'.

## Strata

What options does a strata committee have to avoid in-person meetings? ▾

Do members of an owners corporation have grounds to challenge any resolutions if the meetings are not carried out as per their usual procedures during this period? ▾

What is an essential service in strata buildings? ▾

What options are available to owners corporations if they can't meet their obligations because of factors such as financial hardship, public health and/or property access issues? ▾

What needs to be done if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 uses common property facilities such as lifts, pools, spas, gyms etc? ▾

What options are available to owners corporations if a strata unit is advertised on Airbnb or other platforms as being suitable for quarantining, which could place others at risk? ▾

Are we still required to hold an annual general meeting of the strata owners corporation? ▾

# Owners Corporation Network

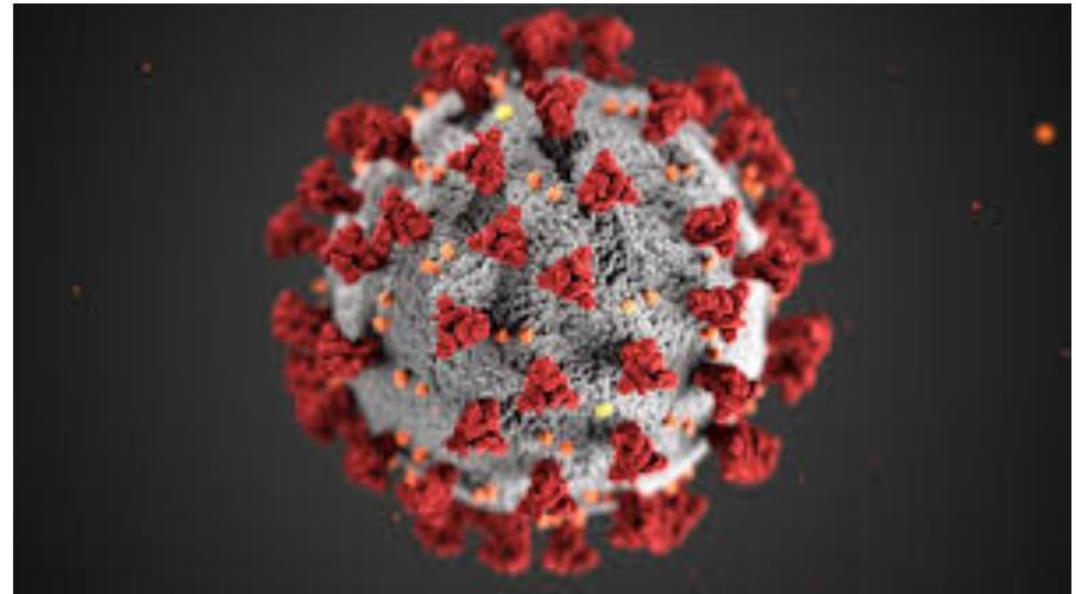
<https://www.ocn.org.au/>

## COVID-19 and Strata Living NSW

27 March 2020 **Update** - In the absence of strata-specific government guidance, on 16 March OCN compiled a high level guide for strata communities. Our request to meet with the NSW Fair Trading Commissioner to address this lack of support has resulted in 2 teleconferences with NSW Fair Trading heads and a teleconference with Minister Anderson's office, and finally some FAQs. See OCN Guide and relevant links. And pl

COVID-19 & STRATA LIVING

QLD BODY CORPORATE COMMISSIONER ALERT




[https://www.ocn.org.au/sites/ocn.org.au/files/images/COVID-19\\_DISTANCING\\_POSTER.jpg](https://www.ocn.org.au/sites/ocn.org.au/files/images/COVID-19_DISTANCING_POSTER.jpg)

# Strata Community Association NSW


<https://nsw.strata.community/covid-19-information-for-sca-nsw-members/>

**KEEP OUR APARTMENT COMMUNITY SAFE**  
COVID-19 GUIDELINES




Avoid infection and slow the spread of COVID-19

**1**




Do not have visitors to your home or the common property unless they are providing you with care and support when you are unwell, disabled, elderly or pregnant.

**2**




Good hygiene includes covering your coughs and sneezes with your elbow and cleaning your home and workplace.

**3**




Surgical masks should only be worn by people who are unwell. If you are well, you do not need to wear a mask.

**4**




Safely handle, clean, sanitise and dispose of household waste. If necessary double bag your rubbish.

**5**




Stay at home and restrict your activities. There are only four reasons to leave your home: food & supplies, medical care, exercise or work & education.

**6**




Keep in mind the 1.5m social distancing rule when using lifts in your building.

**7**




Limit your contact and social interactions with other people.

**8**



Wash and dry hands regularly. Use soap and water and wash for at least 20 seconds.

