

Instructional Manual



THE COMPLETE STRATA MANAGEMENT SOLUTION







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Introduction

The StrataMax Online Portal is a valuable tool for Strata Management companies. A key benefit is that it allows you to provide Lot Owners of schemes under management with access to a range of documentation, including: auto-generated BCMax reports; Sales Certificates and Disclosures Statements for owners who are selling their properties; and additional reports and documents you may wish to provide.

A further benefit is that you can elect which documentation Owners/Committee Members have access to, and, if applicable, set appropriate charges for access to each document.

The Online Portal also enables Lot Owners to update their details online. Changes made are automatically submitted back to your system for automatic processing, see page 76.

In addition, owners with multiple properties can access all properties via their User Account and view reports &/or pay their levies.

The Online Portal may also be customised with your logo and company colour scheme by creating a 'Theme', you may have a theme which can be applied to all buildings under your Management, or alternatively on a per Building Basis.

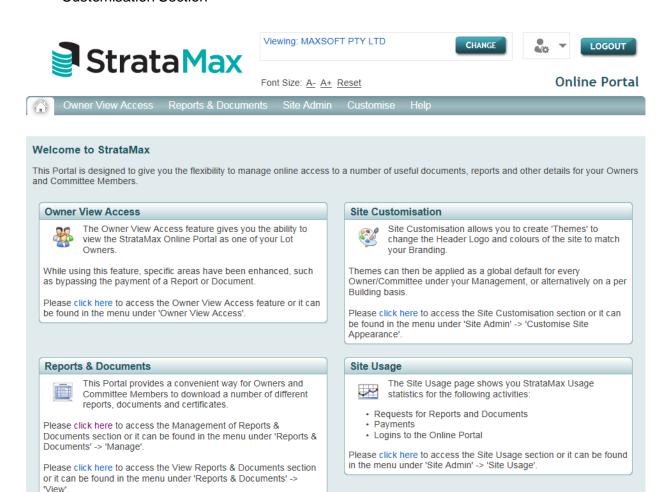
When creating your Portal, try to think about the layout, content, and how you want the owners and committee to view the pages - it's easier to plan first and then design a specific functional look, rather than make it up as you go.



Site Customisation (Appearance)

As mentioned previously, you are able to customise the Online Portal by creating a 'Theme' which can be applied for all your buildings under your Management, or alternatively on a per Building basis.

- 1. Open your internet browser
- 2. Go to www.stratamax.com.au/portal/login.aspx
- 3. Enter your User Account email address and Password
- In the 'Site Customisation' Menu, as shown below, click on 'click here' to access the Site Customisation Section



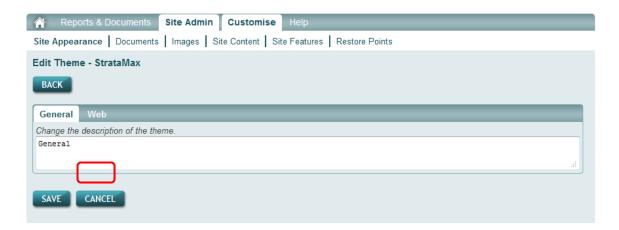
Create a New Theme

A 'theme' is a series of settings that can be used to set the appearance of your web pages. You can use these to make the website that your owners login to look and feel like your own site, through the colour scheme, logo, and images that appear. A theme can be assigned to an Owners Login Page, a specific building, or assigned as the 'Default' theme across all screens an Owner views.

- 1. Click Customise
- 2. Click on Site Appearance
- 3. Select Create New Theme (You may set up a number of different themes, which may be assigned)
- 4. Give the Theme a new Name and Description
- 5. Press Create



6. Select the Web tab to now customise the colours and save the logo for this theme



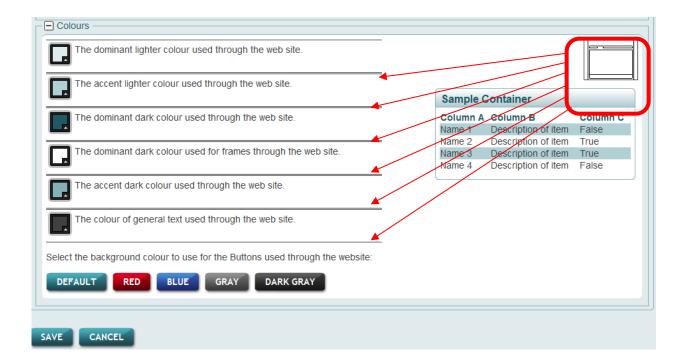
Add Your Company Logo

- 1. Select Add New Image
- 2. Select Browse, to find your company logo file
- 3. Enter Name of Logo
- 4. Press UPLOAD

- 5. Click on Magnifying glass for your logo, this will display top right under current image
- 6. Press save

Customise your Colours

Each of the colour swatches below show the current colour. When you hover over the colour swatch, the area that you are changing will be identified in the screen shown on the right hand side. See below:



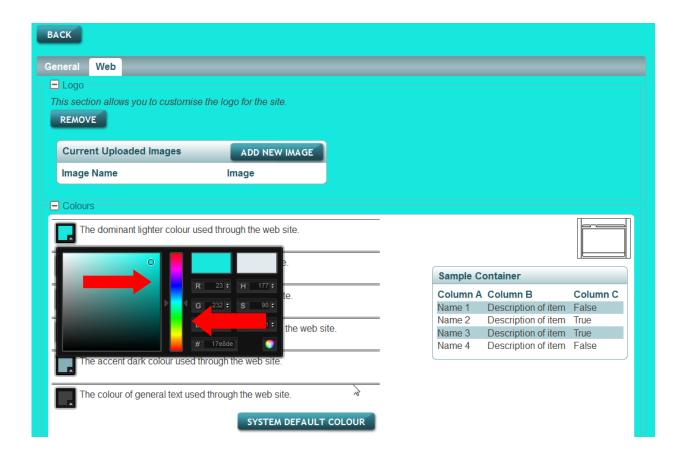
By hovering over the first colour swatch, this shows the area which will change colour:



- 1. Click the first colour swatch
- 2. Firstly move the colour slide to the colour type
- 3. Then move the Circle to reach the desired colour. You will need to move both to reach the desired colour

Once you have chosen your main colour, click back on the colour swatch 4.

Refer to example below



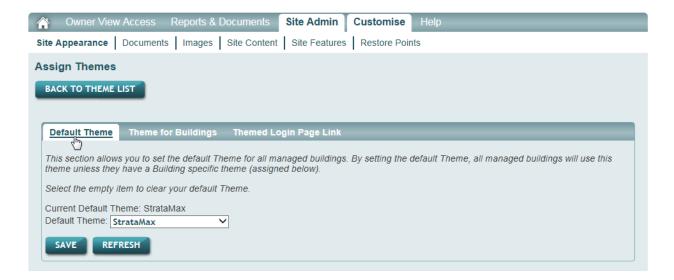
Note: If you are not happy with the colour selected, you are able to press 'System Default Colour', which will revert back to the original system colours. You are always able to save what you have done by pressing the 'Save' button at the bottom, and come back to edit the theme.

