Building Information

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The instructions in this article relate to *Building Information*. The icon may be located on your *StrataMax or GLMax Desktop* or found using the *StrataMax Search*.

The *Building Information* function is for recording general information for each property or company information in GLMax. There is a customisable 'Favourites' menu, so you can decide what important property information is viewed or required to be updated based on user/company requirements, plus notes and photos can also be accessed from here. Some fields are read-only as they contain data from other menus in StrataMax. Click and make adjustments to the information recording in each field as required and save.

Be sure to check out the *Building Information* video on our *StrataMax Videos* page as well. Also view our *Frequently asked questions* page for a little more help.

Building Information | Security Setup

The ability to *Edit* in *Building Information* is controlled by permissions in *Security Setup*. This provides control over who can and can't edit building information to ensure data accuracy. We recommend the *'Building Info - Edit Display'* permission has restrictions applied.

- 1. Search or select **Security Setup**.
- 2. Select user or Group name as required.
- 3. Locate 'Building info edit display', right click to adjust security permissions and Close.

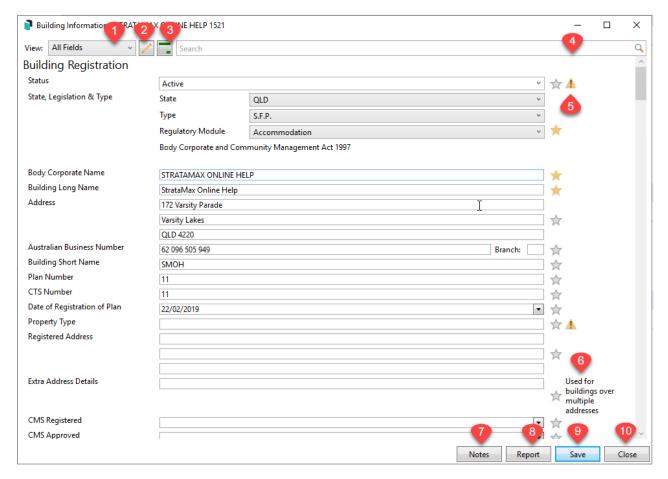
Building Information | Overview

The fields available to report in *Building Information* can also assist with processing other areas in StrataMax, some examples of these are;

- Basic information about the plan, such as the plan name, type, and number.
- Building Information holds the property address and who the Body Corporate or Strata Manager is.
- It controls functional configurations such as: the deposit slip and how credit card fees are
 processed, as well as how creditor payments are configured for payment and the use of the Invoice
 Hub.

- The financial year start and end dates are stored here, as well as the date that the plan was registered.
- Storing of key meeting dates such as the last and next general meetings, along with the history of each.

This section provides brief explanations for each element of Building Information and how to access this menu.



- 1. **View**: Navigate between the different Views configured for your company. All fields available in Building Information can be displayed if 'All Fields' is selected.
- 2. Edit Views: To edit the View items, refer to Edit View below.
- 3. **Export to Excel for multiple buildings**: Will provide the option to tag one/multiple properties and produce data to excel for the *View* you have selected.
- 4. **Search Bar**: There is a search bar which allows you to type the name of a field or category, and the displayed items will be adjusted to show only fields containing the letters entered.
- 5. **Warning icon**: This icon means the field has been set as a Policy & Comments field, a Company Requirement.
- 6. This is the comment entered for the field in Policy & Comments.
- 7. Notes: Refer to Notes below.
- 8. **Report:** Produces a PDF report to screen on the property selected.
- 9. Save: Will save any changes made in the Building Information menu.

10. Close: To close the Building Information menu.

View history on edits or changes made in Building Information from Search Building Info History.

