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CPD COURSES

Sydney Sales (AM) or Prop Mgmt (PM) Fri 10th Jul

Sydney Business Broking Wed 22nd Jul

Gosford Sales & Prop Mgmt Thu 30th Jul

Blue Mountains Sales & Prop Mgmt Fri 31st Jul

Castle Hill Sales & Prop Mgmt Thu 6th Aug

Northern Beaches Sales & Prop Mgmt Wed 12th Aug

Ballina Sales & Prop Mgmt (AM) or Strata (PM) Mon 17th Aug

Sydney Strata Thu 20th Aug

Sydney Commercial & Retail Sales & Leasing Wed 26th Aug

Asbestos.....a timely update

Whilst we have discussed the risks of asbestos in previous newsletters and in our CPD training, the recent NSW Government initiative stemming from the "Mr Fluffy" concerns, renews the need to bring this to the attention of Property Managers and Strata Managers.

So who or what is Mr Fluffy? Mr Fluffy was a company that filled roof cavities with loose asbestos insulation between 1968 to 1979. This type of asbestos is particularly harmful as it is in a raw form, it is easily disturbed and can be inhaled easily.

The company has been identified as having filled roofs in both NSW and Canberra. Whilst there were some previous initiatives in Canberra to treat affected homes and remove the asbestos fibres, the concern remains that there may be leftover fibres or even properties that were not treated at all.

The Mr Fluffy Company was not known for great record keeping, so identifying the properties that were worked on by them is not as easy as looking up a register. In Canberra there have been approximately 1,000 properties identified as being affected, however, the final number in NSW is as yet unknown, with 65 properties identified so far.

The NSW Government announced this week their voluntary purchase and demolition programme for any NSW property that receives a positive reading for the lose fill asbestos. The program will offer homeowners a choice of actions:

- 1. a NSW Government purchase of premises and land or
- 2. a NSW Government purchase of the premises only.

There will also be a level of compensation/funding available to the owners to assist in things like finding other accommodation, moving expenses, replacement of affected furnishings.

The NSW Government has released a number of guidelines that they recommend for agents:

- 1. Agents should inform their principals that properties constructed before 1980 may contain loose-fill asbestos insulation.
- 2. At the time of conducting their initial inspection, agents should ask their principal to complete a questionnaire which includes the following questions:

CPD 2 HOUR SEMINARS (8am - 10am unless otherwise specified)

Full 12 points!!

Parramatta Sales & Prop Mgmt Thu 9th Jul

Sydney Trust Accounting Thu 16th Jul

Liverpool Sales & Prop Mgmt Fri 17th Jul

Castle Hill Sales & Prop Mgmt Mon 20th Jul

Newcastle Sales & Prop Mgmt Wed 22nd Jul

Ballina Trust Accounting Mon 27th Jul

Tweed Heads Trust Accounting Mon 27th Jul 2pm - 4pm

Sales & Prop Mgmt Fri 31st Jul

Newcastle Trust Accounting Fri 7th Aug

Bankstown Sales & Prop Mgmt Thu 13th Aug

- · What date was the property originally constructed?
- Has the property been renovated since it was originally built? If so, obtain details.
- Is the principal aware of the presence of any loose-fill asbestos insulation in the property?
- If yes, the principal should specify all locations where they believe loose-fill asbestos insulation is present.
- Has a Licensed Asbestos Assessor inspected the property for loose-fill asbestos insulation? If yes, is a copy of the report available?
- 3. If, based on the instructions received from the principal, the agent becomes aware of the presence of loose-fill asbestos or suspects that loose-fill asbestos may be present on the property built prior to 1980, the agent should consider practical measures to ensure the health and safety of their workers, clients and others. In this regard, the agent should take the following steps:
 - Request the Principal register for free testing (available until 14 August 2016 in specified local government areas).
 - Request the Principal provide any test results to the agent.
 - Request the Principal informs the residents of the test result.
 - If the likelihood of exposure to airborne asbestos fibres is high, the agent should exclude their workers and clients from approaching the site.