- 5. Repeat this process with each colour swatch
- 6. Press Save & OK

Assign a Theme

Now that you have created a Theme, you must assign the Theme for it to take effect.

- 1. Click Assign Themes
- 2. Select the Theme from Default Theme dropdown list
- 3. Press SAVE & OK



- 4. Select Back to Theme List
- 5. You may preview the theme, click on the Magnifying Glass or Log out and back in to see your new Online Owners Portal Site with the default them applied

Edit the Assigned Theme

If you need to make any changes to a Theme, you may do so by editing the Theme

- 1. Select Site Customisation ('click here' in the text box)
- 2. To Edit, click the Pencil icon on the Theme



- 3. Click on the tab 'Web'
- 4. Then amend your colours or logo, as per the previous steps and once you have finished, Press SAVE

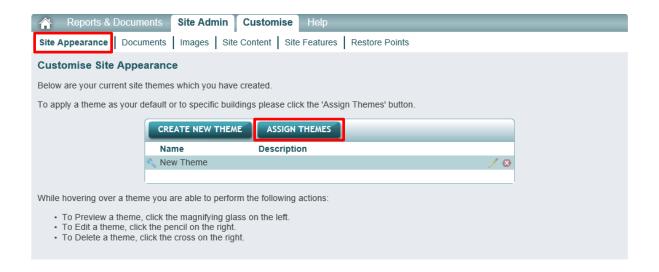
Note: When you go to select the building the Blue Dot will become visible, click on the Blue Dot to select

Creating[RBI] a Custom Login Page

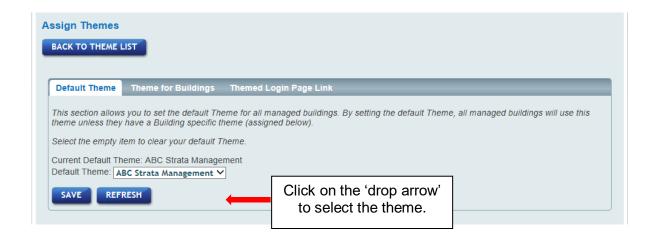
The first step to creating a custom login page is to create a theme. If you don't have a theme please review the StrataMax Portal manual under section Site Customisation.

After you have set your theme you can continue with the setup of a login page for owners that can be copied as a link to your own web site.

- 1. Login using Manager's login and password
- 2. Select Customise
- 3. Site Appearance
- 4. Select Assign Themes

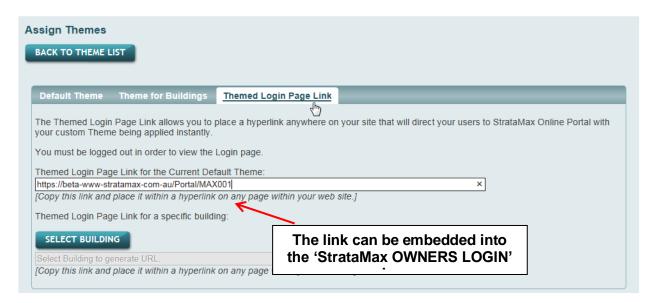


5. Select the created 'Default Theme' eg: New Theme



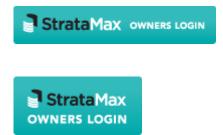
6. Click Save & OK

- 7. Click on 'Themed Login Page Link'
- 8. Copy the link and place it within the' StrataMax OWNERS LOGIN' logo on your web site



If you would like to use a branded 'StrataMax OWNERS LOGIN' button please click here for instructions and guidelines for use.

*Click Ctrl & left mouse button on either of the 'StrataMax OWNERS LOGIN' below to see the login page.



If you want to setup a link that is specific for a building, click on 'SELECT BUILDING' and select the building, copy the link and place it within the 'StrataMax OWNERS LOGIN' logo on the web site.

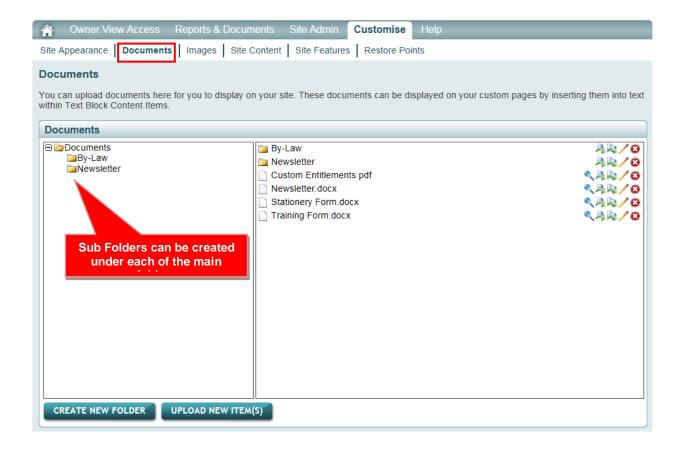
NOTE: If you want a link for several buildings you will need to select each building as it is a unique URL for each building.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Q: I can't see a link when I click on 'Customers Portal Link' tab?

A: No Default Theme has been assigned; you will need to select a 'Default Theme'

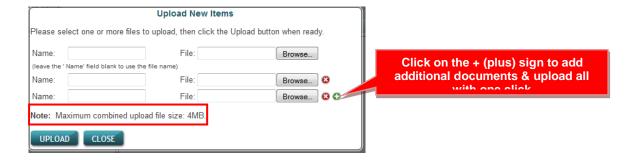
Documents



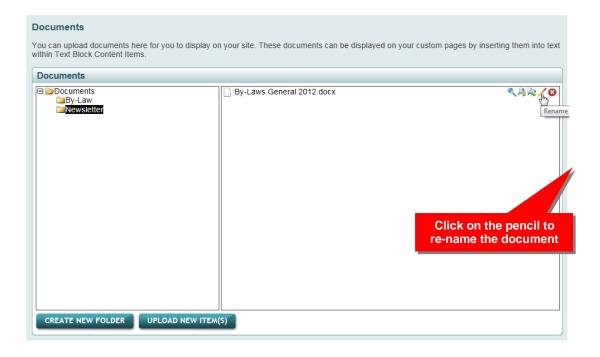
Uploading documents here is for more generic documents that need to be across more than one building. Eg: By-Laws or a Newsletter.

If the document is for a specific building please continue to use DocMax to upload the document automatically.

- 1. Click 'Customise'
- 2. Click 'Documents'
- 3. Click 'Create New Folder', storing documents under the building number as an example helps to locate documents quickly
- 4. Enter name for the folder and click 'Create Folder' (if left blank the name will be the file name)
- 5. Highlight the folder and then click 'Upload New Item(s)' Click 'Browse' and select the document
- 6. Click 'Upload' more than one document can be uploaded at a time to the same folder.



You can now see the documents uploaded by clicking on the folder on the left. All documents in this folder will be displayed on the right.



Check This Out!

Documents - add a newsletter or advise owners of any changes to the Act.

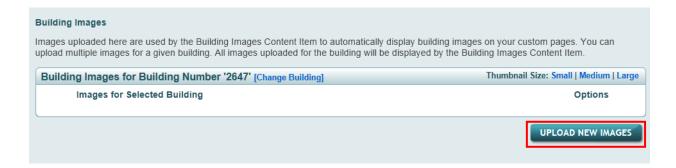
The documents will be available to add to the pages created by you.