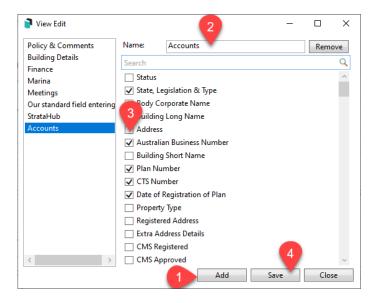
View Edit | Create Customised Views

There are three standard *Views* available in the View Edit window: 'All Fields', 'Favourites', and 'Policy & Comments'. Click the *Edit Views* button to edit and create your own customised *Views* for specific fields, which also export when using the *Export to Excel* function. The *Views* can be configured for each of your departments or roles, with an 'Accounts' view with the financial information fields selected, or a 'Manager' *View* with fields pertaining to meetings and general property information for example. This function has a permission in *Security Setup* called 'Building info - edit display'.

Create a customised View or Favourites View for any regularly produced reports on Building Information to only report the fields in that View.



- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. Click on pencil icon next to View.
- 3. Click Add.
- 4. Enter a Name.
- 5. Tick the fields you would like displayed in your created view.
- 6. Click Save.



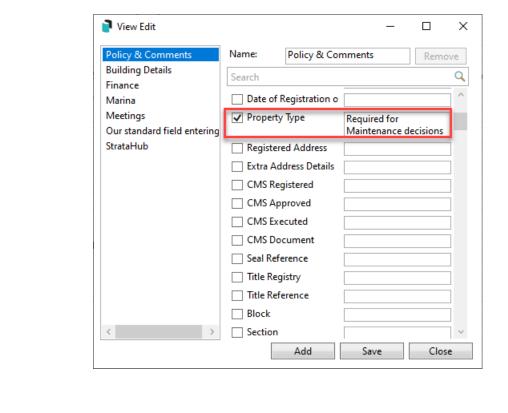
View Edit | Delete Customised Views

- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. Click on pencil icon next to View.
- 3. Locate View name and click Remove.
- 4. Click Save.

View Edit | Policy & Comments

Policy & Comments provides the ability to configure and easily report on important fields, with users prompted if the fields are left blank. By selecting *Policy & Comments* and running the Excel report, this will offer a quick reporting option on company required data. The fields and supporting comments set in Policy & Comments is generally configured by your StrataMax Administrator.

- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. From the View selection, select Policy & Comments.
- 3. Click on pencil icon next to Policy & Comments.
- 4. Tick the required fields and enter a supporting comment next to each field to provide details on the information required to be entered. Users will be prompted to enter data into this field and a comment will be listed next to the field.
- 5. Click Save.





If *Policy & Comments is* the 'View' selected, click on the Excel report option to only report on your company required fields.

Setting up Favourites

The Favourites option offers a customisable view so that all your regularly used fields are displayed for easy viewing, as well as quick reporting to Excel. To set a category / field as a Favourite, click on the star icon next to the field. Each field selected will be viewable only for your username when you have Favourites selected as the View. Your selected Favourites will also be available for quick view on the StrataMax Tool bar by hovering on the info icon.

- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. View all fields and click the star icon next to your regularly used fields to save them as a Favourite.
- 3. To display only your Favourite fields, select 'Favourites' from the View drop down selection in the top left corner.

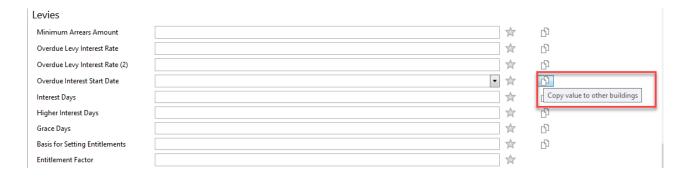
A blue 'Info' icon is available to the right of the *Building Selector*, which when clicked will open the 'Favourites' view in *Building Information*.



Copy value to other buildings

Certain data fields, such as *Overdue Levy Interest Rate* and *Overdue Interest Start Date*, have the ability for the data entered into the field to be copied into the Building Information in another property or across your entire portfolio. The copy icon will be displayed next to the field, and when clicked you can select/tag the buildings to copy the data to.

- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. Search/locate the field required and ensure data is entered to be copied.
- 3. Click on the copy icon (this will copy data immediately).
- 4. In the Building Selection screen, tag the buildings and click *Select* button to copy data to the selected buildings.



Click the *History* button in *Building Information* to review any changes made to buildings using the 'Copy value to other buildings' option.

Community Management Statement (CMS) Document Attachment

Attaching the CMS (which can be included in other areas in StrataMax) and the other related CMS fields is available here. When this document is attached to this field, it will allow it to appear in Document Inclusion for QLD *Certificates* by default.

Click the pencil icon on the CMS Document field to launch DocMax, where you can attach the CMS document. The notepad icon will view this document, and the red cross will delete the document from

this field.

The other CMS fields are date reporting only fields.



Number of Lots (All) Lot Type Editor

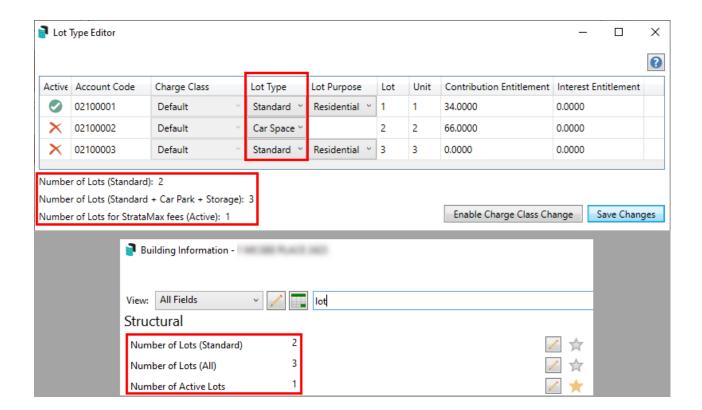
The 'Lot Type Editor' screen is accessed from the *Number of Lots (All)* field in *Building Information* and used to amend the 'Lot Type' and 'Lot Purpose'. This will affect the corresponding fields in the *Building Information* screen.

The *Enable Charge Class Change* button is password protected and managed by the StrataMax Support Team.

Lot Type

The Lot Type field has four options:

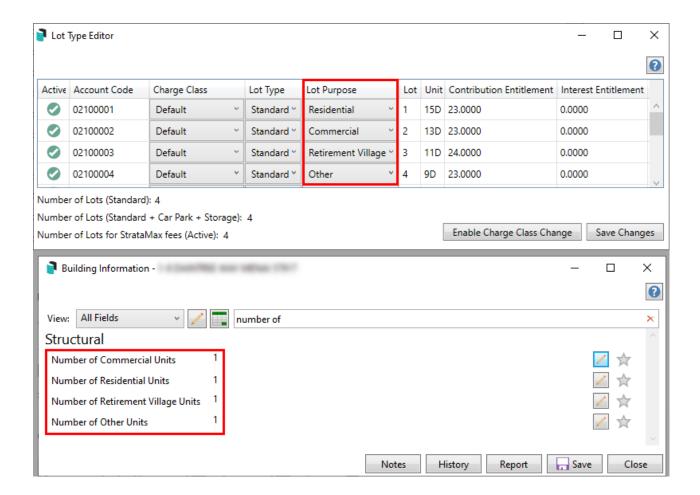
- Standard: The default type and should be used in most instances. The lot will be counted towards
 the 'Number of Lots (Standard)' and 'Number of Lots (All)' fields in *Building Information*. It will be
 considered active as well, so will also count towards the 'Number of Active Lots' field.
- 2. Car Space: Used for car spaces. The lot will only be counted towards the 'Number of Lots (All)' field in *Building Information*. It will <u>not</u> be considered active (represented by a red cross under the *Active* column), so will <u>not</u> count towards the 'Number of Active Lots' field. The *Lot Purpose* field will also disappear.
- 3. Storage Space: Used for storage spaces. The lot will only be counted towards the 'Number of Lots (All)' field in *Building Information*. It will <u>not</u> be considered active (represented by a red cross under the *Active* column), so will <u>not</u> count towards the 'Number of Active Lots' field. The *Lot Purpose* field will also disappear.
- 4. **Resubdivided**: Should be used after the lot entitlements have been set to zero/nil and reallocated as part of resubdivision or staged development, and the lot needs to be extinguished (see *Change Existing Lot Entitlements* for more info). If the lot has '1' or more in the *Contribution* or *Interest Entitlements* fields, the 'Resubdivision' option can still be selected, but it will not count towards the 'Number of Lots (All)' field. The lot will still be considered active as well, so will also count towards the 'Number of Active Lots' field. The *Lot Purpose* field will also disappear.



