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## **College Chronicle**

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# **CPD COURSES**

Sydney Sales (AM) or Prop Mgmt (PM) Thu 14th Jan

Newcastle Sales & Prop Mgmt Wed 20th Jan

Castle Hill Sales & Prop Mgmt Thu 4th Feb

# Bathurst

Stock & Station (AM) or Sales & Prop Mgmt (PM) Mon 8th Feb

#### Sydney Commercial & Retail Sales & Leasing Tue 9th Feb

Sydney Strata Wed 10th Feb

Ballina Sales & Prop Mgmt Mon 15th Feb

#### Tweed Heads Sales & Prop Mgmt (AM) or Strata Mgmt (PM) Mon 15th Feb

Goulburn Stock & Station Fri 19th Feb

# 2015...what an exciting time it was

As we arrive at the Christmas / New Year festive season with no warning, as it only seems like it should be July, it is time to reflect on the year that has been. Every day we hear the news, read the papers, and see it on the internet - the bad things that are happening in our world. This time of the year is when we should be reflecting on what has been happening in our lives during the year, and planning to make our lives, and the lives of those we can influence, a better place to exist.

During 2015, we at ACOP have further extended our training from mainly the property sector into the finance sector with many more students completing the accounting, mortgage broking and in particular the financial planning training.

In these our fortnightly newsletters, we have looked at issues ranging from legislation:

- The new Underquoting reforms due for release on 1st January 2016
- The new 2014 version of the NSW Law Society Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Land
- New reforms to Strata Laws
- Legislation relating to off-the-plan sales and in particular to the sunset clauses
- The ability to now lodge residential rental bonds on-line (yes we have moved into the current age of technology)

We also looked at general issues, including:

- Agency agreements their accuracy, checking the Principals, particularly when the Principal is a corporate entity
- Solar panels
- Unclaimed monies
- Keeping CPD records
- Mould
- Asbestos
- Tenancy disputes
- Selecting the "right" tenants
- Granny flats
- Taking deposits on exchange
- Water usage by tenants
- Disclosures to clients
- The auction process
- First Home Owners Grant

CPD 2 HOUR SEMINARS (8am - 10am unless otherwise specified) Pre-reading required.

### Full 12 points!!

Sydney Strata Fri 15th Jan

Parramatta Sales & Prop Mgmt Tue 19th Jan

Castle Hill Sales & Prop Mgmt Fri 22nd Jan

Sales & Prop Mgmt Wed 27th Jan

Sydney Trust Accounting Fri 29th Jan

Penrith Sales & Prop Mgmt Tue 2nd Feb

Bankstown Sales & Prop Mgmt Wed 3rd Feb

Parramatta Trust Accounting Fri 5th Feb

Liverpool Sales & Prop Mgmt Wed 10th Feb

Byron Bay Trust Accounting Mon 15th Feb

Sydney Business Broking Fri 19th Feb All of these combined with discussions surrounding a new level of training for property agents, based on increased standards; and proposed increase in educational standards for financial planners – has meant that ACOP has been closely watching the government websites and the legislation sites for amendments and new cases that support our training.

At the College this year, as we were one of the few Registered Training Organisations that were granted the ability to offer government funding in the property and finance sectors, we are closely monitored by State Training Services. After our major re-registration audit as a College in 2014, we seem to be very good at coping with government audits......which is a good thing, because in early March we were notified that we would be audited for our government funded training programs (known as the Smart and Skilled program). Much preparation and checking – only to receive an audit that was so straightforward, seemed wrong. But I guess that I am constantly repeating in training "that your paperwork is what will protect you" – I proved that this is totally correct. Just as well I had met the auditors before and they could remember my obsession with detail. They laughed - but I still made them look at every one of my manuals. Needless to say, we passed audit and have been progressively given more and more government funding for the entire year. So, if you are looking for a real estate licence, a strata licence, a business administration, mortgage broking, accounting or financial planning qualification - we have government funding for all of these gualifications. There is no debt at the end of the training (ever), it is a really good government package. Talk to us if you are interested - or simply visit our website.

