

HAPPY NEW YEAR



LEGAL MATTERS

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Rental Bonds Online

New laws are set to take effect from **30 January 2017**, which require landlords and real estate agents to invite tenants to lodge rental bonds online.

The manual paper based method of lodgement will still be available for those without internet access however, all new tenants will be invited to use the new online system.

Landlords and agents who fail to invite a new tenant to lodge their bond online will be in breach of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 and may face a \$2,200 fine.

No other provisions of the Act are affected by this amendment. More information can be found [here](#).

From the team here at Cassab's, we would like to welcome all our clients, colleagues, friends and family into the new year! We look forward to working again with you this year!



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Inspiration for the month:

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible!

- Audrey Hepburn



Myth busters!

Since announcing the new strata reforms back in our August issue last year, some misconceptions about their effect have come to light. Time to set the records straight...

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MYTH!

Pets cannot be banned— Each strata scheme may decide their by laws including rules about pets

Smoking is banned—smoking is not banned but may attract a penalty if it's a nuisance or hazard

Tenants have the right to vote at meetings—tenants can attend meetings, but cannot vote

Proxy voting is unlimited—proxy voting is limited to 1 vote (<20 lots) or 5% (>20 lots)

More information can be found [here](#)!