Lot Purpose

The *Lot Purpose* field is only available if the *Lot Type* is set to 'Standard' and has four options. These do not affect the 'Number of Lots' fields, or whether the lot is considered active or not:

- Residential: The lot will be counted towards the 'Number of Residential Units' field in Building
 Information.
- 2. **Commercial**: The lot will be counted towards the 'Number of Commercial Units' field in **Building Information**.
- Retirement Village: The lot will be counted towards the 'Number of Retirement Village Units' field in Building Information.
- 4. Other: The lot will be counted towards the 'Number of Other Units' field in Building Information.

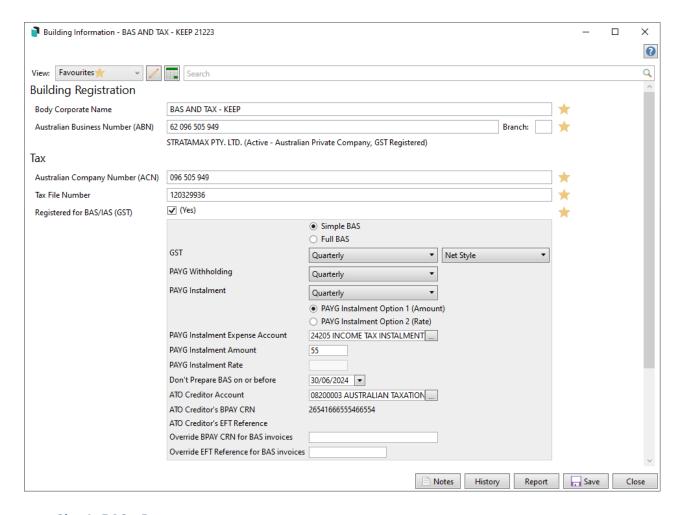


Australian Business Number & Registered for BAS / IAS (GST)

When entering the *Australian Business Number (ABN)* a validity check is completed to ensure the ABN being entered is active. The building details will be displayed under the ABN field and it is important to check that this information matches the property details being setup. The current GST Registered status will also be displayed. It is recommended, at this install stage, the *Registered for BAS / IAS (GST)* field is set so not missed. GST will not be calculated when entering the financials in the *Opening Balance Setup* screen.

- 1. Search or select Building Information.
- 2. Search for BAS / IAS or GST.
- 3. Tick to register for one or more of the types based on information registered with the ATO.
- 4. Complete all required fields
- 5. Select Save.

The BAS or IAS must have valid Creditor details for payment to ensure that the BAS / IAS will be able to be finalised and the invoices / credit notes processed via Creditor Invoices. The BPay or EFT Reference, which is unique for each Building / Plan should be entered into the Creditor Maintenance record as selected below in the ATO Creditor Account.