At this time of the year, many of us are focusing on the good times ahead with our family and loved ones – planning our gatherings and the copious amounts of food that we will consume. The Sullivan Christmas celebration this year was held a fortnight early, as eight of the immediate family are going to be absent on Christmas Day. It was strange having the big gathering for the twenty eight of my immediate family on a different day – but none the less, it was (as always) a day full of good cheer with the ones I love most. As I noted last year, the planning of such family events and followed by the other festive gatherings with friends, always leads me to think of the alternative situations within our community. The College supports a number of charities, including the Manly Women's Shelter, the Cambodian Children's Fund (CCF) and the Salvation Army. All of these charities will work hard at this time of the year to bring some happiness to the people that they support.





# CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION COURSES

Sydney Mon 11th – Wed 13th Jan

Sydney (Dist Ed + 2 day workshop) Sat 16th – Sun 17th Jan

Gosford (Dist Ed + 1 day workshop) Tue 19th Jan

Parramatta Wed 20th – Fri 22nd Jan

Castle Hill Mon 1st – Wed 3rd Feb

Bathurst (Dist Ed + 1 day workshop) Tue 9th Feb

**Bowral** (Dist Ed + 1 day workshop) **Thu 25th Feb** 

Newcastle (Dist Ed + 1 day workshop) Fri 26th Feb

# FINANCE AND MORTGAGE BROKING COURSES

Cert IV in Finance & Mortgage Broking Sydney Mon 18th - Wed 20th Jan

Dip of Finance & Mort Broking Mgmt Upgrade for existing Cert IV holders Sydney Thu 21st - Fri 22nd Jan We should all remember that in our line of business in the property, finance and business sectors within Australia that we are extremely fortunate and now is the time to translate our fortune to others that are in real need. So, I encourage all of us to think about those in need in our local communities and find a way of helping out in some way, be it small or large – it will make everyone's Christmas better. John and I, and one of our nephews Braden, are off to Cambodia after Christmas to work with the Cambodian Children's Fund and its associated organisations. This will be our second visit to Cambodia and we are looking forward to the many surprises that it will bring, not to mention a new year celebration on the banks of the Mekong River.

On behalf of John and myself and all of the ACOP team, we send our warm festive regards and wish you a truly happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous 2016. We are looking forward to seeing you all in the new year.

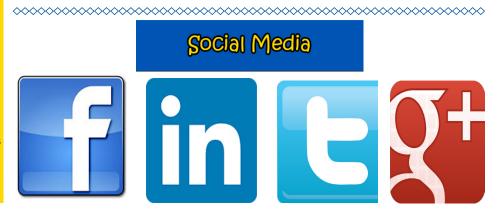
'Til next time, Wishing you every success in your business ventures, Rosy Sullivan



Merrry Christmas and

**Happy New Year** 

Our office closes at 5pm on **Friday 18th December** and re-open on **Monday 4th January** at 8.30am.



### Property Licence Courses

Experienced Agents Property Licence Program Sydney Mon 1st - Fri 5th Feb

Trust Accounting Sydney Mon 1st - Wed 3rd Feb

Property Management Sydney Wed 3rd - Fri 5th Feb

Business Broking Agency Practices Sydney Thu 4th - Fri 5th Feb

Sales for Real Estate Sydney Tue 9th - Fri 12th Feb

Strata Management Agency Practices Sydney Mon 18th - Fri 21st Jan

Stock & Station Agency Practices Sydney Mon 9th - Fri 13th May

Financial Management Sydney Wed 27th - Thu 28th Jan

Staff Management Sydney Mon 1st - Tue 2nd Feb

Auctioneer Accreditation Sydney Thu 3rd Mar

# Do you want a Real Estate Licence?

Are you 15 years old or over?

Are you no longer at school?

Are you living or working in NSW?

Are you an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen?

If you answered YES to the above questions, you will be eligible for **government funding**.

#### **Free Assessment**

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

Complete the

# **Eligibility Survey**