Images

Building Images for Building Number - to personalise a home page add images of the building. All images uploaded for the building will be displayed by the Building Images Content Item.

- 1. Click 'Customise'
- 2. Click 'Images' (scroll down the page past Miscellaneous Images)
- 3. Click 'Upload New Images' (Maximum upload file size is 4MB)
- 4. Click 'Browse' to select the image and 'Open'
- 5. Add Image Name or leave blank to use the image file name
- 6. Click 'Upload'

Click on [Change Building] to add pictures to the next building.



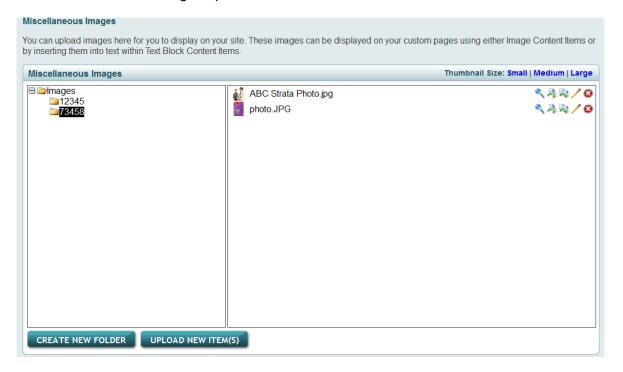


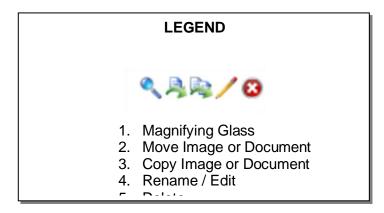
Note: If you want to select the images to be displayed see -Miscellaneous Images on the next

Miscellaneous Images - images for general use on a page created for one or all buildings. With the miscellaneous images you can select each image individually and add to the custom pages. (The image could be of your office or a general picture of a swimming pool)

- 7. Click 'Images'
- 8. Select the Folder (that you want to add the image into)
- 9. Click 'Upload New Item(s)' (Maximum upload file size is 4MB)
- 10. Click 'Browse' to select the image and 'Open'
- 11. Name the Image or leave Image name blank to use the Image file name
- 12. Click 'Upload'

You can now see the images uploaded.

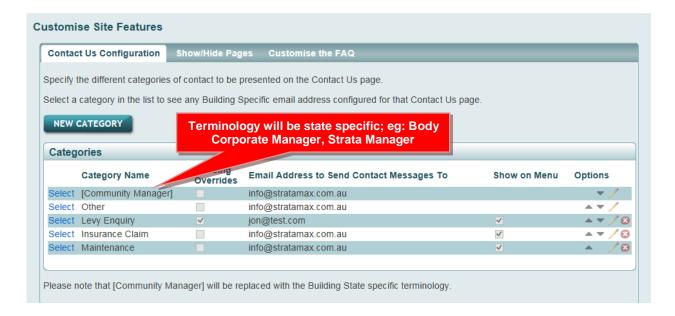




Site Features

Contact Us Configuration – you have the ability to setup separate email addresses for each department enquiry or a specific building on the Contact Us page.

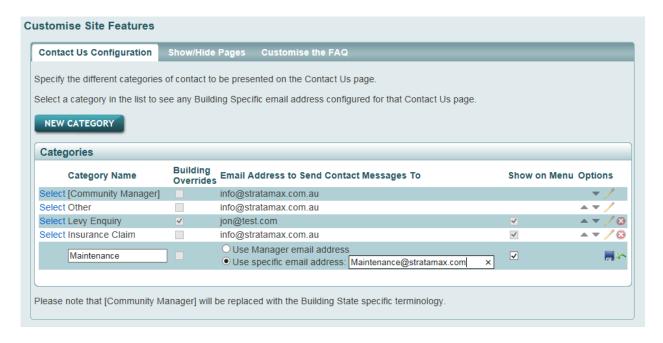
Category Name and **Email Address to Send Contact Messages To**, are both configurable, except category name of manager, which is determined by the State the building resides.



- Remember to click the save icon once you have made changes
- **Delete button,** when you click on the delete button you will be asked to confirm the deletion; it will be deleted if you say Yes.

Add an Email Address

- 1. Click Edit (Pencil Icon) and select the option
 - a. Use Manager email address: this is the default email address
 - b. Use specific email address: enter a specific email address
- 2. Click Save



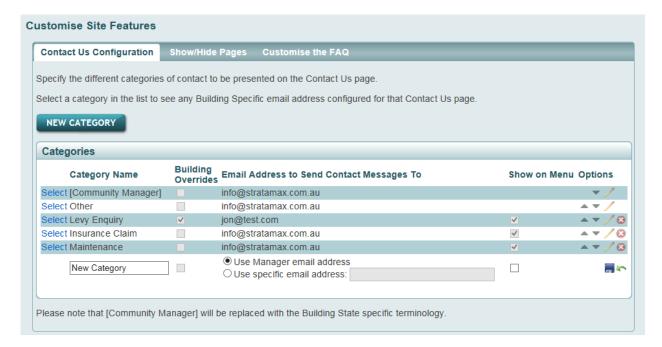
The main email address, 'info@stratamax.com.au' is a default address and is the main email address that you have supplied to StrataMax (Administration). You can select 'Use specific email address' if you would like to use a different email address.

Show on Menu - untick to remove the category from the view of owners, it is not on a per building basis.



NEW CATEGORY – adds a new contact category for owners.

- 1. Click on 'NEW CATEGORY', a new line will appear and you can enter the name of the new category
- 2. Select either 'Use Manager email address' (as provided to StrataMax); 'Use specific email address' or; - enter an email address
- 3. Click Save



Remember to click the save icon once you have made changes

Show / Hide Pages

Reports & Documents – tick Hide, this will hide Reports and Documents from owners. Reports and Documents menu has all the reports and documents from BCMax and DocMax.

Useful Links – the useful links area is a page of links to the different Acts in Australia. If you tick Hide, this will hide the useful links menu from owners[CJ2].



Customise the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

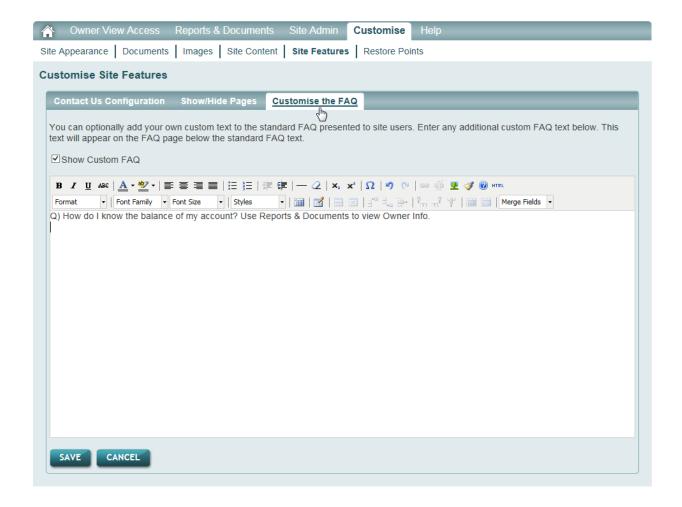
There are standard FAQ's already on the Portal but from here you can optionally add your own custom text to the standard FAQ available to owners. To view the standard FAQ, click on Help and then FAQ.

