



**BODY CORPORATE  
COMMUNITIES GROUP**

## **What Membership of BCCG means for your Body Corporate**

Before looking at the benefits of membership of the Body Corporate Communities Group Inc (BCCG) let us first look at what BCCG is and what its purposes are. The BCCG on its website ([www.bccg.org.nz](http://www.bccg.org.nz)) says its background and purposes are the following:-

### **Background**

*“The BCCG was established in Wellington in 2012 by Neil Cooper, BC chair of the Dominion Building and Wendy Booth, BC chair of Tasman Gardens. The group was created as a result of the difficulties many BC chairs experienced with the introduction of the Unit Titles Act 2010 and the associated Unit Titles Act Regulations 2011”.*

### **Purposes**

- *provide access to education, training and resources to develop your ability to govern*
- *provide an accessible knowledge and networking channel for all members*
- *obtain information from other bodies for the benefit of all members*
- *lobby central and local government to promptly address relevant issues*

With the coming into force of the 2022 Amendment Act those principles and purposes are as relevant today as they were 10+ years ago.

The BCCG now has branches in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and has members throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand. It is the body corporate that is our member represented by the chair or committee members. The BCCG now has over 300 members, comprising of bodies corporate, associate members such as body corporate management companies, lawyers, and accountants and those who supply services to bodies corporate such as building managers, electricians and plumbers. Through body corporate managers the BCCG has a very broad reach into the body corporate industry in New Zealand.

If you visit our website ([www.bccg.org.nz](http://www.bccg.org.nz)) you will see that there is a diverse group of sponsors of BCCG whose support we value greatly.

In the 14 years since BCCG was formed, it has established contact with many other organisations in and around the body corporate industry and has very valuable connections with those organisations. These organisations are SCA (NZ), which is

the organisation that represents body corporate managers particularly, the Property Council, The Law Association and the Australian organisation AAA which is the organisation representing apartment owners throughout Australia. Through these connections, BCCG has gained a significant ability to work with decision-makers in the industry. Recently, in making submissions on the Amendment Act we have come into contact and have good relations with various members of Parliament and officers within the Ministry of Housing & Urban Development. All this benefits our members by increasing the exposure of BCCG and enabling us to provide a broad range of services to our members.

So, what can the BCCG do for you or your committee or your owners in your body corporate? First and foremost, it provides a website containing a wide range of information which will help you and your fellow committee members understand your role and navigate through the intricacies of the Unit Titles Act 2010. BCCG is now working to assist our members to understand the impacts of the Amendment Act. There is a great deal in the Amendment Act that needs to be worked through, and each body corporate and its committee needs to be aware of the changes.

So, why should your body corporate join the BCCG for a mere **\$150.00 per annum**? Well, it will provide you with a broad range of benefits, namely: -

- **Access to valuable education training and other resources.** Quarterly branch meetings include a presentation on some topic or other. These are recorded and put up on the website for members to review later even if they did not attend the meeting.
- **Receiving timely news and industry updates.** The website is frequently updated and new material relevant to issues of the day are uploaded. For example, a recent presentation on GST for bodies corporate will soon be posted.
- **Influence policy decisions.** Our collective voice as an organisation along with those others that we are associated with, helps to fashion and mould policy around the Unit Titles legislation. We are proud that our recent work on the Amendment Act has influenced the outcome of that legislation.
- **Networking and liaising with like-minded people.** Our meetings can be held both in person and by AV and our members have found these meetings a valuable medium to come together to network with others who are struggling with the same sort of problems.
- **Providing advocacy and support.** This is principally around policies and practices in the body corporate industry. Members can call on the BCCG for some guidance and assistance on a broad range of issues. In some cases, you may be seeking a second opinion on a matter or first-hand guidance by coming directly through the email or website channels to BCCG members who have expertise or knowledge in particular areas to assist members.

I would encourage you all to go to our website ([www.bccg.org.nz](http://www.bccg.org.nz)) and have a good look at the various services and offerings that are available to members.

Through the above, we hope that we will have achieved the purpose set down by those who originally set up the BCCG 10 years ago. Our main purpose is to support our members at all times and we can achieve significant outcomes for our members the larger the BCCG grows. We encourage all bodies corporate to consider joining the BCCG. The membership fee is not huge per annum but the benefits are. If you look on the website under membership you will see a membership application. Otherwise, feel free to call: -

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