Finally, there is free testing available for properties that were built prior to 1980 in 36 Local government Areas until August 2016. The local areas include:

Albury City Council Bega Valley Shire Council Bombala Council Cooma Monaro Shire Council Goulburn Mulwaree Council Ku-ring-gai Shire Council Manly Council Orange City Council Parramatta City Council Snowy River Shire Council Tumbarumba Council Wagga Wagga City Council Yass Valley Shire Council Bankstown City Council Berrigan Shire Council Boorowa Council Eurobodalla Shire Council Greater Hume Shire Council Lithgow City Council North Sydney Council Palerang Council Queanbeyan City Council The Hills Shire Council Upper Lachlan Shire Council Warringah Council Young Shire Council

Til next time, Wishing you every success in your business ventures, Rosy Sullivan

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION **COURSES**

Sydney Mon 13th – Wed 15th Jul

Sydney

(Dist Ed + 2 day workshop) Sat 18th - Sun 19th Jul

Gosford (Dist Ed + 1 day workshop) Tue 21st Jul

Castle Hill Mon 3rd – Wed 5th Aug

Penrith (Dist Ed + 1 day workshop) Fri 14th Aug

Ballina (Dist Ed + 1 day workshop) **Tue 18th Aug**

Newcastle (Dist Ed + 1 day workshop) Fri 21st Aug

FINANCE AND MORTGAGE BROKING COURSES

Cert IV in Finance & Mortgage Broking Sydney Mon 10th - Wed 12th Aug

Dip of Finance & Mort Broking Mgmt

Upgrade for existing Cert IV holders Sydney Thu 13th - Fri 14th Aug

News from the Office

The ACOP team have been working extremely hard over the past few weeks. We celebrated our remote team member Steph's birthday with a fantastic tall chocolate American mud cake, which unfortunately Steph didn't have the delight of trying because she is also working very hard for us in London.

As well as all the cake in the office we've had plenty of courses running in Sydney and regional NSW. We held our CPD workshops in Wollongong, Gosford and Bankstown. We also held courses in Newcastle, Parramatta and Melbourne.

With all these courses and a busy office the team is definitely looking forward to the weekend and we are all praying that the sun will be shining!

Have you ever thought about being a trainer?

ACOP are working in collaboration with another Registered Training Organisation to offer the Cert IV in Training and Assessment - TAE40110.

This is the essential qualification required if you want to be a trainer in the adult vocational industry.

Why not expand your skills and knowledge and add that extra string to your bow and enhance your future career options.

Course Brochure

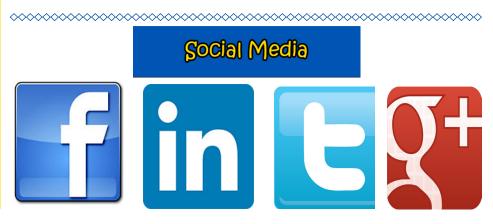
2 Hr Trust Accounting Regional Seminars

Do you need a quick refresher course to update your Trust accounting knowledge?

27th Jul	Tweed Heads
27th Jul	Ballina
7th Aug	Newcastle

25th Aug 28th Aug 16th Oct

Wollongong Goulburn Tamworth



Property Licence Courses

Experienced Agents Property Licence Program Parramatta Mon 13th - Fri 17th Jul

Trust Accounting Parramatta

Mon 13th - Wed 15th Jul

Property Management Parramatta Wed 15th - Fri 17th Jul

Business Broking Agency Practices Sydney Thu 25th - Fri 26th Jun

Sales for Real Estate Sydney Tue 21st - Fri 24th Jul

Strata Management Agency Practices Sydney Tue 7th - Fri 10th Jul

Stock & Station Agency Practices Sydney Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Nov

Financial Management Sydney Thu 30th - Fri 31st Jul

Staff Management Sydney Mon 27th - Tue 28th Jul

Auctioneer Accreditation Sydney Fri 18th Sep

Is it Time You Upgraded to Your Licence?

ACOP runs an Experienced Agents Property Licence Program which, in conjunction with Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment, will enable you to complete your Real Estate Licence qualification in 5 days with take home assessments.

We will also assist you with completion and submission of your licence application to NSW Fair Trading free of charge.

Free Assessment

Send us your resume & copies of any qualification transcripts you may have for a free and confidential preliminary RPL assessment.







Online CPD now available for Real Estate Sales, Property Management, Commercial & Retail Sales & Leasing, Business Broking, Strata, Stock and Station and On-site Residential Property Management.

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