Note: The standard FAQ's cannot be hidden or removed.



Show Custom FAQ – while you are editing the FAQ page you can untick Show Custom FAQ so owners don't see an unfinished question.

Click EDIT, add your questions and answers.



Once you have finished your FAQ's you can tick Show Custom FAQ and then click SAVE.

Site Content

Create New Building - Specific Home Page

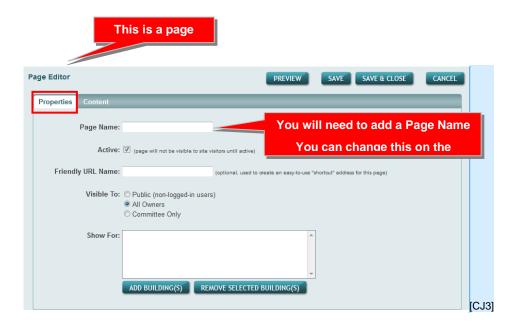


- 1. Click 'Customise'
- 2. Click 'Site Content'
- 3. Click 'Create New Building Specific Home Page'



- 4. From the drop box, select the type of layout from format of columns and sidebars.
- 5. Click 'Continue'
- 6. You can now proceed with creating your Specific Building Home Page Layout.

Main Page Properties - Building Specific Home Page



- 7. The friendly URLs are to enable Managers to give out easy-to-read/type URLs for their Portal. There are two different types of friendly URLs:
 - www.StrataMax.com.au/page/manager-reference
 - www.StrataMax.com.au/page/manager-reference/some-page-reference

The first type is for accessing themed login pages. The second is for accessing arbitrary pages under a given manager, as dictated by the manager.

Example of using the first type:

If you navigate to www.StrataMax.com.au/page/manager-reference then you get the themed login page for that manager. E.g. if you go to www.StrataMax.com.au/page/max001 you get the MAX001-themed login page.

Example of using the second type:

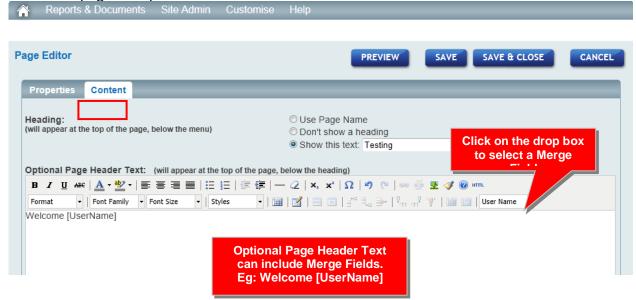
If you are running a special promotion you can create a dedicated page for the promotion and give it a friendly url (e.g. www.StrataMax.com.au/max001/sale2012) which can then be displayed on marketing materials etc. Users can see these URLs and then type them into their browser easily.

- 8. Visible To: Choose whether to make this a Public page, All Owners or Committee Only
- 9. Show For: Select 'Add Building(s)'. Select building/s to make this a building specific page

10. Click 'SAVE', 'PREVIEW' or 'SAVE & CLOSE'

Main Page Content - Building Specific Home Page

- 1. Click 'Customise' & 'Site Content' (if you have closed the page)
- 2. In the 'Building-Specific Home Pages' Click 'Pencil' icon to edit your new created page
- 3. The page will open on the 'Content' tab

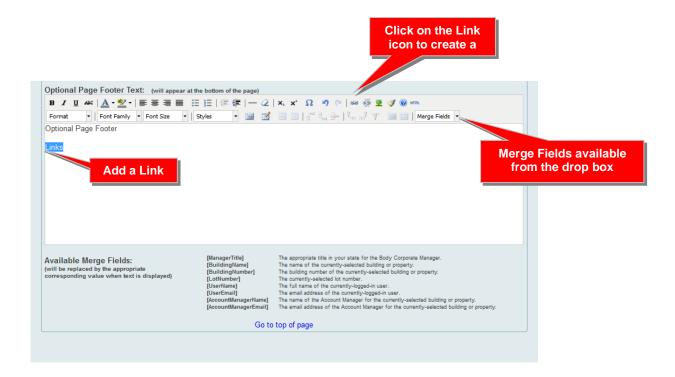


- 4. Select a Heading if required, 'Use Page Name' (created on the Properties Page), 'Don't show a heading' or 'Show this text', enter a different name
- 5. You can now enter text in the white box but this is an Optional Header so it is not required. In the header box you can merge fields, images or links see '<u>Tool Explanations</u>' on page 62 to see what options are available from the tool bar
- Main Page Content: Building Images, Columns Begin, Columns Divider, Columns End, Document List, Image, Login Control, Spacer, Text Block and Text Panel by selecting the option and clicking ADD. All of the above can be added from any of the Home Page Layouts.



If you are inserting an Image in the Main Page Content, select Image from the drop down list and click ADD, select the image that you uploaded to the Miscellaneous Images, go to page 46.

Adding Building Images for each building go to page 43



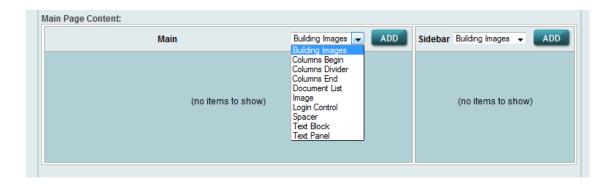
7. You can now add text in the white box but this is an Optional Footer so it is not required. In the footer box you can add tables, merge fields, images or links see 'Tool Explanations' on page 62 to see what options are available from the tool bar.

Using the Merge Fields throughout the custom pages helps personalise the portal for the owners.

Once you have entered the information, click SAVE and then click PAGE PREVIEW.

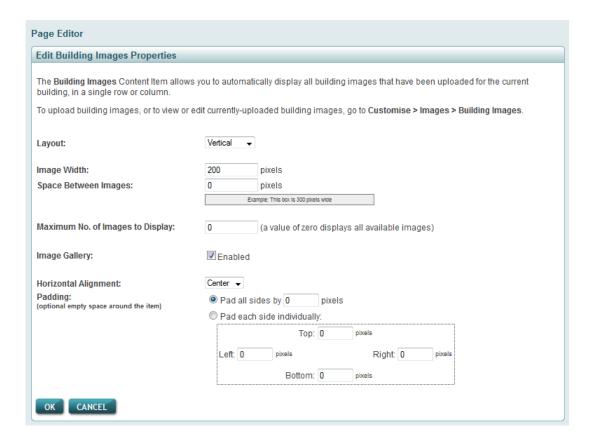
Adding Content Containers (Blocks) - Explanations

When you click on the drop box next to the ADD button you will be given a selection of different options that you can add to the customised page.