- Simple BAS Reports:
 - G1 Total Sales
 - 1A GST on Sales
 - 1B GST on Purchases
- Full BAS Reports additional information and is used if the income is greater than \$10 million dollars annually. This also includes:
 - o G2 Export Sales
 - o G3 Other GST Free Sales
 - o G10 Capital Purchases
 - o G11 Non-Capital Purchases
- GST Reporting Style Changing the Reporting style will update the GST transactions for reporting
 when saved. Gross reporting will show the GST on Income & Expenses in a separate account on the
 Income and Expenditure Statement. Net reporting will report GST on the applicable Income or
 Expense account. The reporting style will only update reporting and transactions for the current
 year.
- Override BPAY CRN / EFT Reference the option to enter an override reference number is only
 required if the reference is different to the number stored on the Creditor in Creditor Maintenance
 (i.e. using the same Creditor for BAS and Income Tax or using Account Groups with the same
 Creditor for BAS).

GST Reporting Style

To change the Income and Expenditure statement from Gross GST Reporting to Net Reporting follow the below steps.

- 1. Search or select **Building Information**.
- 2. Search for BAS / IAS or GST.
- 3. Amend the GST to Net Style or Gross Style.
- 4. Select Save, this will update the GST transactions.

This will update the GST on Income and Expense accounts or the GST on each individual income or expense account, depending on the method selected for reporting. This will only update the current year transactions.

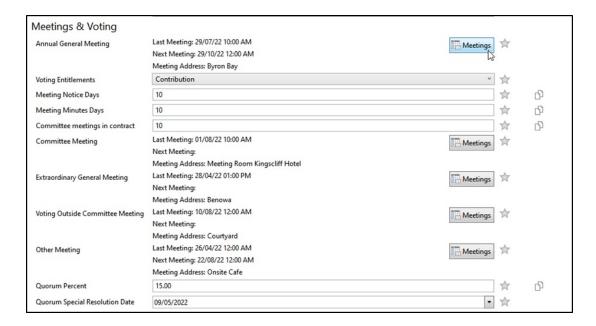
Account Group Buildings - ABN / TFN / GST & Number of Lots/Entitlements

Account Group information such as the ABN, TFN, GST Registered status and the Number of Lots/Entitlements is displayed in *Building Information* as Read Only. This information is set up from *Account Group Setup* for each individual account group. Each Account Group can be setup to report either separately for each tax or using a consolidated BAS. If each account group is to report separately, the Override BPay CRN or EFT Reference can be added to the specific account group to ensure that the Creditor Invoices will be processed correctly when the BAS is finalised.

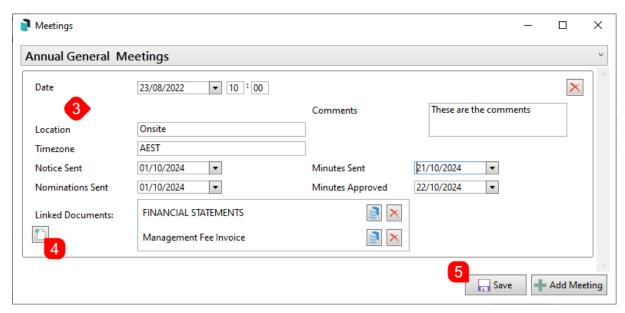
A global report can be produced selecting these fields fromBuilding Information | Global Report (Export to Excel).

Adding Meetings & Voting Details

Record and retain the history of the date, time, location and notice distribution dates for Annual General Meeting, Committee Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings under the 'Meetings & Voting' heading. Each meeting recorded here can also have multiple documents linked to it. The Committee Election Ballot Type can also be recorded, selecting from Open or Secret Ballot options.

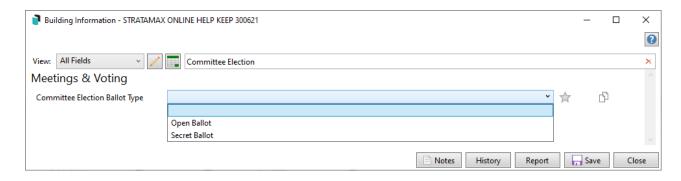


- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. Click *Meetings* button next to the meeting type.
- 3. Add all details (Location, Timezone, etc.) as required.
- 4. Under the 'Linked Documents' field, click the *Add Meeting Document* button to open the DocMax 'Select Document' window, to select and link a document to this meeting.
- 5. Once all fields are populated as needed, click Save.



