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Sectional Title News for Everyone

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Win a copy of the Sectional Title Survival Manual!

Paddocks is giving away 5 copies of the [Sectional Title Survival Manual](#) and 5 copies of the [Deeltitel Oorlewingsgids](#) to Paddocks Press readers.

To enter the competition, answer this question and submit your answer by 6 August 2010.

Question:

How many chapters are there in the *Sectional Title Survival Manual*?

Please submit your answer to Kate by email on kate@paddocks.co.za by Friday, 6 August 2010.

Home Owners' Association Management course

The only specialised course in HOA management in South Africa

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GetSmarter, Paddocks' sister training company, specialises in online training. GetSmarter has five new courses in the second half of 2010:

[UCT Basics of Financial Management course](#)

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[Paddocks course calendar for 2010](#)

Dear Sean,



Well, the World Cup is over and everybody is back from the extended mid-year holiday, so it is back to normal?

Well, not quite. The roads are certainly better than they were before the World Cup, but I swear there are more cars on the roads. As the roads improve, do more people drive? Are cars cheaper, or do more people have money to run them? Maybe a lot of the tourists decided to stay on?

Who knows? Life is good!

Kind regards,

Graham

Online Sectional Title Bookkeeping course

No workshops, this course is now presented entirely online! [click here](#)



The challenges of sectional title in the low-cost sector



A look at the factors affecting low-cost housing

By Sayed Iqbal Mohamed

There are certain challenges common to all sectional title owners, irrespective of their social or financial status. Management, maintenance, co-operative environment, levies and rules all require some level of understanding, acknowledgement and commitment to make a scheme functional and efficient.

It is **affordability** that determines a poor person's ability to maintain security of tenure in a sectional title scheme. (reading time: ± 2 mins)

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The KwaZulu-Natal Planning and Development Act



A look at the proposed legislative amendments

By Peter Newmarch

Recent proposed legislative amendments to the **KwaZulu-Natal Planning and Development Act** are set to impact on how sectional title developers, owners and bodies corporate undertake certain actions.

The KwaZulu-Natal Planning and Development Act No. 6 of 2008 came in to force on 1 May 2010. This Act is commonly referred to as simply the

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Meet Natasha



Natasha October
Marketing Administrative Assistant

How long have you been working with the company?
One year and four months.

Why did you come to work here?
I felt that it was a good opportunity and a chance to work with some great people.

What have you learned in the last year while working here?
I have learned a lot and improved my skills but what mostly stands out for me is that I learned what real team work means.

What do you enjoy about working here?
Everything, I must say Paddocks and GetSmarter is the best company I have worked for so far.

What do you do when you are not working?
I like reading, but mostly spending time with my kids.

Paddocks Sectional Title Bookkeeping Course

Understand the legal, financial and administrative aspects of sectional title bookkeeping

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"PDA". **Recent amendments have been published for comment** that have a direct impact on sectional title. (reading time: ±2 min)

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Monthly student profile



Tracey du Plessis
By the newsletter team

Tracey du Plessis, a portfolio manager at Constantia Sectional Title Management and veteran Paddocks student, **came upon her sectional title career by chance** – and after 18 months, she's loving it. Tracey took some time out to share a bit about herself. (reading time: ±1 min)



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Disqualifications from voting



A look at owner and trustee meetings
By Jennifer Paddock

Owner meetings

The right to vote is one of the normal consequences of membership of an association. **An owner of a unit in a sectional title scheme is automatically a member of the body corporate** and will usually have the right to vote at all of its general meetings either personally, by proxy or through another legally recognised representative.

However... (reading time: ±1 min)

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Energy efficient light



Maintenance
By Rob Paddock

The problem with a **"normal light bulb"** is that the heat it generates wastes a lot of electricity. Heat is not light, and the purpose of the light bulb is to produce light, so all of the energy spent creating heat is wasted. As a result, incandescent bulbs are very inefficient.

But there is an alternative! (reading time: ±2 mins)

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Q&A with Jennifer



Monthly Q&A
By Jennifer Paddock

This month, we cover the following topics in our Q&A section:

- AGM meetings notes
- Nominations and proxies
- No one wants to be a trustee (reading time: ± 1min)



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Upcoming training courses

Sectional Title Bookkeeping course (now online)

Registrations close: 06 August 2010

Gain an in-depth understanding of the legal, financial and administrative aspects of sectional title bookkeeping.

[Click here](#) for further details on this course.

Home Owners' Association Management course

Registrations close: 27 August 2010

Learn the legal aspects of home owners' association (HOA) management.

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