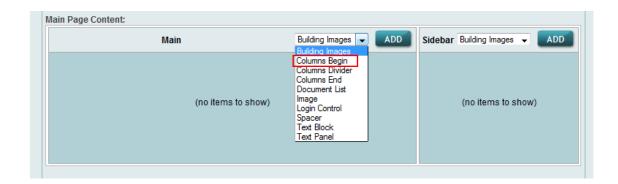
Building Images - select ADD, the window below will appear and you can

adjust the image properties. The building images are the ones that you uploaded to 'Customise', 'Images' and 'Building Images for Building Number No.'. When an owner logs in they will only see their building images.



These images are specific to the building, so they would be an image of the building or the surrounding area.

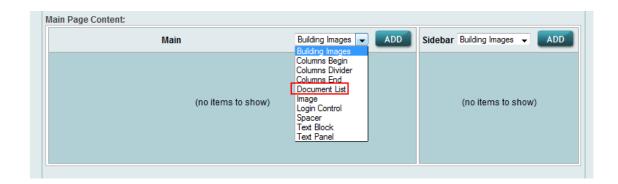
Columns Begin - select ADD



Adding dividers helps separate the documents or images into columns. When you select Columns Begin the program will automatically add Columns Divider and Columns End. Add any extra column dividers if you would like more than two columns.

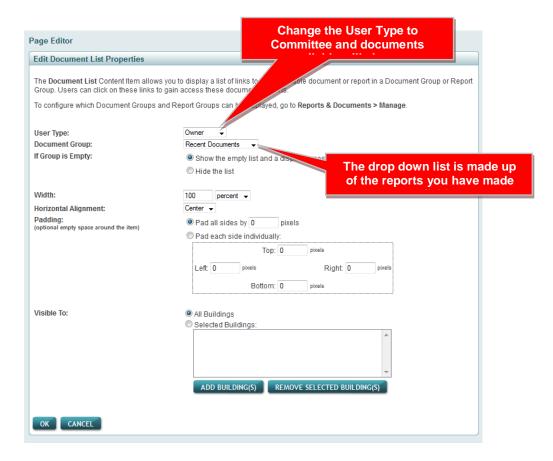


Documents List - select ADD



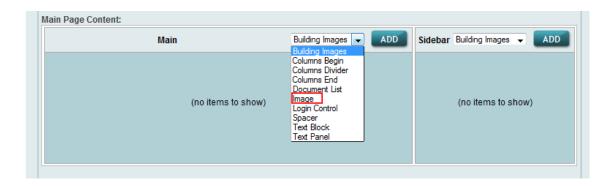
The window below will appear and you can select a document from the list and adjust the properties.

When you select the Owner from the drop down list you will be presented with the documents you have made available for Owners in Reports and Documents on page 7 of this manual. If you change the user type to Committee the documents will then change to that setup in reports and documents.



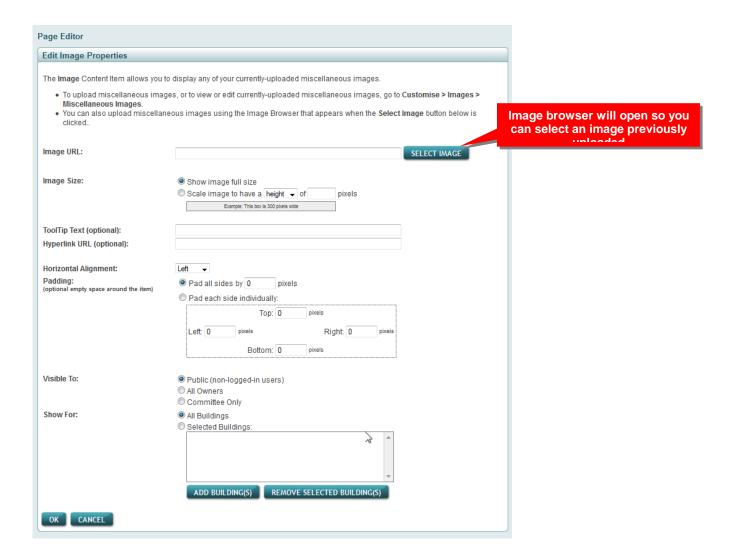
Enter all the properties required and click OK.

Image – select ADD



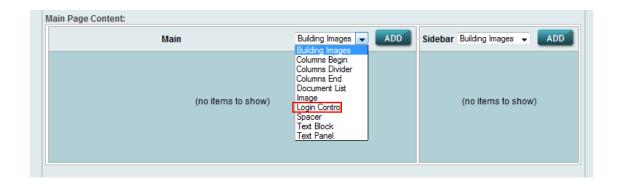
When you add an image from within the Main Page Content it will be a Miscellaneous Image previously uploaded in 'Customise', 'Images'.

The window below will appear and you can add an image and adjust the properties.

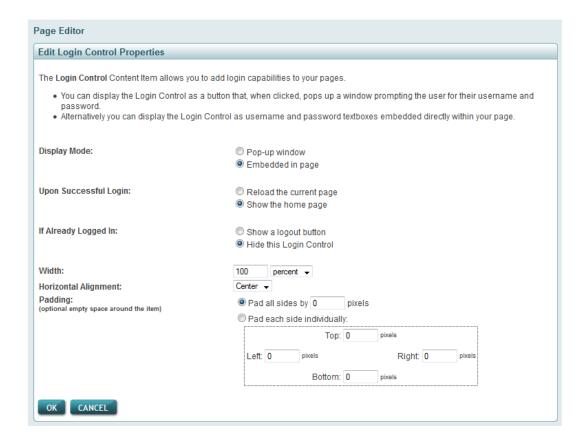


Enter all the properties and click OK.

Login Control - select ADD

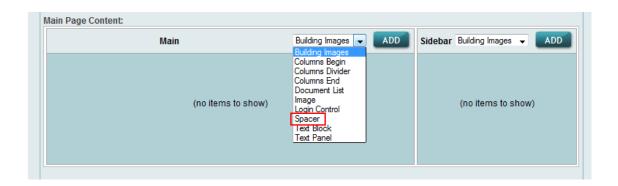


The window below will appear and you can adjust the Login Controls to Pages created.



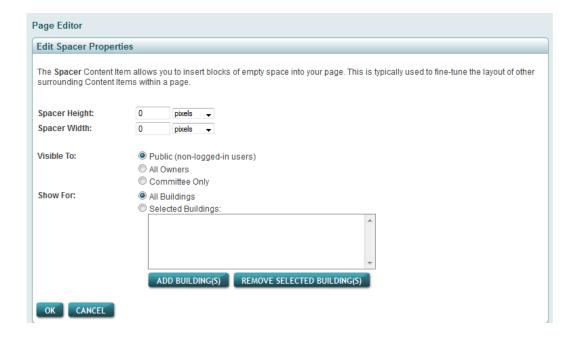
Enter all the properties required and click OK.

Spacer - select ADD



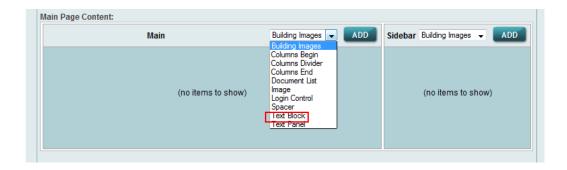
The window below will appear and you can adjust the Spacer Properties. Spacers help to fine tune the layout of your pages.

If you make the spacer too large it can move your other containers (content) move off the page.