6. Last Meeting & Next Meeting date will be displayed, and historical meetings can be viewed by clicking on the *Meetings* icon.

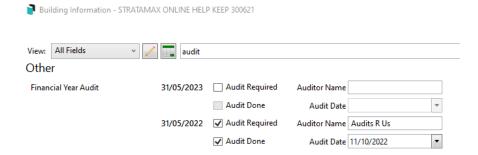
Screen shot below of Committee Election Ballot Type selection:



Financial Year Audit (Audit Done)

Record if an audit is required, completed and the date of audit and Auditor Name. If Audit Done is ticked this will prevent any additional journals or transactions posting in the relevant Financial Year.

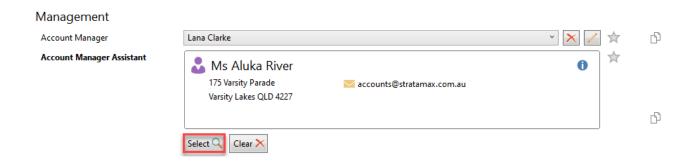
- 1. Search or select **Building Information**.
- 2. Search or locate the Financial Year Audit field under 'Other' heading.
- 3. Add the details as required and click Save.



Builder, Developer, Accounts Manager Assistant & Asset Manager

The Builder, Developer, Accounts Manager Assistant & Asset Manager fields adopt the Contact Card principle, whereby each contact will have an individual contact card, which can be selected across properties in your portfolio once it has been created and saved.

- 1. Search or select **Building Information**.
- 2. Search for the required field.
- 3. Click Select and then either:
 - Search from list to see if contact exists and click Select if located.
 - Click Create Contact if contact not located in list.
- 4. Click Save.



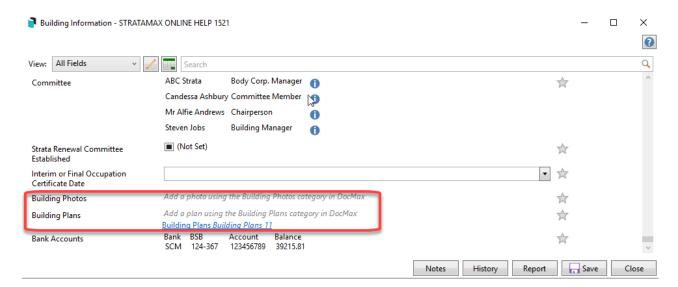
Building Photos/Building Plans

To save building photos/plans for viewing in *Building Information*, the photo/s can be added to *DocMax* with the Category selected as 'Building Photos' for Building Photos or 'Building Plans' for Building Plans, these documents will then be viewable when clicking on the hyperlink to be directed to the record in *DocMax*.

- 1. Search or select DocMax.
- Add a document using your preferred method and save for each property as required, with the
 Category set as either 'Building Photos' or 'Building Plans' depending on the type of document
 being saved.

To view the saved documents in StrataMax:

- 1. Search or select **Building Information**.
- 2. Using the search bar, type in 'Photo' or 'Plans' for quick navigation to the *Building Photos* or *Plans* field.
- 3. Click on the hyperlink to view the saved record.



