Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) has provided the following information regarding the recent updates of the Member Protection Policy 6.05.

**Policy Purpose**

The Member Protection Policy works towards maintaining ethical and informed decision-making and responsible behaviours within our organisations. It outlines our commitment to a person’s right to be treated with respect and dignity and to be safe and protected from abuse. This policy informs everyone involved in Surf Life Saving of his or her legal and ethical rights and responsibilities and the standards of behaviour that are required.

**Policy Updates**

A new additional clause has been added to the Member Protection Policy on page 6 “**Clause 7.4 – Sexual Relationships**”

The wording throughout the policy and attachments have been updated to ensure the policy is a user friendly policy for the membership, remains current and reflects best practice.

The original intent of the policy is still reflected throughout the updated version of this policy.

This policy was endorsed by SLSA’s board of directors (Board) on 17 May 2014, is effective immediately and has been incorporated into our regulations in accordance with clause 39 of SLSA’s Constitution. The policy starts on the date it is adopted by the Board and will operate until replaced.

The SLSA Member Protection Policy can be found via the following link– [www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/clubpolicies](http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/clubpolicies)