For the most current information on COVID-19 please visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)




## Apartment Living & COVID-19 Best Practice Guideline

COVID-19 is a respiratory disease spread between people who are in close contact (1.8m or less) with one another, apartment buildings and other shared living spaces pose the potential risk of an infected resident spreading the virus to other residents - also known as community spread.

Whether you're a landlord, owner occupier, committee or a building owner, here's what you need to know about preparedness, communication and resident safety during the COVID-19 outbreak.

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The Committee Responsibility
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## COVID-19


GUIDANCE AND UPDATES

3 April 2020 | 4.00pm - 5.00PM



# NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal

<https://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/coronavirus-information-for-people-attending-ncat.aspx>



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## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

NCAT has made changes to reduce the risk of the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

### Temporary changes to NCAT operations


Currently, all NCAT hearings will be held online or by phone. Priority will be given to urgent cases. Please avoid attending an NCAT Registry.

You can lodge your application and documents:

- [online for most Consumer and Commercial Division applications](#)
- [by post](#)
- [via Service NSW](#) 

If you are unable to access these services please follow the [instructions for lodging by email](#).

Please read the [President's Message](#) to find out more about the temporary changes to NCAT's operations.

Find general information about measures in place and restrictions on accessing [courts and tribunals during the COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) pandemic](#) .

# HVAC and Covid-19

[https://www.airah.org.au/Web/Industry\\_Leadership/Update on coronavirus/Common questions about COVID-19/AIRAH/Navigation/Industry leadership/Coronavirus information/Common questions about COVID-19.aspx](https://www.airah.org.au/Web/Industry_Leadership/Update_on_coronavirus/Common_questions_about_COVID-19/AIRAH/Navigation/Industry_leadership/Coronavirus_information/Common_questions_about_COVID-19.aspx)



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## Common questions about COVID-19 and air conditioning and refrigeration systems

Given the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, people are understandably concerned about how the disease is spread and whether air conditioning, refrigeration or other related HVAC&R systems could play a role.

AIRAH has compiled some of the most frequently asked questions and will continue to update these as more information becomes available.

Links to further resources are also provided on the [AIRAH Coronavirus Information Page](#).

### Can COVID-19 be transmitted through air conditioning systems?

At this stage, there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread through air conditioning systems. Please note, however, that organisations around the world are assessing ongoing research on the ways COVID-19 is spread and will continue to share updated findings.

The World Health Organization (WHO) notes that it is mainly spread through contact with respiratory droplets (droplet nuclei).

When someone with COVID-19 coughs, sneezes, talks or even exhales, these droplets land on nearby objects and surfaces. Other people can become infected with the virus by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

People can also become infected with the virus if they directly inhale airborne droplets from a person with COVID-19 who has expelled the droplets from their mouth.

The WHO recommends staying more than one metre away from a person who is sick. Research shows that airborne droplets can travel much further than one metre so it's important to be mindful of this when you are near other people. How far airborne droplets carrying the virus can travel depends on air movement but can be several meters.

# Government websites

Follow the latest updates from [NSW Health](#) and [Australian Government Department of Health](#).

NSW Health has [English](#) and [multilingual](#) resources that can be displayed in buildings and digitally.



# Sydney Water

 **Sydney Water**  
5 March · 🌐

Remember, the only things you can flush down the toilet are the three P's - pee, poo and (toilet) paper! 🚽 Items such as tissues, kitchen roll, newspaper and wet wipes don't break down within our systems, and can lead to blockages.

**Only ever flush  
the three p's**



**pee, poo & (toilet) paper!**

## Warning with wastewater blockages on the rise



### Media release

#### 1 April

Sydney Water is reporting an increase in blockages in the wastewater system, caused by a rise in non-flushable items such as wet wipes being disposed of down the toilet.

The increase follows weeks of sustained shortages of toilet paper in supermarkets amid COVID-19.

Darren Cash, Manager Customer Hub at Sydney Water, says customers flushing alternatives to toilet paper can have serious consequences for public health and the environment.

"We're concerned because we've seen a 22% rise in blockages for March caused by non-flushables such as wet wipes and tissues.

"The build-up of wet wipes, facial tissues and paper towels along with fats, oils and grease which people pour down the drain can cause blockages and what we call fatbergs. This can result in overflows into local waterways and homes," said Mr Cash.

"Even though wet wipes might state that they are flushable on their packaging, the reality is that they don't break down. And even though facial tissues might be made from fine materials, they also don't break down."

"If people are forced to use alternatives to toilet paper they should dispose of it in the bin." Sydney Water estimates that about 75% of wastewater blockages involve flushable wet wipes.

The cost to Sydney Water of removing the 500 tonnes of flushed wet wipes from the wastewater system is upwards of \$8 million every year, and this figure is growing.

"This problem isn't just a financial hit to Sydney Water. Individual home owners may also be out of pocket with expensive plumbing bills. One Sydney resident had a plumbing bill of \$16,000 to repair a problem caused by flushing wet wipes", said Mr Cash.