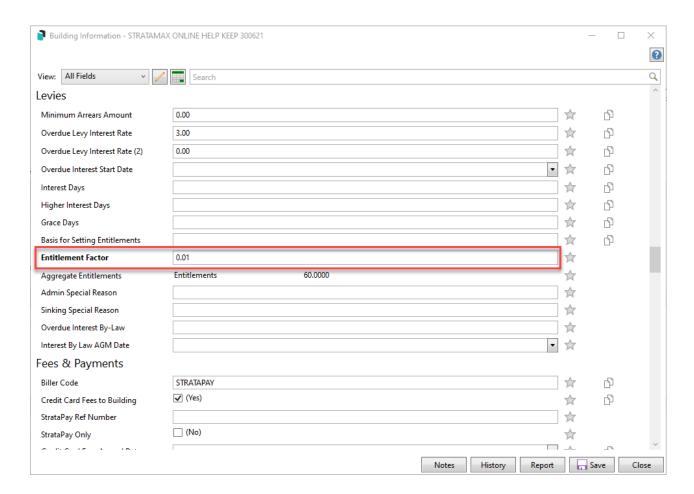
Entitlement Factor

The Entitlement Factor can be used to adjust lot entitlements to display in decimals. The figure entered in this field controls how the system displays the decimals in reports.

The Entitlement Factor field adjusts the units in the 'View All' screen in *Levy Management* on a selected Levy and also on Reports. The Rate per U/E needs to be amended to facilitate the contributions as required, as this field does not recalculate the Gross/Net amounts. The native decimalisation of the Entitlements is being looked at in future enhancements to the program.

- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. Search for Entitlement Factor.
- 3. Enter the calculated rate required, this figure is used to multiply by to reach the correct decimal figure.
- 4. Select Save.

Entitlements entered as 1575 with an Entitlement Factor of 0.01 will produce entitlements of 15.75 on reports.



'StrataPay Only' Setting - Building Information

This field setting is used when you want to exclude one or more plans from your portfolio from accessing

the Owners Portal/StrataMax website for any reason. Including this field with a 'Y' (Yes) will prevent the building from being available to view on the Portal, and will also affect Invoice Hub approvals.

Building Information | Local Report

A local report is available for the property selected.

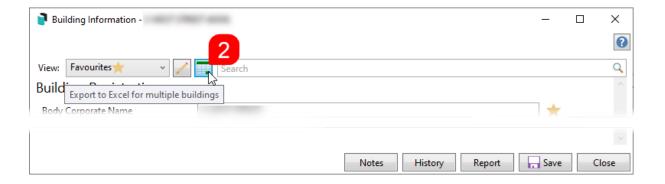
- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. Click the Report button in the bottom right.
- 3. The report will be produced to screen for printing/emailing or saving as required.

Building Information | Global Report (Export to Excel)

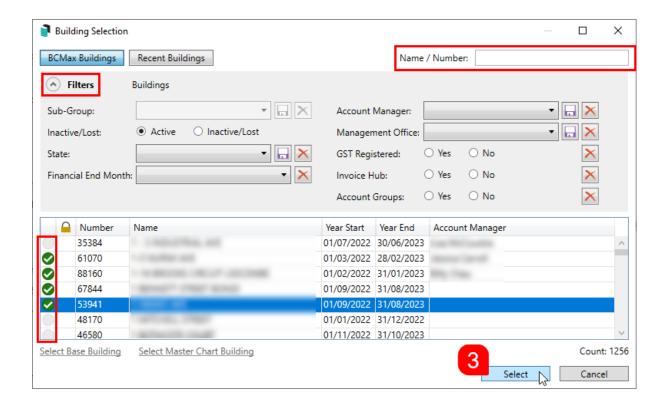
Any fields in *Building Information* can be exported to an Excel report, where filters can be used to view the data in numerous ways, and formulas can be used to modify the data. This export can be used to create a list of buildings, displaying the building name, number, number of active lots, account manager, if the *Invoice Hub* is active/enabled or not, and many more.

The export will include any fields that are visible in the *View* that is selected at the time the *Export to Excel* button is clicked. So, you should use a *customised view* or *Favourites* view to produce an export with fields to suit your needs. For regular reporting on fields that are not setup in a View, use the Search Buildings function available from the search bar or menu icon, as this allows one off reporting and saved searches.