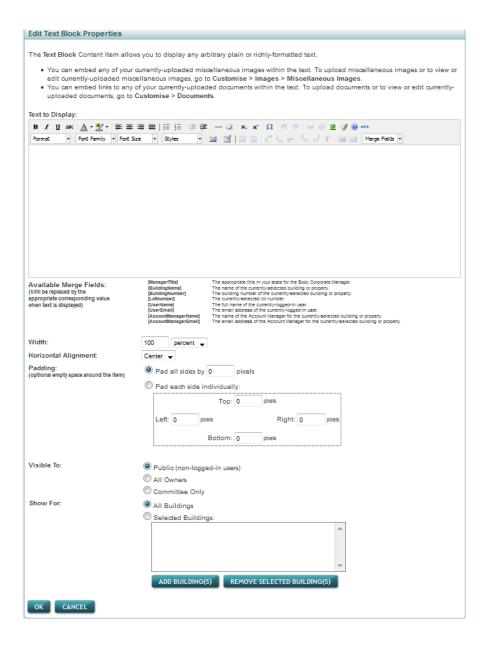


Enter all the properties required and click OK.

Text Block - select ADD

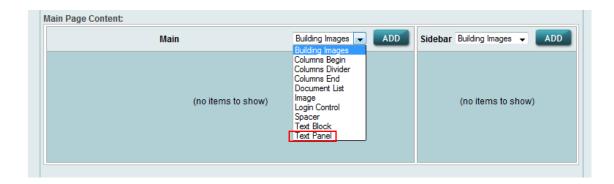


The window below will appear and you can add and adjust the content for a Block of Text. Text will appear as a block on the page. The tool bar in the Text to Display is the same as what was used on the Optional Header and Footer. See page 62, <u>Tool Bar Explanation</u>.

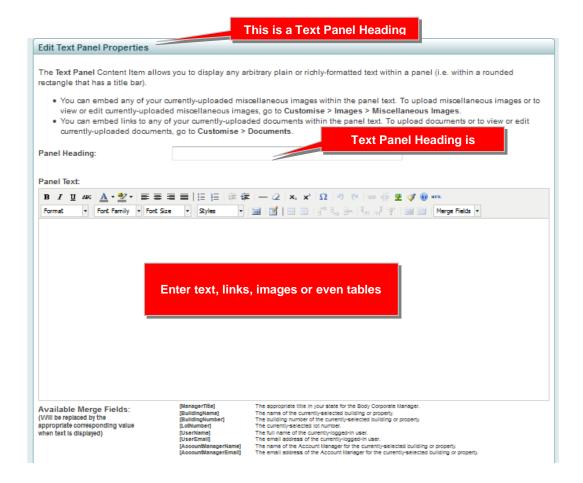


Enter all the properties required and Click OK.

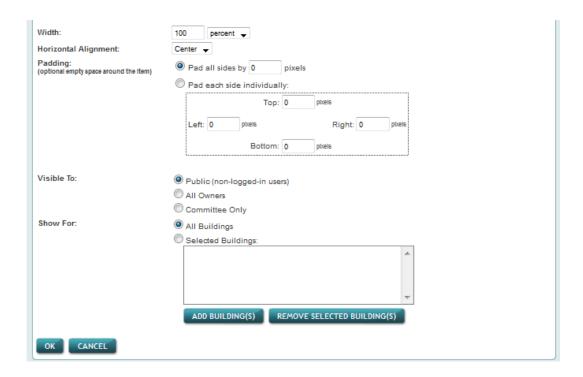
Text Panel - select ADD



The window below will appear and you can add and adjust the content for a Text Panel block of text.



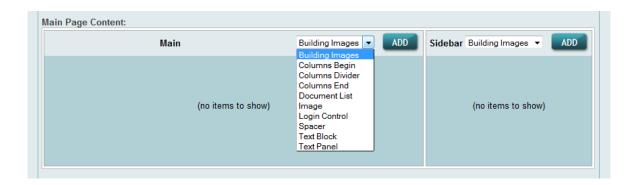
The tool bar in the Panel Text is the same as what was used on the Optional Header and Footer. See page 62, <u>Tool Bar Explanation</u>.



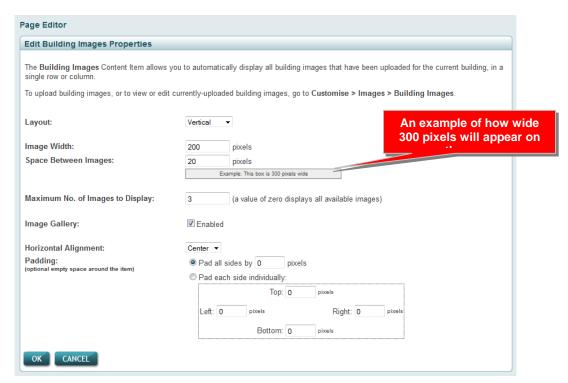
Enter all the properties required and click OK.

Main Page Content - Building Specific Home Page (cont.)

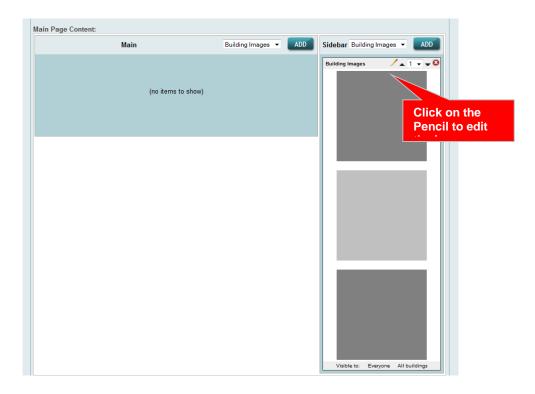
You can now start adding Content Blocks (containers) eg: 'Building Images', Text Block' or Text Panel' etc to the Main or Sidebar depending how you have set your page. Remember that Page Headers & Footers are optional.



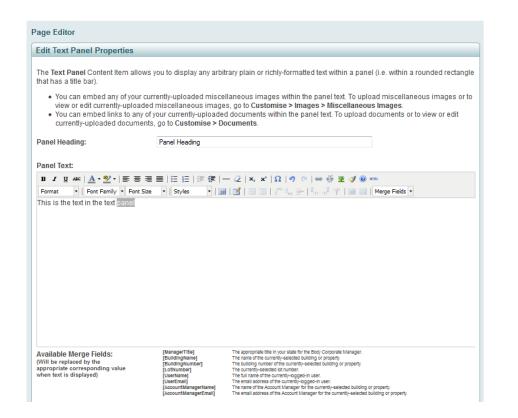
11. Click 'Building Images' on the Sidebar and then click 'ADD'



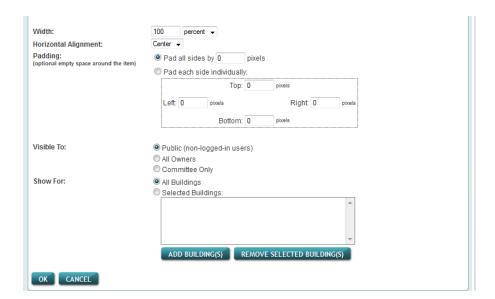
- 12. For the layout of the 'Building Images' you can set them to Vertical or Horizontal, add Spaces Between the Images, Maximum No. of Images to Display, Image Gallery (owners can click on the images and can scroll through the images if enabled), Horizontal Alignment and add Padding around the 'Building Images', (this helps with the alignment of the page).
- 13. Click OK



14. Click 'Text Panel' on the Sidebar and then click 'ADD'



See page 62, Tool Bar Explanation.



