




Expo seminar series - Saturday 1 June 2024

Sessions will run concurrently. Join us for the ones that matter most to you and consider inviting others from your owners corporation to attend additional sessions. You'll need a free [High Life Expo ticket](#) to get in. Each session will include an audience Q&A so bring your questions for our brilliant experts and exemplars!

	Bourke Room, RACV City Club	Bayside Room, RACV City Club
10:30 11:30	<p>Electrify everything: retrofitting apartments and common infrastructure</p> <p>Learn from pioneering apartment buildings already embracing electrification. Understand more about all-electric technology options and what you need to consider as you make the switch – induction cook tops, hot water heat pumps, heating and cooling options, electricity load considerations, and more.</p> <p>Speakers • Craig Harris, Principle, LID consulting • Peter Steele, Director, Goodbye Gas</p> <p>Session sponsor: </p>	<p>Building bonds: creating connected and resilient apartment communities</p> <p>Connected communities are better able to manage their building, and are more resilient in times of crisis. Hear examples of how vertical communities are being created, and get tools to follow in their footsteps.</p> <p>Speakers • Nicholas Abbey, strata advocate & passionate community builder • Ash Lee, Neighbourhood Partner Southbank & Elissa McMillian, City Resilience Strategy Lead, City of Melbourne</p>
12:30 1:30	<p>Charging ahead: retrofitting electric vehicle infrastructure in apartment buildings</p> <p>Selecting an optimal EV charging solution can be complex amidst the myriad of technology and suppliers. Our panel of experts will offer invaluable insights and case studies for both shared and private charging in apartment buildings.</p> <p>Speakers • Adam Farrugia, GHIC • Tait Bonito, Sector Manager - Apartments, JET Charge • Nicholas Burt, Chief Executive, Facilities Management Australia • Sebastian Golotta, Sustainability and project Manager, Engine Property Group with Specialized Solar and Electrical</p> <p>Session sponsor: </p>	<p>Climate comfort: retrofitting apartments and common areas for year-round energy efficiency</p> <p>Improving efficiency equals smaller bills, plus improved comfort and sustainability. In this session you'll get expert advice and learn about tools to help make your common infrastructure, and your apartment more energy efficient. Plus, you'll be inspired by a beautiful, and sustainable DIY apartment retrofit.</p> <p>Speakers • Davina Rooney, Chief Executive Officer, Green Building Council • Nick Tassigiannakis, Managing Director, Bridgeford Group • Shaun Tompkins, DIY renovator & sustainable buildings expert</p>
2:00 3:00	<p>Solar solutions for your apartment community</p> <p>It's time to explore solar for your apartment. Learn about solar sharing technology, hear from Solar Victoria about rebates, and understand opportunities to plug into renewable energy through an embedded network.</p> <p>Speakers • Solar Victoria • Allume • Andrew McMeekin, General Manager, Active Utilities</p> <p>Session sponsor: </p>	<p>Better with less: efficiency and electrification for renters, the budget-conscious, and DIYers</p> <p>Whether you're a renter or have budget limitations, you still deserve an efficient, comfortable home. Get expert advice about making your apartment more thermally comfortable, efficient, and electric within the bounds of your rental agreement or available budget.</p> <p>Speakers • Maurice Beinat, Technical Director, ecoMaster • Tim Forcey, Home Energy Advisory and author of My Efficient Electric Home Handbook</p>

Online seminar series

Online seminars are free. Bookings are essential (and separate to your main High Life Expo ticket)

Book now for the online seminar sessions

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Waste not: how to reduce and optimise waste management and recycling in apartment buildings

When: Monday 20 May, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Waste and recycling in apartment buildings can be a point of challenge or even tension. Differing expectations, spacial issues, and cost implications all come into play. But there are solutions.

Discover how Reground has assisted owners corporations across greater Melbourne to reimagine their waste spaces and enhance amenity.

How they foster engagement, education, and empowerment among residents, committees, and facilities managers to achieve sustainable waste management goals.

Plus, learn how Returnr Marketplace can help you stop waste at the source. Returnr is new way to shop online. They offer home delivered groceries in reusable, returnable packaging.

- Speakers
- Alice Callagher, Consultancy Manager, [Reground](#)
 - Brett Capron, Design Director, [Returnr Marketplace](#)

Naturally cool: planting for cooling, beautification, and connection in apartment buildings

When: Wednesday 12 June, 6:00 – 7:00pm

Cooling your home in summer, beautification, social amenity for recreation and mental wellbeing, creating habitat for native animals and insects – there are so many reasons to bring nature into your apartment complex.

In this session we'll explore greening options for spaces and budgets of all shapes and sizes. Get insights and advice from greening experts about how you or your owners corporation could cultivate and enjoy a lush, green, apartment complex.

And take a peak at the Docklands apartment building that's been transforming spaces from gray to green.

- Speakers
- [Dr Thami Croeser](#), Research Fellow, RMIT
 - [Janette Corcoran](#), Chair, [Victoria Point Owners Corporation](#)
 - [Geoff Heard](#), Managing Director, [Fytogreen](#)

Getting to yes! Navigating good decision-making in owners corporations

When: Monday 17 June, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Navigating and making good decisions with your owners corporation can be one of the biggest challenges of apartment living. So how can we do it better?

In this session, you'll get an overview of the legislated decision-making process, as demanded by the Victorian Owners Corporation Act.

But perhaps more importantly, we'll explore what else could be done to smooth the path for a decision. What can help owners engage with the matter, understand and address different perspectives, and feel like they are moving forward together rather than breaking into factions.

- Speakers
- [Julie McLean](#), [Strata Community Association Victoria](#), Immediate Past President
 - [Elena Pereyra](#), architect and co-chair of [Cohousing Australia](#)
 - [Jeanette Corcoran](#), Director, [Owners Corporation Network](#)