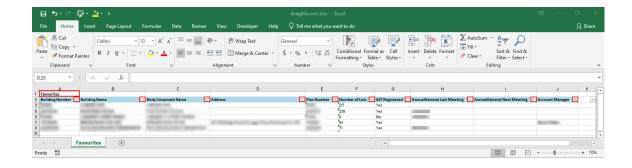
- 1. Search or select *Building Information*.
- 2. Make sure that the required View is selected, then click the Export to Excel... icon in the top left.



3. When the 'Building Selection' window appears, you can use the *Name / Number* field to search for a building or use the different *Filters* to narrow down the list to the required buildings. Tag the required buildings and click *Select*.



- 4. The Excel sheet will open with the *View* name in cell A1, with all fields included in the *View* assigned to each column, with filters for each column ready in place for your convenience.
 - To save the report, make sure to use File > Save As so you can choose the save location and file name. If you just use the Save function, the report will save with a random name ('zabpllprf.cfz.xlsx' for example) in a hidden temporary folder.



Building Information | Notes

This is for storing notes relevant for the particular property. There is a search bar on the top to quickly search stored details. The *Subject* list is made up of all prior *Subjects* used when a note is entered. *Categories* can be saved so they are available from the drop-down arrow & may also be deleted if required.

1. Search or select **Building Information**.

- 2. Click on Notes.
- 3. Click *Add* to add a note for the Building Information screen, enter a *Subject* and select the *Category* as required.
- 4. Add your notes to the notepad area of the screen or copy and paste from the source of information.
- 5. Click the 'X' in the top right when finished and you will be asked if you want to save the note, select *Yes*.
- 6. Further information on *Notes* is in the *Notes* article.

Valid Combinations / Building Registration

The State, Type and Regulatory Module options will display for valid types that dependent on the options selected. For example, if QLD is the State, only valid QLD Type and Regulatory Modules will be available for selection, and if NSW is selected as the State, only NSW valid options will be available for selection. The Type selection list incorporates the full name and abbreviation. Click on Valid Combinations.xlsx @ to view an Excel report of the Valid Combinations available in StrataMax.

Building Registration Status Active State, Legislation & Type Type Regulatory Module Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997

Management Office Function

The Management Office field allows for buildings to be associated with a specific Management Office. This is often used when a Management Company has multiple offices, and allows for buildings to be assigned to a office, which can be used for filtering and reporting. The *Building Selector* allows for the list of buildings to be filtered to a specific office, once filtered will only show selected office for processes and reporting. The management office field can also be output on various reports such as Management Fees Report, TRMax Recoveries (Excel) and Searches can have the field added to include in reports.

A separate Letterhead can be set if required to be different by management office, please refer to our article on Manager Maintenance for further details on setting up multiple manager records.

To create Management Offices follow the below steps:

- 1. Search or select Building Information.
- 2. Locate the Management Office field.
- 3. Click on the [...] icon

- 4. Click on the Add button and enter the required details.
- 5. Click on the Save button.

To assign a Management Office, follow the below steps:

- 1. Search or select Building Information.
- 2. Locate the 'Management Office' field.
- 3. Select the Management Office from the dropdown list.
- 4. Click on Save.

Note: Use the 'copy value to other buildings' to allow to update easily across the portfolio.

Change Financial Year End Date

The financial year dates of a building are set when a building is first setup in StrataMax. In some scenarios a building may require the financial year end date to be changed, which can be done within Building Information in some scenarios. Changing a financial year does not update budgets, levies, management fees etc., therefore update these as required after changing the financial year.

Changing a Financial Year End will not change Old or Historic Years.

If a financial year end date needs to be changed to a date that has already passed; please log a case with our support team providing the building number and required dates.

Shortening a Financial Year

To change a financial year to less than 12 months; in **Building Information** edit the Financial Year End date and select Save.

Extending a Financial Year

If a financial year is set to more than 12 months, back dated and monthly financial statements may report incorrectly as some transactional data is stored by month.

To change a financial year to more than 12 months; in *Building Information* edit the Financials Year End date and select Save. A warning will appear regarding the above.