"Our customers should remember only the three Ps can be flushed down your toilet – pee, poo and (toilet) paper."

"We also remind customers to use a rubbish bin to dispose of fats, oils, grease and other food scraps instead of washing them down sinks."

# PICA Covid-19 Community Tool

<https://picagroup.com.au/covid-19-toolkit/>



## Cleaning guidelines for apartment living

Current evidence suggests that novel COVID-19 may remain viable for hours to days on various surfaces. Here's some tips on how you can effectively clean and disinfect in your building.

[Read](#)



## Waste disposal for apartment living

We recommend taking extra precautionary measures with waste disposal to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, which can remain viable on surfaces for some hours to days. Find out more on what to consider when it comes to waste disposal.

[Read](#)



## Managing building works during a health crises

Many committees may be wondering whether to continue with scheduled works for their building or to restrict contractors on-site to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19. When considering what works should go ahead, and what to postpone, committees should bear in mind these key points.

Sign up today to receive regular COVID-19 updates.

Coming soon



## Cautionary measures for committee members

Here's some of the essential health and financial measures committees can take to protect owners and residents, and minimise the spread of COVID-19.

[Read](#)



## Helpful information for owners and residents

As a community, let's do our part in caring for each other. Find out the latest information to stay informed.

[Read](#)



## Maintaining compliance

Maintaining common property is a legal requirement for all owners and committees. Ensure your community is adequately protected.

[Read](#)

# Pyrmont locals are rocking Covid-19!



Watch the video:

<https://www.facebook.com/christine.thompson.71868/videos/10222339686665752/>

# Darlo Darlings are too!



The Take What You Need Easter Shelf is up at 44 Holt Street today and tomorrow until 4pm. If you have lost your income this year and are struggling with treats for the kids, come by and get a few things. No need to come in and ask, just help yourself. Feel free to send anyone our way who could do with a free treat. x



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#COVIDkindness We're about to live through a tough time: many people have lost their incomes, we're all more physically isolated, we're worried about people we love getting sick or dying. But there is also generosity and community flourishing: shout out to @darlodarlings for Darlo Pantry, neighbours helping neighbours is just what we need right now. If you have needs or have to give, it just outside @marktheflorist  
#Sydneylocal #covidaustralia



jessscullysydney



Oh Darlings. You've done it again! Although I wasn't at the Green Park service last night, I heard all about the steady stream of meals that were bought to the homeless feed and how much our street friends rave about them. I honestly can't thank you enough. You are all absolutely amazing. !!

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5 comments

# And Erko is on point as always!

**Maggie Hamilton**  
4 April at 10:49

Guys + Gels We Need To Try Harder - to compress ALL recyclables possible - our cleaners are run off their feet. Every time we use a second bin on our individual floor areas we double the workload. As we're not exactly time stretched right now, let's make sure everything that can be crushed or flattened is flattened before placing it in the recycling bin. We can do this.



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**Lisa Friedlander** To our darling neighbors I am going to say this one more time we live in a beautiful community who care for each other and offer support. Level 5 Pearl St (Lobby 2). I imagine you had fun with your new PlayStation device!!! What is not fun is the gig...  
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**Erko Community** Hi Erko community & neighbours, KEEP FLATTENING those boxes, plastics & rubbish. In the Erko building, only a few people this weekend did not do the right thing. You suck, but everyone else ROCKS! Oh, and no polystyrene in the recyclables please | 泡沫塑料 | 非常感谢您的好意 ❤️  
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**erko apartments**  
erskineville

March 16, 2020

Dear Residents

During the next few months, some of us may be required to self-isolate because of returning from overseas or being in contact with someone who has the COVID 19 virus.

We must ensure that we all make the greatest effort to ensure that the infection spreads as slowly as possible.

If you are told to self-isolate, it is because you might be carrying the COVID 19 virus and could pass it on to others. You should:

- wear a mask and disposable gloves if you need to go outside your apartment.
- get your deliveries brought to your door- you can buzz couriers up in your lift.
- not share a lift with others – Do not enter if there are other people in it.
- always stay 1.5 metres away from any other person .
- inform the Building Manager that you are self-isolated. He will then inform residents which Lobby and level is affected (not giving your name) so they can be extra careful.

If you have been diagnosed/or advised that you have the COVID 19 virus, you should not leave your apartment for any reason. If you need urgent support or assistance, you can ask for help from your neighbours via the [Erko Facebook page](#). Many residents have already volunteered to support the Erko Community during this difficult time.

You might find the [NZ Ministry of Health information about self-isolation](#) useful.

Regards

Lindy Taylor  
Secretary, Erko Strata Committee

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3pm today people!!! Get your activewear on...or just do a workout in your pj's 😊😊



FRI, 27 MAR  
**Courtyard Workout**  
Your balcony

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**Whoever's cranking Taylor Swift's bad blood may I request some Spice Girls next please!**

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