Further adjustments can be made by changing the Width, Horizontal Alignment or Pad all sides or each individual side

Make the Text Panel visible to; Public, All Owners or Committee Only

Show the Text Panel to All Buildings or

15. Click OK once you have finished.

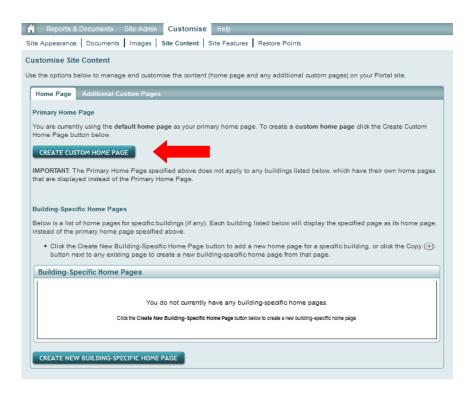
Continue setting up the 'Building Specific Page Home' pages.

Troubleshooting

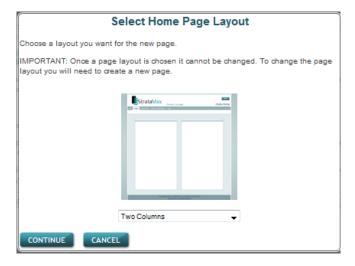
Visitors to a page have advised you that they are unable to view a page, check that you have allowed access to the appropriate people

Create Custom Home Page

The custom home page could be the primary home page or general home page for all or some of the buildings.



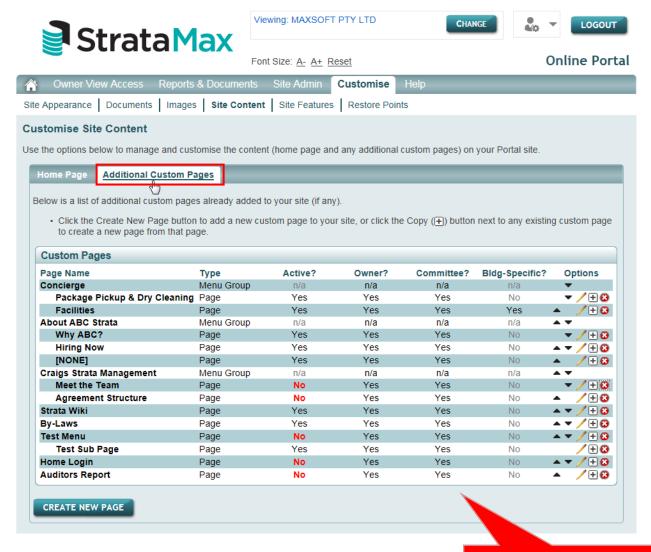
1. Click 'Create Custom Home Page'



- 2. Select the 'Home Page Layout' and click 'CONTINUE'
- 3. Select to make the general Custom Home Page Public, All Owners or Committee
- 4. Click on 'Content' and set up using the same steps from page 39

Additional Custom Pages

Adding custom pages is the same as creating Home Pages. Additional custom pages can be setup with a basic layout (template) and copied numerous times and then you can go back and customise them individually.



Click Create New Page, select the page layout

You can quickly see who can view the pages and if Building

Note: Edit any of the Additional Custom Pages click on the Pencil

Additional Custom Pages - Cont.

In the screen shot below you can add menu's and page names. The parent menu is the top menu, the page name is a child menu under the parent menu and then you can add a heading on the top of the page from the Content tab, see the screen shot at the bottom of this page.





- Create a Parent Menu
 - * NEW
 - * Enter Name
 - * OK
- Or select a Parent Menu name created previously by clicking on the drop down arrow
- Enter Page Name (this is a required field but it can be changed or hidden from the 'Content' tab)
- 4. Enter the details and click SAVE and then go to the 'Content' tab



5. Complete the customised page on the Content tab

6. Click SAVE or SAVE & CLOSE



Parent Menu - the top menu

Page Name - any subsequent tabs

Heading - you can 'Use Page Name', 'Don't show a heading' or 'Show this text'

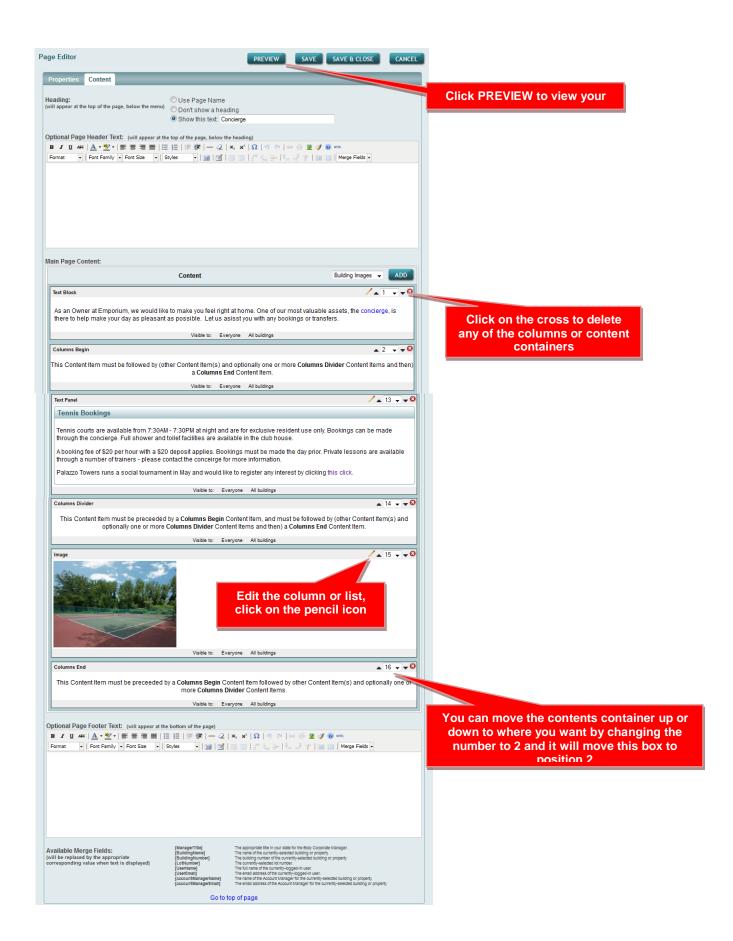
If you do not add a Parent Menu the Page Name will then move to Parent Menu position.

The examples below show the Reports & Documents as the Parent Menu

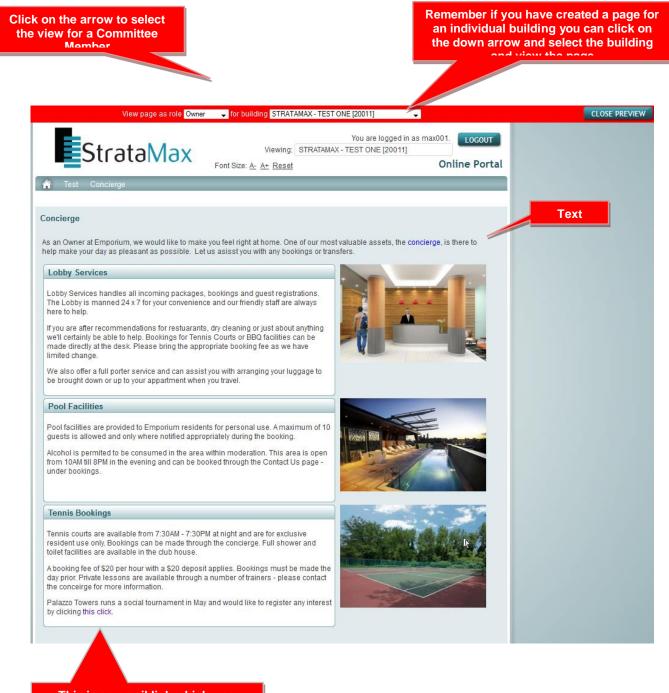
Manage | View are Page Names

Manage Reports & Documents and View Building Reports & Documents are the Headings





Page Preview Mode



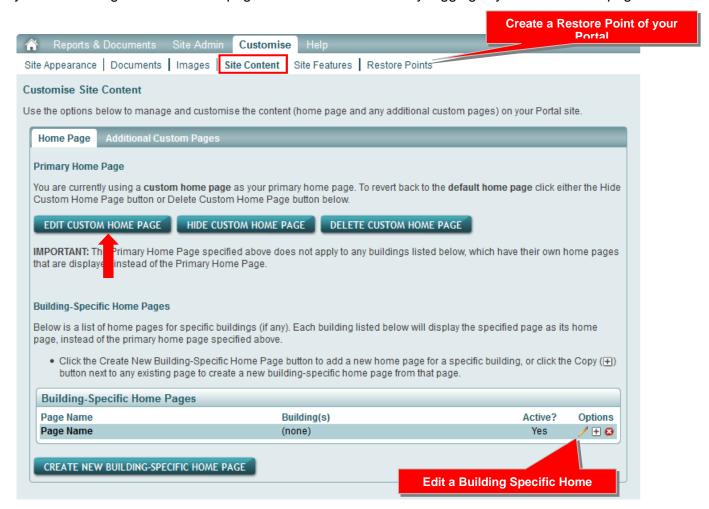
This is an email link which was added in the Text Panel 'Tennis Bookings'

Check This Out

In Preview mode you can preview the page as the Owner or Committee Member

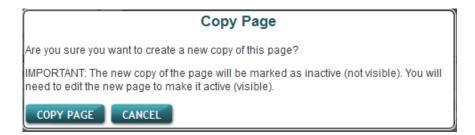
Edit Custom Home Page

Click 'Edit Custom Home Page' to Continue to make changes to the general custom home page. If you are building a custom home page and owners are currently logging in you can hide the page.



Copy a Page

If you have created a page and want to use it as a template custom page you can click on the + (plus sign) to create a copy.



Tool Bar Explanations

Across the top:

Bold, Italics, Strike Through Letters, Select Colour of Text, Select Background Colour, Left Align, Centre Align, Right Align, Align Full, Insert/Remove Bullet Points, Insert/Remove Number List, Decrease Indent, Increase Indent, Insert Horizontal Line, Remove Formatting, Subscript, Superscript, Insert Special Characters, Undo, Redo, Insert/Edit Link, Unlink, Insert/Edit Image, Cleanup Messy Code, Help, Edit HTML Source



Across the bottom:

Format, Font Family, Font Size, Styles, Show/Hide Guidelines/Invisible Elements, Insert/Edit Table, Table Row Properties, Table Cell Properties, Insert Row Before, Insert Row After, Delete Row, Insert Column Before, Insert Column Before, Delete Column, Split Merged Table Cells, Merge Table Cells, Merge Fields

Add a Link, eg: Contact Us, select the word, click on the Link icon the window below will appear.

Link URL - add the URL link or an email address (you will be prompted for the prefix & it will add automatically) or a file from the documents previously uploaded (see browser window below)

Target - the URL opens in the same window or a new window

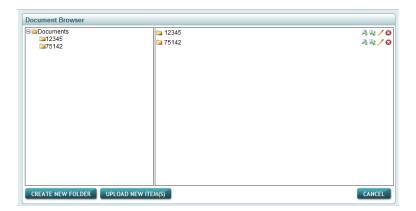
Title - add a title for the link

Class - Normal, Underline Always, Underline on hover only, No underline, Solid border, Solid border (light), Thick solid border, Thick solid border (light), and Dotted border



Once you have completed the fields, click Insert.

Document Browser window below.



Insert an Image, click on the <a>Insert / Edit Image icon and the window below will appear.

Image URL – click on the box next to the line and the Image Browser will appear and you can select from the pictures that you previously uploaded. (See browser below)

Image Description – add a description

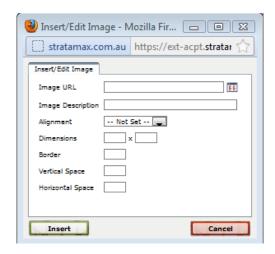
Alignment - Baseline, Top, Middle, Bottom, Text Top, Text Bottom, Left and Right

Dimensions – add the dimensions of the image

Border - add a number for number of pixels

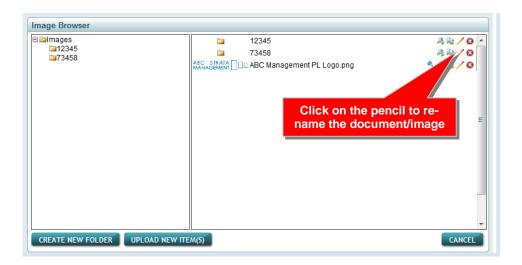
Vertical Space – add a number for number of pixels

Horizontal Space – add a number for number of pixels



Once you have completed, click Insert.

Image Browser window below.



Insert a Table, click Insert / Edit Table icon and the following window will appear.

Columns - enter the number of columns

Rows – enter the number of rows

Cell Padding – enter the number to pad the cell

Cell Spacing – enter the number to space the cell

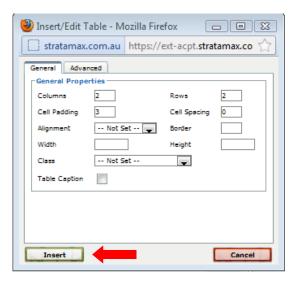
Alignment - Centre, Left and Right

Width - enter a number for the width of the cell

Height – enter a number for the height of the cell

Class – No border, Solid border, Solid border (light), Thick solid border, Thick solid border (light), Dotted border, (value)

Table Caption – add a tick if you would like to add a caption



The Advanced tab includes Advanced Properties for the table and includes Border and Background Colour.

Once you have completed, click Insert.

Hint: Can't see your tables, click on Show/Hide Guidelines/Invisible Elements icon next to the insert / Edit Table icon